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FOREWORD

ALVIN T. BURROWS, PRESIDENT

The weak spot in Phi Sigma Kappa to-day, taking the country as a whole, is the scholastic standing of the various chapters, compared with the efforts of other fraternities, and with non-fraternity students operating under the same conditions. In a few institutions, notably in the case of Michigan, Nebraska, and one or two others, the Phi Sigma Kappa chapter stands at the head or near the head of the fraternities in scholarship, taking it year after year. However, in too many cases our chapter, when compared with others, does not respond with that sort of a record which may be pointed to with pride. In a recent visit of the writer to one of our well-established chapters, the dean of men produced a table whose inspection revealed that over a period of ten years Phi Sigma Kappa at his institution was at the bottom of the list, and never during that period had been higher than fourth from the bottom.

The chapter in question is an admirable one in every other respect. It owns its own home, its campus activities are satisfactory, its personnel is pleasing, and its spirit excellent. Only one thing does it lack, and that is a proper attention to the primary purpose of attending school.

The comparatively low grades turned in by fraternities as compared with non-fraternity men at a number of schools has long been a matter of scornful comment by the critical, and justified apprehension by Greek leaders. In a few universities the Greeks stand higher than the barbs, but this is the exception, not the rule.

When it is recalled that the fraternities claim and believe that they have secured the picked men of the campus, the failure in scholarship that follows is certainly not to the credit of those from whom much was expected and but little obtained. It isn't as if the illy prepared and the poorly equipped had failed to measure up to a standard. The ugly truth is that it is the better equipped and those possessing the greatest advantages who are below the normal when it comes to rating work for which they were sent to school.

It may be that the fraternities in selecting pledges have placed undue emphasis on appearance, manner, family connection, and pressure from alumni, and have assumed scholarship would be satisfactory. If that is the case there must be a change—and shortly. The scholastic standing of freshmen must be raised to the point where the dumb-heads can no longer gain entrance. Any member of the chapter whose grades are constantly below that set as a standard, is a liability, not an asset to his fraternity. It would be better for all concerned if he never gained entrance. One flunker can do more to wreck a chapter average than ten men doing their utmost can counteract.

Men who make the athletic teams of the universities do so only because they are willing to give their best, to do their utmost. No sacrifice seems too harsh or severe, if only the coveted honor may be gained. A similar spirit in regard to scholastic achievement would cause a revolution in almost any college in the land.

Phi Sigma Kappa has tried various expedients to enthuse the active members along scholastic lines, but the success has been meager and at times disheartening. Scholarship committees work with diligence and purpose, but their efforts seem to bring few permanent results. Next year the work must be done all over again. The basic reasoning for all this is that the actives do not really possess the will to succeed in that particular line. They are willing to get by, and let it go at that. Their vital interest is elsewhere. How to change that is the problem that is waiting for a Moses.

NOT SO HIDEBOUND AT THAT!

LAWRENCE H. BARNEY, JR., A '26



I must confess that until it was suggested to me that I attempt to show that New England is not so hidebound as many people would have one believe, I had never thought much about this matter. In fact there didn't seem to be so very much one could think about it. We had been told too often that New England was narrow, conservative, Puritanic. Too many times we had read that our section was illiberal, reactionary, hidebound. We had come to take it all for granted and to let those who cared to criticize go unchallenged. Not

that it was all taken without a grain of salt; we couldn't help but feel that probably the case was overstated and that perhaps it wasn't so severe an indictment anyhow. Certainly after a study of the facts I feel somewhat ashamed at having been led into an apologetic attitude toward the breadth and liberality and tolerance of my section. I think the extent to which we of New England are narrow, illiberal, and intolerant may well be considered in comparison with the extent to which the other parts of the country possess those same qualities.

I want to show here, if I can, that New England in general, and her colleges in particular, are in many instances less hidebound than they are thought and in many instances less hidebound than the rest of the country.

Perhaps it is in connection with our religion that the critics most frequently use their epithets against us, and perhaps "Puritanic" and "Puritanism" are the terms which they use most often. As a matter of fact there is throughout the country, except in the state-maintained colleges, a tendency toward the domination

of education by religious teachers and religious ideals. It is the conclusion of several eastern college men whose home is in the West that "because of the state universities with which the denominational institutions have to compete this tendency is far more marked in the West than in the East." And even in the state universities the churches have a hand. I have the following from Miss Zona Gale: "At Wisconsin University there are student pastors for every one of the denominations and a young Catholic priest." There seems to be no evidence that a more perfect realization of ourselves as The Human Being obtains in the West than in the East. Indicative of the religious broad-mindedness in the New England colleges was the presence at the rededication of the Unitarian church in Amherst this fall of an official representative of Congregational Amherst College, and Congregational ministers are frequently saying in public, that they and the Unitarians have almost everything in common, that as Lyman Abbott so often said, "The day of creeds is gone." Time was when this would have been unthinkable. Still Unitarianism, the most liberal of sects, was born in New England and has been intimately associated throughout its history with Boston and with Harvard. And this brings to mind the continued withholding from Unitarians, Universalists, and Catholics by the Y. M. C. A., throughout the country, of the privilege of holding office in that organization. One critic has said of the Association: "It reigns universally on the dry land of the Republic." New England has meant most to those groups which stand opposed to the narrowness of the Y. M. C. A., and New England colleges have broken with the national Y. M. C. A. on this issue and created more liberal units of their own. Perhaps the case for Harvard is best stated by an afterthought which Mr. William Allen White appended to a recent letter to me: "My son went to Harvard four years and precious little Puritanism he got there." Of course he may have meant a little more, but the comment still applies.

If "hidebound" connotes a distrust of new ideas, in education and public life, an unmatchable intolerance of opposition, an unbreakable belief in one's own views, let me introduce a case or two in point. At the annual meeting of the Amherst College Alumni Council last November I heard President Hopkins of Dartmouth College say: "I am bound to hold to the theory that

freedom of speech and even the presenting of pernicious doctrine is not antagonistic to the college purpose so long as like access is not denied to the student to other points of view, and so long as stimulation is given to his mind to weigh these things for himself. However, I believe that as a matter of practice, aside from the theory which I have enunciated, repression and censorship never work within an intellectually alert group of boys such as constitute the college." He said then, as he had said at Chicago over a year before, that he would prefer to have the undergraduates hear such men as Lenine and Trotsky and "form their judgment as to the merits and dangers of Bolshevism on the basis of direct evidence, rather than through the inconsistent and contradictory pronouncements of anti-Bolshevist propaganda." I believe that we can be better judged by these utterances than by the action of President Atwood of Clark University in stopping Mr. Scott Nearing's lecture on the Clark campus not quite four years ago. Even there, be it noted, the general sentiment among students, faculty and public strongly deprecated President Atwood's action. It has been my experience here at M. A. C., an institution certainly not ahead of the average New England college in breadth and liberality, to have Mr. Mencken recommended in class by two instructors and to have, within a week of this writing, a third instructor use the current *Nation* for classroom work. Yet cannot institutions be found in parts of this country where both Mr. Mencken and the *Nation* are still *verboten*? Mr. Lewisohn, protesting vigorously in *Up Stream* against intolerance to minority races and ideas in American universities, was basing his excoriation not on New England but the college of Charleston in the South and the universities of Ohio and Wisconsin in the middle-west. And the Ku Klux Klan, the very symbol of intolerance, is certainly not a New England contribution to American bigotry.

If we are hidebound Puritans, we must be, according to one theory at least, "utterly lacking in aesthetic sense," "incapable of seeing beauty as a thing in itself." In answer to that let me quote from Mr. Walter Pritchard Eaton, writing in the *American Mercury* for November, 1924: "Until we can build a modern town as gracious and as beautiful as old Nantucket, we are scarcely in a position either to crow over our aesthetic superiority to the Puritans, or to blame them for all the shortcomings of

our art. They left us a heritage of taste which could have been expanded to all branches of artistic creation—and we threw it all away.” Perhaps that does not answer the charges with which I opened this paragraph. I have always felt that it did, but I have been to Nantucket and perhaps I am prejudiced. And if the disciples of Sandburg rail against the formalism of New England poetry, there is still the pioneering Amy Lowell, to say nothing of that subtle experimental artist, Robert Frost. The independent spirit of Emerson still prevails.

And lastly, within the Fraternity. “Conservative New England” has become a by-word. And yet it is well to remember that when the outpost chapter was at Morgantown, West Virginia, it was two boys from Boston Tech, Merton Belcher and William Rhoades, who bridged the continent and established the chapter at Berkeley, California, and of the six Phi Sigs who assisted at the induction four were from New England. It is well to remember that the most ardent expansionist the Fraternity ever had, Dr. John Ashburton Cutter, was a product of New England. It is well to consider that the most daring and elaborate program for national organization, so daring and elaborate in fact that it could not be adopted, was the creation of Brother Lawrence, another New England man. And in the regional conclave discussions of extension this fall, whence came the most conservative, if not indeed reactionary, resolution of all, namely that the Fraternity should *never* exceed fifty chapters? From New England? Not at all. From Chicago. If New England is hidebound, what shall we think of the west?

New England objects.

What would Coolidge do with 152?

'NOT SO BACKWARD AT THAT!

WALTER C. BRANDES, YALE '16



Gentle reader, the above title is not mine, for if I were to properly title this "command article," I would rather have it called "Catch Up with the South," or "Nowhere do the Roses Bloom so Fair, as in the Southland." The mighty power that is behind the editor's desk of THE SIGNET inscribes the title and commands, "Write!" Long discipline in the ranks of Phi Sigma Kappa, poor worm that I am, precludes from my mind the simple thought that I can buck the powers that be. One

buck per decade well nigh cost my head; two bucks, annihilation. Here's to the latter!

The South and Phi Sigma Kappa! It has taken our fraternity fully fifty years to discover the fairest region in America, for the powers which have in the past been in national control of the destiny of Phi Sig, have had their eyes bedimmed by the New England "ginger-snap and cider-age ideas." (See Rand's History of Phi Sigma Kappa, price \$3.00.) Of course, dear reader, it wouldn't take an Aristotle to completely convince you that great vision, high idealism and the pioneering spirit of adventure and expansion along fraternity lines, could not be aroused by mere ginger snaps and cider. We are now on the way and we have shown it, for we are entering the South.

In regard to the South, we have crossed the Rubicon by several bridges. Repeated journeys have caused the writer to consider the vastness of that region and its limitless possibilities from

the viewpoint of our fraternity. Does any Northern brother know that Georgia is alone greater in area than all New England? Have you, my Northern brother, any adequate conceptions of such empires as Alabama, the Carolinas and Florida? The whole world seems to be convinced that something is astir down there which finds no parallel on this continent. Upon the background of these great Southren empires is being reared a group of universities, twenty-three in number, which make the Phi Sig-Southern-expansionist rub his hands in glee.

You say the South is poor. From whence do you derive your antediluvian ideas, brother? Perhaps it is news to you, that Duke University, North Carolina, could buy and sell Harvard or Yale any balmy afternoon, for recent newspaper reports confirm the fact that she has an endowment equal to that of both these institutions put together. Do you know that the University of Miami is founded with a mere fifteen millions, about the endowment of the University of Penn, and located in a region of unimagined grandeur? The lots available for fraternity purposes in proximity to the university are costing thirty thousand dollars each!

Where can you match for tradition, dignity and inspiration the view on a moonlight night down the grand lawn of the University of Virginia, surrounded by the buildings and serpentine walls laid by the hand of Jefferson himself? Yale may match it in tradition, certainly not in inspiration. Where can you duplicate the glorious fraternity row at the University of Alabama? Permit me to unwarily slip a cog and honestly admit that Georgia Tech has its counterparts in many of the busy, bustling institutions of the North, but the University of Florida stands supreme with its football field surrounded by waving palms.

Can any of your Northern alma maters claim three Presidents of the United States as alumni, as can William and Mary of Virginia, to boast nothing of including the greatest Chief Justice Marshall, too? And then to clinch the matter of priority in fraternities founded, she presents the oldest Greek letter fraternity of all, Phi Beta Kappa, founded in 1776.

Where can you Northern brothers approximate the gentlemanly courtliness, the idealism and the general snavity of the student bodies of these Southern institutions? They know, as do the graduates of Yale and Harvard, that the influences of their insti-

tutions have molded the fabric of American history. Do you want age, also? Well, how about these; William and Mary, Virginia, 1693; Washington and Lee, Lexington, Va., 1782; Tennessee 1794; North Carolina 1793; Georgia 1801; Virginia 1819; Alabama 1831 and Wake Forest 1834. Not a particularly youthful lot, I presume, when compared to such young upstarts as Illinois 1867, California 1868 and Michigan 1837.

Do you want an athletic conference, too? The Southeastern conference is over twice the size of the mid-western one, with just as strictly enforced regulations as were ever thought of anywhere in any other conference and amicably enforced. Must you have bowls and stadia? It would do you good to see some of them down amongst the sunny hills of Dixie, but I have yet to hear of stolen goal posts and fraternity houses burned down in football celebrations. Y'know the South is so backward. The last real burning was done by a certain Northern general from Atlanta to the sea, some sixty years ago, together with some other atrocities which make Attila, the Hun, a candidate for canonization by comparison.

What was that Northern remark about Southern football? Sorry, brother, you do not know your eggs. I myself saw Virginia lick Yale, and Maryland scare her so, that we alumni of Old Eli tremble when we see their names on the football schedules again. You, perhaps, don't know that Georgia Tech licks anything that wears a football suit. Did not William and Mary just last month send the same shivers down Harvard's naturally cold spine as did Florida last year? I would bet you, my Northern brother, my Phi Sig pin, that Alabama could lick the football pants off anything east of the Hudson any afternoon, just for a pleasant diversion, and not steal the goal posts, because wood is still plentiful down in Dixie. Much of the glory of Yale, Harvard and Princeton is woven around the names of Southern men, and any well-informed alumnus will tell you so.

Of the character of the chapters of the national fraternities already in the South, nothing specifically can be said which would not apply to all fraternities in all sections of the country. The universal cry is for more chapters, for there are not enough to nearly supply the needs of all the eligible students. Certain institutions led by the University of Virginia instill a *laissez-faire* attitude in their student body, concerning matters of con-

duct, morals and religion, led by the great example Jefferson of the undogmatic school. Others, such as Georgia Tech, are too busy places for the growth of reckless excesses or extravagances. The strictly private institutions, such as Washington and Lee, Emory and Wake Forest, instill an unusually high-minded idealism into the student body. Washington and Lee is a marvel to behold, from the viewpoint of a study of student bodies. Here is inculcated a reverence for the finer things of life. The sweeping broadness of the Cavalier strain is there and the all-pervading lovable spirit of the great General Lee is a dynamic thing on that campus, in strange contrast to the atmospheres of Columbia, Chicago, or Pennsylvania. Large institutions do not grip the imagination of the undergraduate with their traditions unless world-famous characters have lived there too.

To my New England brother, who imagines that the western boundary of the United States is the Hudson River, I make an especial plea for the rapid expansion of Phi Sigma Kappa in the following institutions: Georgia at Athens; Florida at Gainesville; North Carolina at Chapel Hill; William and Mary at Williamsburg; Washington and Lee at Lexington, Va.; Vanderbilt at Nashville, Tenn.; and Duke at Durham, N. C. Radical? Of course, you would think me radical, but I must remind you that all pioneers in Phi Sig have been radical and that radicalism of the present is the dogma of the future.

The problem can only be solved by those on the Councils of Phi Sigma Kappa. Where is that pioneering spirit in New England counsels of the mighty now? Has no one up there in that high Olympus the daring to be an adventurer and rally to himself the scattered kindred spirits, who see that the greatest adventure before Phi Sigma Kappa to-day is to go boldly into Dixie with a well-directed program before it is too late to install ten new chapters? The most American of American regions lies before you, yet a newly discovered wonderland in every range of human activity

A large host of Phi Sigs are now ensconced in Florida and two active chapters could be recruited by brothers now in Miami and Tampa. By the time you are reading this the writer will be himself Miami-bound with the ardent prophecy that some day the general Convention of our fraternity will be held underneath the royal palms of Florida, one tree of which is more to

be desired than twenty miles of a certain "stern and rock-bound coast." Fifty years' progress in Phi Sig may, perhaps, be said to have been great but it will not be a circumstance to that which we could have in the future, if mighty pioneers with vision will seize the opportunities strewn in their paths. Men with ideas as big as the pebbles on a New England coast don't strike the imagination of the national Phi Sigma Kappa consciousness, as those ideas of men who carry thoughts comparable to the size of Stone Mountain in Georgia.

Brothers in Phi Sig! You may forget us in the Southland, but we are Phi Sig none the less. You may stream from your busy chapter houses and weighty Council meetings, giving scant thought of the burning ideals that the Southern brother holds, but he passes you not by without a glowing memory of his initiation eve. He, too, is Phi Sig none the less. He salutes you from the heights of the great Phi Sig brotherhood and being newest in the fold, he would, if he could, buy the drinks for you in the North, his fraternal ancestors. With a touch of chivalry and a gracious bow, like unto his royal palms, he bids you welcome to Dixie, for he too holds the flame and fire of fraternity inspiration and of Phi Sig memory in the magic of his heart. He hums a new song to your Northern ears, "Go South, Phi Sig, Go South," and hopes in the not too distant future to see a whole galaxy of Dixie chapters of Phi Sigma Kappa sending forth a mighty stream of loyal brothers, heirs to an ageless sunny empire, and wearing the golden pin of Mother of Men.

Here's another rare one! (page 152)

NOT SO WOOLLY AT THAT!

ROBERT D. WARDEN, MA '25



Are students of western colleges more sophisticated than those east of the Mississippi? Or, are they less so than their fraternity brothers and sisters on the Atlantic seaboard? Of course, it would be necessary to know at the start what degree of sophistication is meant by the questioner. Does he mean that type of fellow who, in the opinion of others, "thinks he knows it all," or is it implied that possibly one class of students, geographically speaking, is renowned for the belief that they do "know it all?" A comparison of the campus living conditions in the two

sections of the country, with an insight into the general likes and dislikes of the student bodies, might solve the question to the satisfaction of those interested in the question.

Away out here in the stretches of the "great open spaces," as the New Englander might term this particular locality, is located the State University of Montana. I say State University because this institution unfortunately is but one small, disintegrated part of the greater University of Montana. The other three divisions of the school are located in as many other cities in the state. The closest Phi Sig chapter to Missoula is Lambda Deuteron at Seattle, more than 700 miles distant and requiring 22 hours by train. The campus is small. The student body has reached an enrollment of 1,350 students this year, a record in the history of the institution. The question which arises is whether customs and traditions at this school can fairly be compared with those of far eastern colleges in determining the degree of sophistication upheld by either student body.

It is singularly true that, locally, the spirit of democracy shows

marked effect at the State University of Montana. It is with a "Howdy" here and a "So Long" there that students greet each other. Of course, this spirit would be impossible on a larger campus, but the same relationship between students undoubtedly exists at smaller schools in the east.

An opposite example of sophistication might be the expression of interest in the arts at Montana. There is a dramatic organization on the campus which is generally supported by the student body as well as by the people of Missoula. Although such plays as John Drinkwater's "Abraham Lincoln" have been well interpreted by the Masquers and enthusiastically received by the students, the latter also enjoy the lighter and humorous musical comedies and one-act plays. Missoula, being located advantageously on the transcontinental routes of both the Northern Pacific and Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul railroads, contributes large audiences to all stage performances of troupes which travel to the Pacific coast on these lines. It is noticeable that students make up a generous portion of these audiences. During December alone, three stage hits will be seen in Missoula. They are "Abie's Irish Rose," the "White Cargo," and "What Price Glory." It may take a long time to get the larger attractions out to the Treasurer State, but most of them come eventually.

The campus car problem, which was so recently raised by Thomas Arkle Clark in a national humorous publication, has already made its debut at the State University of Montana. This condition embraces automobiles all the way from the larger touring models down to Fords, and even club machines. The latter type is becoming increasingly abundant and school authorities have been forced to seriously consider the parking space problem on the campus.

And, in the lighter sense, western students have their formal and informal social customs much the same as the eastern youth. The inclination to discard the more advanced restrictions of formality is more noticeable this year than ever before. The local Interfraternity council has abolished the privilege of presenting favors at formal functions and many of the largest dances of the year are held informal rather than formal as they were a year ago. The social calendar at the dean of women's office includes few dinner-dances, formal lawn socials, or other types of entertainment of the dressy nature. No fraternities on the campus.

uphold the formal, or even semi-formal, daily dinners. But when it comes to considering the informal means of entertainment, manners, methods, and customs are probably as varied as they are on eastern campuses. The moonlight stroll, commonly referred to as "a hike," is as popular as the canoeing party of the eastern student. Moreover, articles of covering such as would afford the greatest warmth on the cool early spring and late fall evenings are quite in vogue at Montana. The number of students haunting the hills surrounding the school is probably as great in proportion to enrollment as those engaged in similar pastimes elsewhere. Sleigh rides at Montana are as popular as they are at New England institutions.

The intellectual outlook of the average Montana student is most likely as serious as that of the easterner. The library reading room, which accommodates several hundred, is crowded to capacity virtually every night when there are classes the following day. Shelves containing volumes of philosophy, literature, and science are frequented by many who do not have scholastic requirements to fulfill.

All in all, I would say that students attending western colleges are neither more nor less sophisticated than those at eastern institutions.

IS HARVARD GOING DRY?

The consensus of opinion of these several informed groups is that about half of the student body at Harvard to-day is bone-dry. Prior to prohibition not more than one-quarter of it could have been so rated. The increase in temperance, however, is attributed more to the expense and difficulty of obtaining liquor than to any abstinence on moral grounds. But the practical improvement is not fully indicated by such approximate percentages. Formerly the majority of the drinkers were classed as moderate but frequent or even habitual users. Now, even in the group not bone-dry, drinking for a large majority is infrequent and only incidental to some special occasion. Even that seems to be on the decline.—CHARLES A. SELDEN, *Ladies' Home Journal*.

DR. CONLEY'S ADDRESS

We print below, almost in full, Dr. Conley's opening address as chairman of the Interfraternity Conference, in New York, November 27. It strikes us as an excellent summary of what the Conference is doing and for what it stands.

"We are assembled here to-day for the Seventeenth Annual Session of the Interfraternity Conference. It is my duty and pleasure to bid welcome to the delegates of the fraternities, members of this Conference. To those who have attended the Conference year after year I give an affectionate and appreciative greeting. The Conference is to be congratulated that we have in attendance, as our guests, Presidents, Deans, and other representatives of nearly seventy of the leading colleges and universities of America. In behalf of the fraternities, members of this Conference, I welcome these distinguished educators, confer upon them the privileges of the floor and invite them to participate in the discussion of our program. We are delighted to have with us representatives from the Undergraduate Interfraternity Councils of forty-nine of the Colleges and Universities in which exist chapters of fraternities, members of this Conference. Under the direction of the Committee on Expansion, in an adjoining room of this hotel, there is being held a meeting consisting of official delegates from over fifty local college fraternities.

As a result of last year's meeting this group organized a new national fraternity, and we hope as a result of this year's deliberations they will organize others.

Some of the delegates and visitors are attending the Conference for the first time and to them it may be desirable to tell something of the history, objects, past accomplishments and present plans of the Conference.

The Interfraternity Conference was organized and held its first meeting on Saturday, November 27, 1909. Dr. W. H. P. Faunce, President of Brown University, called the meeting to order in the University Club of New York City. Annually since then, this organization has assembled in pursuance of the plan of administration adopted and perpetuated. Its early meetings were tentative in character. The men interested were cautiously and slowly feeling their way toward closer coöperation. They were assuring themselves that the old-time suspicions and jealousies had entirely disappeared. When this point was reached and passed progress became substantial, real, and far reaching.

Among other activities it is now attempting to engender the same spirit into the undergraduate fraternity groups that has characterized the relations between the various fraternities and

their representatives at the conference. It has adopted a plan for student representation of local interfraternity councils in the meetings of the conference. It is instituting a plan of visitations by conference representatives to the colleges, where they meet and counsel groups of fraternity men. By these means and others, it hopes to bring home to the students as a part of their earlier fraternity experiences the consciousness that they are the ones by which the system as a whole is being judged by the outside world; that a great trust is being administered by them; that scholarship, conduct, attitudes, and active coöperation with the authorities in the administration of the college, are matters of prime importance.

The chief value of the Interfraternity Conference has rested on the wisdom by which it has limited its operations to strictly advisory pronouncements. It has in this way prevented antagonisms and secessions. More and more its decisions and conclusions are being almost universally recognized, adopted, and enforced by the separate fraternities who have enacted many of its resolutions into their statutory codes. Acting by persuasion, the rule of reason and public opinion, rather than by legislative power, it has accomplished results that are effective and far reaching. It has proffered its sincerest coöperation to the college faculties and has met a most sympathetic reception. It has made the *sub rosa* fraternity impossible. The manner in which it has gone after and eliminated abuses wherever it has found them has earned for it a very profound respect.

Among the problems and topics it has studied and considered are: elimination of pledge lifting; provisions for alumni and educational advisers; improvement of chapter organizations; maintenance and reconstruction of fraternity chapters; house conditions; organization of local interfraternity councils; repression of organizations antagonistic to fraternity ideals; business training within the chapters; coöperative buying and management; food value; house control; college politics; development of proper public opinion; morals and social hygiene; what proportion of members graduate; extension of fraternities; extravagance; initiation of freshmen; high school fraternities; coöperation of the fraternities on every question of good government in the fraternities, the colleges, and the state. It has made special studies and reports on, the relations of the alumnus to his undergraduate brothers; scholarship in chapters; uniform grading of scholarship in the colleges; exposure and correction of abuses in the manufacture and distribution of fraternity insignia and jewelry; financing of fraternity projects, and student health maintenance. It has called together for discussion of their problems the editors and managers of fraternity magazines; and also traveling and executive secretaries. It has published a book.

At the present time the Committee on Chapter House Architecture is making a study of the cost of building and operating the college dormitory as compared with the fraternity chapter house. The Law Committee have been making a study and will present at this meeting a comprehensive brief setting forth all legal arguments already promulgated that gifts to fraternities should be exempt from taxation, and that fraternities are an educational institution, not merely a social club, also recommending that an amendment to the Estate Tax Law and Federal Income Tax Law be passed in order that this matter may be entirely cleared up as to future gifts. The Committee on Theta Nu Epsilon is making a report, that this organization reports that they have abolished all sub rosa chapters, that they consist of fourteen open chapters and that new chapters shall have exclusive membership. The Committee on Extension reports that no attacks on the fraternity system of any consequence have developed during the past year, and that the condition in South Carolina and Mississippi remains unchanged. The Committee on Publicity will report on its extensive and valuable services rendered to the college fraternities during the year.

It was my great pleasure to be present, as the representative of this Conference, at the 100th Anniversary of Kappa Alpha Society, held at Union College, November 7th-8th. It was a momentous event, marking as it did the 100th Anniversary of the birth of the American College Fraternity System out of which the Interfraternity Conference itself has grown.

I wish to take this opportunity to publicly express my appreciation of the splendid coöperation and unselfish service of our officers and members of the Executive Committee, as well as the faithful service rendered by our several Committees.

With apologies to Kipling:

It ain't the individual,
Nor fraternities as a whole,
But the everlasting teamwork
Of every bloomin' soul."



CAPTAIN BAXTER OF WEST POINT

ON THE GRIDIRON

It seems to be pretty generally agreed that Dartmouth has had the best football team in the country. Her total of 340 points to her opponents' 29, these opponents including Harvard, Cornell and Chicago, is nothing less than phenomenal, although the Washington record of 344 to 39 is quite as good. And there were three Phi Sigs on that Dartmouth team: Holleran, tackle, Marshall, quarterback; Fusonie, end. Holleran was first string in every sense of the word; the other two were so excellently second string that they played in practically every game of the season. In fact Marshall ran the Big Green Team for the entire game against Maine.

After Dartmouth, Montana seems to be the outstanding football college in Phi Sigma Kappa. Our chapter has had six regulars on the Montana team, and various substitutes: Ostrum, center; Coleman, guard; Hanson, tackle; Kelly, quarterback; Ritter and Sweet, halfbacks. Kelly was Glenn Warner's choice for Pacific Coast quarterback and has been mentioned as a conspicuous candidate for the All-American. Ostrum, whom we are placing in center, is reported by the undergraduate correspondent as "the find of the season."

There are some scattered stars, who should be mentioned. Baxter, captain of the Army, has been much in the limelight in spite of the Army's mid-season slump. It was he who scored the winning touchdown against the Navy. Jones of Massachusetts Aggie was captain of a team that lost only two games. Makofski has been for another season the particular star of the Union team, which this year lost only two games. Maniero has helped St. Lawrence go through its season without a single defeat. Evans has been again the dependable halfback for Swarthmore.

Special comment should be made of Converse of Worcester Tech. Brother Carlson's Worcester team has made no stir in football circles, but those who have seen Converse play agree that with a comparable support Converse would have proved a sensation. They insist that he would have had no trouble in making a place on the Dartmouth eleven this season; and this testimony, to the extent that your Editor has received it, came from unbiased and authoritative sources.



Brother Hackett is exceedingly versatile. Not only is he playing for the third year on the Williams football team, but he holds the New England Intercollegiate breast stroke title, he is managing editor of *The Williams Graphic* and was on the *Record* board as well; further he has been elected to Phi Beta Kappa and is a Williams candidate for Rhodes Scholar; and lastly he has been active in religious work and various minor activities about the campus.

An all Phi Sigma Kappa eleven might be composed of the following players:

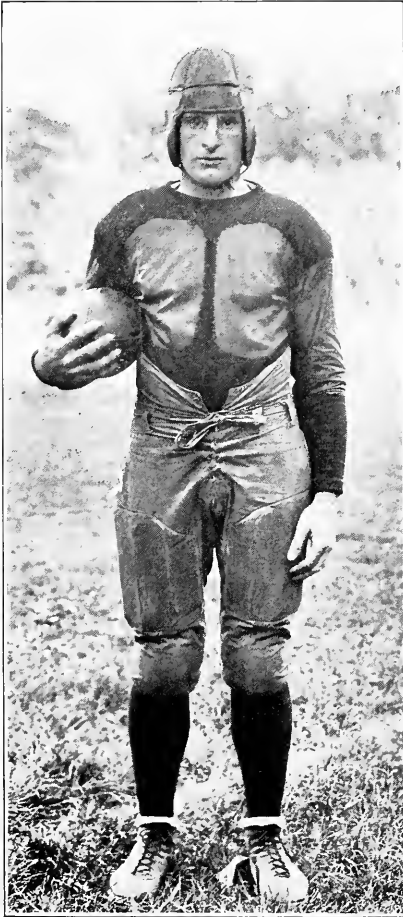
Right end	Baxter	Army
Right tackle	Farnsworth	Nevada
Right guard	Hackett	Williams
Center	Ostrum	Montana
Left guard	Kuenzli	Illinois
Left tackle	Holleran	Dartmouth
Left end	Jones	Mass. Aggie
Quarterback	Kelly	Montana
Right halfback	Makofski	Union
Fullback	Sweet	Montana
Left halfback	Converse	Worcester

When it comes to a second team, there are one or two bad holes. The most serious one is at center, for which position there is no logical candidate in sight. Making an arbitrary placement there, we offer the following outfit:

Right end	Fusonie	Dartmouth
Left tackle	Carlson	Worcester
Right guard	McArnary	Columbia
Center	Cotie	Illinois
Left guard	Clack	Swarthmore
Left tackle	Hanson	Montana
Left end	Maniero	St. Lawrence
Quarterback	Marshall	Dartmouth
Right halfback	Evans	Swarthmore
Fullback	Gustafson	Mass. Aggie
Left halfback	Frost	Nevada



Russell Sweet of Montana is not only a star halfback, with a 44-yard punting average last season, but a sprinter of more than usual promise. Having won his events in all five of Montana's track meets last spring, he was entered in the National Meet at Chicago where he ran second to Hubbard of Michigan in the century and second to Gray of Butler in the 220. He has another year at the University.



MAKOFSKI OF UNION

Although out of two games on account of injuries, Makofski scored 44 points for Union in the other four. He is a fast broken field runner, a brilliant passer and punts for 50 yards. In basketball last winter he scored 148 points for his team, and he also plays on the baseball nine.

Can you read and write? Try page 152.

WHEN THE DOORBELL RINGS

THE EDITOR.

"Every chapter house has its problem of hospitality. Sometimes there is a group of men living in the house, that is naturally inclined to entertaining and being hospitable. Other times the opposite extreme is true. More often there is a fair representation of each group among the members. It is a never ending problem of every chapter president to make his house an hospitable one."

The quotation is from Brother Roser's excellent article in the October SIGNET. Which reminds me!

Three prominent Phi Sigs were recently chatting about the Brotherhood. Said one:

"Have you been to chapter recently?"

"Yes, comparatively so."

"How did they treat you there?"

"Without too much enthusiasm. Of course, being a national officer, I was allowed to stay over night."

"Well, I called there myself not a long time back. I wasn't a national officer, and, believe me, it was some frost. There was just one boy, a transfer from, who had any idea of common civility. It will be a snowy June before I ever go there again."

Said another: "Let me tell you a story. Chapter was to have a little celebration, and the secretary wrote and asked me to be present, as a national officer, and appear on the program. It wasn't at all convenient for me to do, but I thought I ought to make the effort; so I wrote that I would. The day came. I arrived in town according to schedule and took a taxi up to the house. No signs of festivity. I made myself known, and the reason for my presence. 'Oh,' said my host, 'we changed the date of that party. We had it last night.'"

Said the third: "I was paying an official visit to chapter by previous arrangement. I presented myself at the house. The only brother in sight was a lackadaisical youth draped over a porch chair. After I had spoken to him he deigned to look up. I took advantage of something that sounded half-way between a grunt and a snarl to say that I was Brother So-and-so of the Council. 'Oh, are you,' replied the boy without

getting up or any other show of interest. "Well, was there something you wanted?"

Said the first: "Speaking of frosts, the very worst I ever received was at the hands of my own chapter. I introduced myself to practically every man in that house, and finally came away determined never to darken their door again. And I haven't, not yet."

Said the second: "I'll tell you another. Brother and I made an official visit at such-and-such a chapter. The chapter had recently purchased some property a considerable distance away from the present site. We expressed a desire to see it. Did our hosts offer to procure transportation for us? No, sir. Did they offer to walk over with us? Not at all. They did proffer directions. We wrote them down on an old envelope and eventually located what we presumed to be the property in question. When we came to leave town a little later in the day, we went through the same experience again. The best the boys had to offer their national officers was directions: 'You just go out onto the street and around to that corner, and there is a trolley goes by for the center of town every twenty minutes.'"

Not long ago one of our national officers visited a certain chapter. The butler sent word upstairs to the ranking resident, and went out. After some time he returned and found the guest still unattended. He went to the foot of the stairs and called up again: "There is a gentleman waiting here to see you." The answer came back, prompt and clear. "*Let him wait!*" The Councilman told the story as a joke not as a criticism. "Of course," he explained, "the student was not at all personal about it. He didn't know that the patiently waiting gentleman was a national officer." On the other hand, he didn't know that he wasn't.

In narrating the history of its admission to Phi Sigma Kappa, the scribe of one of our chapters wrote as follows: "In the fall of , preparations were made to entertain the men over the week-end of the game. (This refers to the nearest Phi Sigma Kappa chapter on the occasion of the football game between the two colleges.) The spirits of the members were considerably dampened when no reply was received from either the letter or the telegram sent to the chapter.

The doubts of the local men were apparently confirmed when the morning before the game, a telephone call found the Phi Sigs on the campus attending the game unable to find time to visit the local chapter house. Later in the morning several men reconsidered and stopped in to shake hands." At the subsequent convention the delegates of this same discourteous chapter worked against the petitioning local on the ground that they "were not gentlemen."

One more story, and this in a happier vein. When a new chapter in Phi Sigma Kappa had been inducted into a certain institution, a resident Phi Sig made it a point to call. He remarked as he started out, "Of course this is all poppycock. Those boys don't care anything about seeing me. But I wouldn't feel right without calling upon them once." To his surprise the boys seemed delighted to see him. Each and every man of them made it a point to get acquainted. The alumnus came away with a warm and happy heart. That was years ago, and much water has passed through the mill since then. But that chapter has had occasion over and over again to thank God for the interest of that alumnus. So constant and so considerable has been his coöperation that one wonders to how much of its proud eminence the chapter would have ever attained without him.

As Brother Roser says, it is a personal affair. Usually there are some in the house who know how to be gracious and who like to be gracious. But the chapter president is right in worrying about the others. Of course, too, some chapters, particularly the city ones, are frightfully imposed upon. Outsiders fail to realize that the undergraduate is probably busier than he will ever be again in his whole life. And the chapter president may well worry a little about that. The national officers do not desire any elaborate attentions, but they do desire, for the sake of the chapter itself, a generous cordiality. They are willing to be served as was the college professor who got lost among the neighboring hills. He found his way into an unprepossessing hut and introduced himself. "I am Professor So-and-so of Blanky College." "To hell ye be," exclaimed his host, "draw a cheer!"

And these few precepts in thy memory see thou character.

Give yourself and your guest the benefit of the doubt and be cordial at the door.

In the case of the bona fide guest make it a point to meet him and later to say good-bye.

Let several men tell him when they are to be at liberty and offer their services in various entertainment.

Find out whom and what he would like to see and provide an escort.

See that he has opportunities to wash, and a clean towel.

Do not make him ask to be shown to his bed, and after he has retired give him a chance to sleep.

If conversation lags, question him about himself; he will enjoy that subject and you are likely to learn something.

If it is necessary to leave him alone, provide him with something to read and a smoke.

At table see that he is seated to the right of the president.

Do not enter or leave the dining room until he has done so.

Do not begin to eat until he has been served.

Sing a song (unison, thank you) for him between courses.

When he is leaving see that some one carries his bag and puts him into taxi, trolley or train.

If you can give him a cheer at the time of departure, he will almost certainly be pleased.

And remember that in courtesy the little acts of thoughtfulness are often larger than the great.



ILLINOIS BUILDS AGAIN

On October 24 ground was broken on the new site, Washington Park and Second Street, for the new chapter house, a picture of which appears above. Brother Vandercook represented the Alumni Association, President Burrows the National Fraternity, and Dean Clark the University. The house will be ready by April 1. It will be an all Phi Sigma Kappa product. The architect is J. W. Teasdale, AΔ '17, the assistant architect, L. J. Reis, AΔ '22, the consulting architects, H. L. Morehead, AΔ '16, C. B. Anthony, AΔ '14, and L. J. Selzer, AΔ '18. The contractors are the Hoepfner Bartlett Company of Eau Claire, Wisc., Mr. Hoepfner being an Alpha Deuteron man of 1912. The attorney is C. A. O'Connor, AΔ '13. The financial director is President Burrows and a loan is being advanced by the father of one of the undergraduates. The old house was disposed of very advantageously last spring, being purchased by one of the local sororities for \$40,000, just twice the original cost of building. A building contractor who has built twenty-three fraternities houses told the Board that their plans were "the most complete and best laid out that he had ever seen."

HOW THEY BAT THE BOOKS

The following summary will be of interest to those who still hold to the old-fashioned notion that a president and three professors are of more value to a college than a backfield. The laurels for competitive excellence would seem to belong to Dartmouth, Gettysburg, Ohio, Stevens, Nevada and Michigan.

Massachusetts Aggie	fourth out of twelve
Union	fifth out of nineteen
Cornell	no letter. Fourth consecutive failure
West Virginia	no letter
Yale	no letter
C. C. N. Y.	no letter
Maryland	"D or fair"
Columbia	twentieth out of thirty-six
Stevens	second out of eleven
Penn State	no letter
George Washington	no reference to scholarship
Pennsylvania	no report available
Lehigh	eleventh out of twenty-two
St. Lawrence	no reference to scholarship
M. I. T.	no reference to scholarship
Franklin & Marshall	no reference to scholarship
St. John's	no reference to scholarship
Dartmouth	first out of twenty-two
Brown	no letter
Swarthmore	fifth out of ten
Williams	fifth out of fifteen
Virginia	85.1%
California	sixty-first out of seventy
Illinois	sixteenth out of seventy
Minnesota	thirtieth out of sixty-two
Iowa State	nineteenth out of forty-eight
Michigan	seventh out of seventy
Worcester	fourth out of seven
Wisconsin	thirty-second out of fifty
Nevada	second out of nine
Oregon Aggie	no letter
Kansas State	tenth out of eleven
Georgia Tech.	nineteenth out of thirty-one
Washington	no letter
Montana	sixth out of nine
Stanford	twelfth out of twenty-four
Tennessee	sixth out of eleven
Alabama	no letter
Ohio	fifth out of seventy
Gettysburg	first out of ten
Nebraska	fifth out of thirty-five

In this connection it is of interest to note that President Burrows has appointed Brother Ruedi of the Council to act as Scholarship Adviser. Perhaps it may be permissible to publish an excerpt from the appointment letter:

“For the present it is probable that you can do little more than recommend and establish certain standards of scholarship which pledges must meet in order to obtain initiation, and to codify and legalize an epitome of house scholarship rules which will be applicable to all our chapters. In other words it is my desire that you act nationally as scholarship adviser just as the chapter adviser is expected to do locally. If this plan can be developed to the point where it seems worth while, it will be my recommendation to the next convention that one of the Council members at large be selected as national scholarship adviser, whose duties will grow and enlarge with the years.”



THE NEW HOUSE AT WISCONSIN

It was dedicated at a banquet held the 16th of May.

THE SECRETARY'S PAGE

R. J. W.

The Council met in Philadelphia October 30 and 31. Just previous to this meeting each of the five districts held its Conclave and the Council devoted considerable time to the discussion of the reports from these Conclaves as presented by the Regional Vice-Presidents. The Council approved and recommended to the Court that a charter be granted to Theta Rho Fraternity at the University of North Carolina. This petition has been under consideration since the spring of 1924. With respect to the admission of honorary members, the general sentiment seems to be that the existing provision for accepting such members should continue, but that it should be used cautiously, and that only such men should be proposed for honorary membership as are certain to take an active and effective interest in the affairs of the petitioning Chapter. There is, however, a desire that the faculty members should be admitted by the same procedure as are granted members. Formal recommendations covering this subject will be prepared and submitted at the 1926 Convention.

August 26 to 28 were the dates decided upon for the 1926 National Convention, which is to be held at Philadelphia. There was no unanimous choice of dates expressed by the Conclaves. The decision of the Council was influenced in part by the facts that during the summer vacation delegates from a distance can attend without serious interruption to their college work, and that at this season of the year reduced railroad rates may be obtained. Brother McIntyre, Mu '04, and Barnes, Mu '11, were appointed as the committee on local arrangements for the Convention. The Pacific Conclave will be held at Missoula, Montana, just before the 1926 Convention, thus making it possible for the representatives of the Chapters in that region to attend their Conclave without additional expense. It is probable that other Conclaves will be held in connection with the Convention.

The granting of a charter to the Birmingham, Alabama, Club was approved and recommended to the Court.

To further stimulate interest in Fraternity songs and singing, the Song Book Committee was granted \$100.00 to offer as prizes for new songs to be presented at the 1926 Convention; details of the contest will soon be announced by the Committee. A bonus of Song Books was also authorized to be sent free with each order of five or more Directories.

The next meeting of the Council will be held at Columbus, Ohio, March 27, 1926. It is obvious that all recommendations from Conclaves, respecting the granting of Charters by the 1926 Convention, must be submitted to the Council by March 27.

THE REGIONAL CONCLAVES

The five regional conclaves were all held during the fall as follows: New England: October 17 at Worcester chapter house; Atlantic: October 16, 17 at Hotel Bethlehem, Bethlehem, Pa.; Southern: October 23, 24 at Georgia Tech chapter house; Mid-west October 10, 11 at Allerton House, Chicago; and Pacific: November 16, 17 at California chapter house.

Attendance was as follows:

	Actives	Advisers	Alumni	Councilmen	Total
New England . . .	18	7	3	2	30
Atlantic	40	6	20	1	67
Southern	14	3	2	1	20
Mid-west	19	6	24	4	53
Pacific	14	3		1	18

Four of the conclaves considered the date for the Philadelphia convention, and recommended four different dates: summer, September, Thanksgiving, and Christmas.

In regard to the admission of honorary members, the New England group recommended extending our present practice to the extent of admitting faculty men on the same basis as graduate members, i.e. by vote of Council and Court; the Atlantic group were in favor of honorary members for younger chapters but under a change of name; the Southern group voted into a tie and a deadlock; the Mid-west group discouraged initiating any non-active members except to become chapter advisers; and the Pacific group put themselves on record as in favor of honorary memberships. Thus only in the middle West was there found a clear agreement with the Interfraternity Conference that honorary memberships are a snare and delusion and greatly to be discouraged.

In regard to extension, the New England conclave considered three petitions, one of which it found sufficiently attractive to refer for further investigation; the Atlantic conclave considered three petitions with the same result; the Southern conclave considered five petitions, recommending one and holding a second for further investigation; the Mid-west conclave passed a resolution that "the ultimate number of chapters should not exceed

fifty, and, second, more time and effort should be directed in developing existing chapters"; the Pacific conclave voted to subscribe to the judgment of its Councilman, after personal investigation, in the instance of one petition and to recommend the desirability of a chapter in the Southern Branch of U. of C. Thus the general tone of the discussions and recommendations is seen to have been conservative.

The Atlantic conclave took some steps toward a more efficient organization, the principal one being the election of a regional alumni secretary and another being to the effect that chapters may be assessed up to the sum of \$20.00. The Pacific conclave drew up and adopted a complete constitution, providing for a chapter tax of \$10.00 and a Northern Division and Southern Division vice-president.

The Atlantic and Mid-west conclaves considered the question of fraternity singing, the former expressing its demand for a national song and the latter considering ways and means of getting the actives to sing.

The Mid-west conclave was also greatly concerned with the matter of scholarship, and Brother Philip O. Viall, E '10, offered to donate a regional scholarship trophy. A committee of three, Brothers Ruedi, Merrick and Stewart, was appointed to handle the award.

Something from Santa Claus. See page 152.

CAMPUS NOTES

The Albany branch of Beta announces that it is located in a new three-story home at 519 Mercer St., equipped with automatic oil and water heaters and a double garage, and accommodating nineteen men.

Nebraska announces a Phi Sigma Kappa Sweetheart song, the words written by Sidney B. Maynard, '23, and the music by Charles W. Phillips, '27.



Captain Crofts of the Williams cross country team has not lost a race, in dual meets, for the last two seasons. Last fall his team won the New England Inter-collegiates. He was also a member of the Ski and Snowshoe team that won the Dartmouth carnival last winter and the President Harding Trophy at Lake Placid in 1924.

Albert S. Kerr, II '26, editor-in-chief of the *Student Weekly* and high scholarship man, was one of the Franklin and Marshall team to debate with Oxford on October 28.

George H. Schmidt, II '26, recently won second prize (\$50.00) in a contest held under the auspices of the National Student Council, for the best essay of 15,000 words on the subject "What Course in my College Career has most Influenced my Life and Thinking." The course presented by Brother Schmidt was biology.

OTHER NEW HOUSES

Dartmouth built a new house last year. The chapter told us in June that they preferred to publish no picture until the old house, which is on the same lot, had been removed. Brother Dunham of the Council tells us that this has been done, but two requests for a picture for this issue have elicited no reply. Brother Dunham declares, however, that it is a very fine house and that the chapter is exceedingly happy in it, and we suppose that we shall have to let our SIGNET reference go at that.

The chapter at M. I. T. has purchased a home at 487 Commonwealth Avenue. We planned to have a picture of this for our readers, but our two requests for the same have gone unheeded. The chapter moved into the house this fall, and Brother Watts has visited it there. The house is real, and brothers who know Commonwealth Avenue can probably imagine after a fashion what it looks like.

We have heard rumors of a new house at Virginia. The Editor is chagrined to admit that in this instance too he has been unable to secure a picture, or indeed any reply to his requests for one. If the rumor is later verified by dependable witnesses, he will later publish an item to that effect.

As we go to press we read in the *Providence Journal* that on November 24 the chapter at Brown purchased a house at 406 Brook Street and planned to take possession on December 7. The picture which appears in that daily is of an attractive residence of Dutch colonial architecture. It contains 17 rooms and will accommodate 20 students. We shall undertake to secure a picture for a later SIGNET.

Don't wait to bring it yourself; use the mails.

THE APRON STRING

Our esteemed and at the same time beloved contemporary, the ILLINI, is much cast down in spirit over the introduction of apron-string supervision in fraternity houses at Illinois. The alleged traitor to the male sex held responsible for the new tyranny is none other than a Merle Trees, a university trustee, and the fraternity house humiliated by apron-string government, as symbolized by the presence of a dame of uncertain age, is that of Phi Delta Theta.

It seems that this Trees person—presumably a male—has wished a house mother on the Phi Delts without their knowledge and most assuredly without their consent. His aims were doubtless philanthropic and altruistic. He probably intended doing good to his brothers in the active chapter. However, 'tis ever a thankless job to do good to those who prefer their present state of wickedness to a life without blame; and, without in the slightest degree reflecting upon the present high moral standards of the Phi Delts—which are doubtless comparable to those existing elsewhere on the campus—it must be said that the young bloods decline to be improved and object to having the niceties of life thrust before them every time they turn around. Social perfection they prize, and in the proper time and place exemplify the same but who, as the ILLINI deftly argues, wants to be on his good behavior all the time?

An Englishman's home is his castle, wherein he may spit on the carpet if he so desires, or otherwise conduct himself according to his true nature. There he may abandon hypocrisy and pretense, and be himself. It is that which the ILLINI wants preserved in the fraternity life at Illinois, and the COURIER adds its plaint and joins its forces in this last desperate stand in defense of the imperiled right of the male, for a period at least, to live in a house by the side of the road and be free from the ministering hand of lovely woman.

The ILLINI boldly states and the COURIER affirms that young men possessed of the age and the scholastic attainments required for admission into our great school, know enough to wash themselves behind the ear, to take a bath Saturday night, whether they need it or not, to shave every other week, or at least go through the motions, to comb their hair, and wear collar and necktie in public. Our college Greek has long since passed the Tom Sawyer-Huck Finn time of life, when savagery and barbarism were the pinnacles of ambition. Adolescence has been left far behind. The time has come and now is when he should take on responsibility and assume charge. If he can not be trusted to portray and exemplify the amenities of life on the street or in the sanctity of his collegiate

home, then further instruction, additional admonition, and renewed heckling on the part of one of the other sex, would certainly fall on deaf ears or otherwise be treated with a contempt that would discourage the most persistent.

One of the things a young man finds enticing about going away to school is that he thereby achieves his definite release from mother's apron strings. He may love that mother with all his heart, but he knows that if he is to be a man in his own right that the time has come for him to assert himself. Such a period is no time for some other woman to step in and boss him around. Sooner or later he will voluntarily give himself up to be bossed by the young lady of his choice, but at the collegiate period of life he needs the experience of muddling along by himself. He will appreciate a good boss more if he has had the enlightening experience of being on his own for a few years.

The argument for the house mother is that the boys will be more refined. There will be less coarseness, less profanity, less carelessness, more thoughtfulness, greater gentility, if the softening influence of hovering womanhood be in the immediate offing. This argument is probably irrefutable, if the assumption is that masculinity is something that must be repressed and femininity among those that are by nature masculine, is a desirable thing.

Our opinion is that if the boys need any one around the house it is a house daddy, and they do not need him very badly. College life is the fledgling period, when a young man should learn to stand up for himself, make his own decisions and abide by the consequences. There are things just as important in this life as refining influences, and the lad who is ever tied to some woman's aprons has been cheated out of part of his birthright.

If this house-mother stuff goes big here at Illinois, the next step will be to provide house-mothers for the football team and the basket-ball squad. If any one needs to have the rough edges smoothed off it is those boys whose trainers teach them to be hard-boiled, and even combative when faced by untoward circumstances.

Then there is another angle. This sex equality business has reached the point where it is sometimes questionable whether the old dowager's influence on susceptible youth would be helpful or harmful. This is probably heresy, and perhaps contempt of court, and sacrilegious, but an old dowager with rolled stockings and painted knees, joining the boys for a smoke after dinner, has its disquieting aspects, say what you will.

The Greeks of ancient times destroyed Troy through the medium of the wooden horse. To-day the conditions are reversed. The wooden horse stands without the camps of the college Greeks, and some there are who bid it enter. Beware, fellows, for the apron strings will get you if you don't watch out.—*Urbana Courier*, September 22, Alvin T. Burrows, Editor.

THE CHAPTER AUTHORIAL

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Editorship, *The Borzoi Handbooks in Journalism*, for Alfred A. Knopf. "The books in the series will be written by competent authorities and will deal concisely with specific subjects in the journalistic field, such as book reviewing, sport writing, the nature of evidence, and newspaper law."
- By W. LeRoy Apland, ΓΔ '26, editorship of *The Bulletin of Phi Lambda Epsilon*.
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- By Carl W. Rand, M.D., X '08, surgical papers:
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THE CHAPTER INVISIBLE

LOOMIS O. BLACK, Ξ '06

Brother Black died at Boone, Iowa, March 10. After completing his education at St. Lawrence and Iowa State, he became pastor of the Universalist Church at Boone. In 1912 he went into business in that same city. During the war he was captain in the 352 Machine Gun Battalion of the 88th Division, and later became a major in the Reserves. He is survived by a wife and three daughters.

ROBERT K. RYAN, ΣΔ '25

JOSEPH E. WILKINSON, Δ '15

Brother Wilkinson died at Montgomery, W. Va., last June. He was formerly a major in the Field Artillery, U. S. A.

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Hubert H. Kidd, Δ '21, and Nina Payne of Charleston, W. Va.

Thomas William Sweeney, M '23, and Genevieve Ellen Bloomer of New York.

INITIATES

Gilbert J. Morgan, H '07, and Nellie Catherine Baker, October 3, Baltimore.

Reuben Head, B '25, and Mary Choat.

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George Hull, B '25, and Evelyn Rauh.

John Seabury, B '25, and Elsie Ricker.

Franklin S. Weiser, M '12, and Charlotte Wiltse Nodine, November 17, Philadelphia.

Albert C. Pierson, N '23, and Eloise Chawthorne, Leominster, Mass.

J. E. Phillips, N '28, and Mary Sautter, Bethlehem, Pa.

N. D. Parker, Jr., N '25, and Ruth Bradshers, Washington, D. C.

Robert P. Bayard, BA '17, and Margaret B. Brandon, November 4, Pittsburgh.

Richard Gratz, T '25, and Margaret Gould, November 4, New York.

Robert E. McCreehy, Z '24, and Marion A. Coady, February 19, New York.

Hubert B. Davis, Δ '24, and Jennie Cairns, September 3, Charleston, W. Va.

W. W. Clinedinst, I '21, and Catherine Parsons, October 24, New York City.

Frank Richard Hill, T '21, and Elizabeth Eastman Gleason, September 12, Manchester, N. H.

John Browning Hurlbut, T '18, and Rosamund Eldred, November 14, Cannes, France.

G. Allen Wick, H '23, and Gertrude Cecil Wood, October 2, Washington, D. C.

W. Milburne Jones, H '23, and Grace Louise Bennett, October 20, Chestertown, Md.

BLESSED IN THE BOND

Paul D. Amsbary, AA '16, October 25—Susan.

Charles F. Keller, M '22, November 3—Frederick W., 2d.

Carl Hanke, BA '20—daughter.
 Willard E. Roth, Z '15, November 13—Willard E., Jr.
 Orton L. Clark, A '08—Hugh Salisbury.
 Austin W. Morrill, A '00, September 22—Helen.
 James T. Pratt, Jr., E '19, October 16—Porter Wells.

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Eta Alumni Club of Washington—G. Allen Wick, H '23, Rosslyn Steel & Cement Co.
San Francisco—Robert R. Porter, NA '22, 647 7th Ave.

LUNCHEON DATES

- New York—Every Thursday of month, 12:30, Fraternity Clubs Bldg., Madison Ave. and 38th St.
Portland—Call Foster.
Baltimore—Every Thursday, 12:30, Engineers' Club, 6 W. Fayett St.
Seattle—Every Friday, 12:15, Blanc's, 315 Marion St.
Pittsburgh—1st Wednesday of month, Fort Pitt Hotel, 7 P. M.
Minnesota—Every Thursday 12:30, The Grill, 81 S. 8th St., Minneapolis.
Philadelphia—Every Friday, 12:30, Kugler's, 36 S. 15th St.
Charleston—Last Friday of month, Chamber of Commerce rooms, 12:30.

Chicago—Every Tuesday, 12:15, Ivory Room of Mandell Brothers Grill.

Birmingham—1st Tuesday of month, 7:30, Redmont Hotel.

Eta Alumni—2d Tuesday of month, 6:30, Portland Hotel.

San Francisco—2d and 4th Wednesday of month, noon, Commercial Club.

The Washington Eta men gave a wienie roast at College Park on October 15.

The Philadelphia Club had luncheon at the chapter house on October 31, with President Burrows as the guest of honor.

The New York Club had 70 present at the first smoker of the year on October 21. The men from the Metropolitan active chapters combined with professional boxers to furnish entertainment. On November 3 election returns were available over the new club radio, while a supper and dancing party were held in the grill. On the afternoon of the first Saturday of every month there is a bridge tournament. Supper parties are being arranged for Wednesday and Saturday evenings. A second smoker was scheduled for November 20, with a movie burlesque by Earl Snell of the Associated First National Pictures Company.

The alumni of Birmingham, Ala., sixteen strong, have applied for a charter, and are holding monthly dinners at the Redmont Hotel.

On December 14 the Eta Alumni Club entertained the College Park chapter at a smoker, at which it presented to the chapter a bookcase to which each alumnus had contributed one book. Good idea, that!

The Phi Sigs of San Francisco report semi-monthly luncheons at the Commercial Club and solicit guests.

On December 1 the Ames alumni in the vicinity of Chicago had a dinner at the Allerton Club, and decided that they would repeat the pleasant function often.



MARYLAND'S NEW HOUSE

This is the new house which the Maryland chapter purchased at College Park this summer. The price was \$10,000. It is located at the corner of Dartmouth and Princeton Streets, immediately adjoining the residence of the vice-president of the University. It has eight large rooms, two baths, and a garage. The project has been financed by the newly incorporated alumni association.

FIRE AT KANSAS

Tumbling from warm beds, out of the house, and into the snow at the cry of "FIRE" members and pledges of Phi Sigma Kappa had quite a scare about five o'clock one recent Sunday morning when their chapter house at 1630 Humbolt was slightly damaged by a fire of unknown origin. The fire started in the basement and had eaten away part of the kitchen floor and filled the house with smoke when it was discovered by Francis Wilson who was awakened by the odor of smoke. He gave the alarm and the entire chapter, clad only in pajamas and in blankets snatched from their beds, stumbled through the smoke-filled house to the outside. A few believing the stairs to be on fire slid out of the sleeping porch windows by means of blankets tied together. Mrs. Sadie Baker, house mother, was awakened by the commotion and gathered her clothes together. She was helped through the window of her room on the first floor and taken to the neighbors. Howard Elkins stayed in the house long enough to phone in the alarm and the fire department arrived only to find that their hose was frozen. The fire was put out with water from the hydrant, dashed on with pitchers and pans.

PHI SIGS AFIELD

PASTOR OF ZION

Brother Stewart Winfield Herman, P Δ , is pastor of the Zion Lutheran Church of Harrisburg. The following weekly prayer is taken from the church calendar of August 30:

Lord, teach us to pray. Teach us to know the value of separating ourselves betimes from the cares and concerns of the world and losing ourselves in communion and fellowship with Thee. Give us the spirit of prayer and make it the first and greatest need of our souls. We need the peace and the joy that come from fellowship with Thee. Evermore drive us to feel our need. Amen.

TO DESIGN GREAT MEMORIAL

Marcellus E. Wright, M '05, of Richmond has been selected to design the Virginia War Memorial, which is expected to be the finest memorial to the war dead erected in this country.

ASHE A PROMISING SOLOIST

H. Coleman Ashe, who was a student in the department of music at Kansas in '21 and '22, has achieved recognition at the Illinois Wesleyan University, Bloomington, Ill., where he is continuing his musical work. He was one of the founders of the Alpha Lambda chapter of Phi Mu Alpha there and is now president of that organization. *The Bloomington Bulletin* of November 11 carried his picture and the following write up:

"Mr. Coleman Ashe, popular young baritone of Bloomington, has been chosen by the Philharmonic Music committee to sing the part of 'Lucifer' in Sullivan's *Golden Legend*, Monday night, November 23, at the high school auditorium.

"Mr. Ashe has been a valuable member of the Philharmonic chorus for the past three years, and while this will be his first appearance as a soloist with the chorus yet Mr. Ashe's splendid baritone voice is well known to many Bloomington audiences who have always received him with enthusiasm. Visitors at the chorus rehearsals are thrilled by his singing of this part."

BECOMES HEAD OF CASUALTY HOSPITAL

Dr. Joseph D. Rogers, A '02, has been designated president of the Board of Directors of the Eastern Dispensary and Casualty

Hospital in Washington, D. C. More than a hundred local physicians attended a meeting on November 23, at which he presented his plans for this institution. Dr. Rogers has also been president of the Stanton Park Hospital.

PRESIDENT OF SEATTLE KIWANIS

Dean Howard T. Lewis, of the College of Business Administration at the University of Washington, was recently elected president of the Kiwanis Club of Seattle, Wash.

WOULD HONOR WILSON

Senator Neely of West Virginia introduced on December 14 a joint resolution which would make December 28, Woodrow Wilson's birthday, a national holiday. Congressman Curry has been mentioned as the author of one of the House bills backing up Colonel Mitchell in his aviation program.

FOR ALUMNI ONLY

With this issue of the SIGNET, the 1925 alumni mailing list will be destroyed. Every address will be scrapped. The 1926 mailing list will be composed entirely of addresses received after January 1. Get this straight. If you want the SIGNET for 1926, send in the attached application or its equivalent *at once*. The SIGNET is gratuitous, but you must apply for it every year. Pass the word along among your friends. And don't delay. To hesitate will probably mean that you will miss the April number.

Frank Prentice Rand, Editor of THE SIGNET,
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Γ—Feb. 26, 1889. Cornell. 702 University Ave., Ithaca, N. Y.

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E—June 3, 1893. Yale. 124 Prospect St., New Haven, Conn.

Z—Dec. 19, 1896. C. C. N. Y. 473 West 140th St., New York City.

H—Jan. 8, 1897. Maryland. Princeton and Dartmouth Sts., College Park, Md.

Θ—Dec. 16, 1897. Columbia. 550 W. 114th St., New York City.

I—March 15, 1899. Stevens. 810 Hudson St., Hoboken, N. J.

K—June 7, 1899. Penn State. State College, Pa.

Λ—Oct. 7, 1899. George Washington. 1813 Columbia Road, N. W., Washington, D. C.

M—March 10, 1900. Pennsylvania. 3618 Locust St., Philadelphia.

N—March 9, 1901. Lehigh. 3d and Cherokee Sts., South Bethlehem, Pa.

Ξ—April 12, 1902. St. Lawrence. 78 Park St., Canton, N. Y.

O—May 24, 1902. 487 Commonwealth Ave., Boston, Mass.

Π—April 18, 1903. Franklin & Marshall. 437 W. James St., Lancaster, Pa.

Σ—May 16, 1903. St. John's. Campus, Annapolis, Md.

T—March 25, 1905. Dartmouth. Hanover, N. H.

Υ—Feb. 10, 1906. Brown. 406 Brook St., Providence, R. I.

Φ—March 24, 1906. Swarthmore. Swarthmore, Pa.

X—June 26, 1906. Williams. Williamstown, Mass.

Ψ—Jan. 19, 1907. Virginia, Virginia Ave., Charlottesville, Va.

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- ΗΔ—March 4, 1917. Nevada. 737 Lake St., Reno, Nev.
- ΘΔ—Feb. 19, 1921. Oregon Agricultural College. 27 Park Terrace, Corvallis, Ore.
- ΙΑ—March 24, 1923. Kansas State. 1630 Humboldt, Manhattan, Kansas.
- ΚΔ—April 7, 1923. Georgia Tech. 90 W. North Ave., Atlanta, Ga.
- ΛΔ—April 25, 1923. University of Washington. 4554 16th Ave., N. E. Seattle, Wash.
- ΜΔ—April 26, 1923. Montana. 1011 Gerald Ave., Missoula, Mont.
- ΝΔ—May 2, 1923. Stanford University. Lomita Drive and Mayfield Ave., Stanford, Calif.
- ΞΔ—Feb. 3, 1925. Tennessee. 1202 West Clinch Ave., Knoxville, Tenn.
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- ΠΔ—Feb. 21, 1925. Ohio State. 325 15th Ave., Columbus, Ohio.
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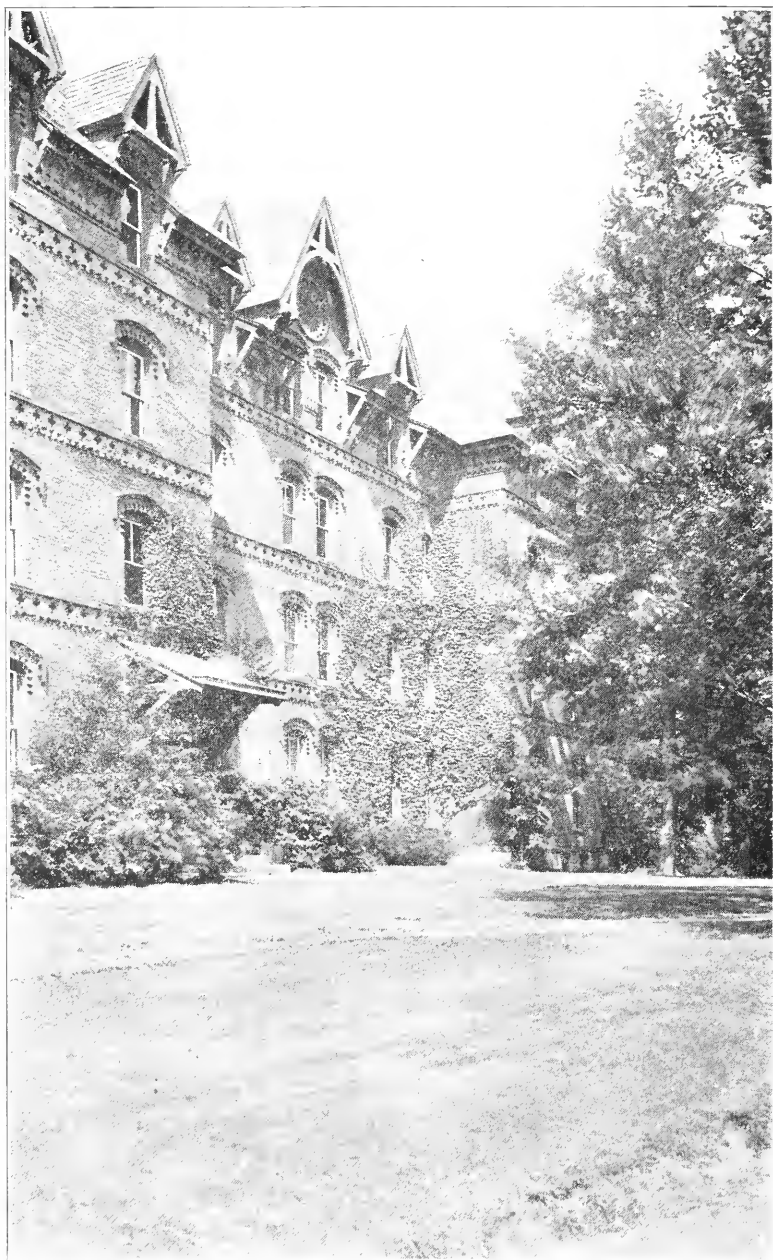
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FOREWORD

WILLIAM PENN BROOKS, FOUNDER

The thought which resulted in the founding of the Phi Sigma Kappa had its origin in the old chemical laboratory of the Massachusetts Agricultural College; its realization was staged in old North College. Thought and realization! We believe that our Fraternity has exerted and does exert a powerful influence for good in national college life. The thought which lay behind it in the minds of the Founders was good. May our brothers never forget that the foundation for a useful and satisfying life must be thought,—thought resulting in the visualization of a high ideal, and the determination to use all one's strength of body, mind and soul for its realization.

MY PROUDEST PHI SIGMA KAPPA DAY

A SYMPOSIUM

A curious thing! We talk so much about the fraternity's being an undergraduate affair, patronized by the alumnus for the sake of his youngsters. Yet when it came to assembling some material for this symposium, the alumni responded very well, and the undergraduates, with one exception, turned us down. We wanted to know on what occasions various brothers were most proud of their Fraternity, not in a personal but in a social way—occasions when they felt like saying to the whole world, "There she stands—God bless her." And we wrote to a dozen or so undergraduate brothers, upperclassmen, editors, men accustomed to self-expression. And the undergraduates replied, "Nothing doing." That is, most of them didn't reply at all. Four of them did. One said that the subject was one "that I do not feel qualified to write upon." Another said, "For the life of me I cannot recall such an incident as you ask for." A third said, "I cannot point to my proudest day in Phi Sigma Kappa, for I have never known any day when I felt that way." The fourth said, "Don't ask me to write on that subject; it is a stickler." And the alumni, the few whom we approached, for the most part came across with enthusiasm.

It's rather pitiable, but after all about what we ought to expect. Our April editorial, which went to press before these returns came in, in part explains the anomaly. Meanwhile the rest of us will be glad that we have reached an age at which we may be proud of our Fraternity and say so freely.

Probably my proudest Phi Sigma Kappa Day, as an individual, was the day there was pinned over my heart the badge of my fraternity. But I propose to speak now of another "proudest day," my proudest Phi Sigma Kappa day as an officer of the New York Club, the day of the formal opening of the club's own quarters in the Fraternity Clubs Building at 39th Street and Madison Ave. The New York Club has long existed as an organization of sorts with dues of a dollar or no dues at all, and with its principal aim, the holding of a grand annual banquet on Founders Day. Sometimes meetings were held at the Theta

House but more frequently no meetings at all were held except on Founders Day, for the election of officers for the ensuing year to insure the holding of the next banquet. But all this time our fondest hope had been a home of our own and many and many were the plans we made and further and further away the fruition of those plans seemed as rents and changes mounted in the City of New York. We were not the only Fraternity Club either that found it impossible to support an individual club house in New York.

It was along in 1922 that someone with vision conceived the idea of combining a number of the fraternity clubs to occupy a building where every club facility could be afforded. You may be sure that Brothers Conley and Marchmont seized upon the opportunity and the Phi Sigma Kappa Club was the first to choose a club room, the best in the proposed building. The building, as erected, is 17 stories high, contains 427 sleeping rooms, sixteen private club lounging rooms, two large dining rooms, private dining rooms, an oyster bar, a gymnasium, squash courts, a billiard room, a roof garden and a sun parlor.

On January 15th, 1924, the Fraternity Clubs Building was formally opened. We met at luncheon. Afterwards Brother Marchmont led us upon a tour of inspection of the building and I think all of us swelled visibly with pride as we contemplated the glories that were ours. That afternoon was open house. An orchestra played selections that sounded like paeans of victory. Palms and floral decorations were all about. Later in the afternoon, refreshments were served and toasts were drunk (in strictly prohibition tea, Brother Editor) to the success of the new undertaking. And long we lingered as the afternoon waned, feasting our eyes on our own four walls, the longed for home of the Phi Sigma Kappa Club, the realization of all our hopes. Every fraternal hand clasp that afternoon seemed to take on a new meaning and I, for one, left the building late that evening with an even greater appreciation of our great brotherhood, Phi Sigma Kappa, and all that it signifies.

FREDERICK GRISWOLD, JR., Z '21.

You ask me what was my proudest moment as a brother in the Phi Sigma Kappa. It was the very sad moment when I heard of

the death of "Jumbo" Jones, a lad whom I had helped to bring into Zeta chapter. As I remember the matter, Jones was the first C. C. N. Y. man to go to Plattsburg after the declaration of war, and there he was one of the first casualties, dying of paratyphoid. He was a young man of real promise and ability, and I have always thought of his sacrifice as symbolic of the altruistic and patriotic spirit in our fraternity.

ROBERT C. WHITFORD, Z '12.

To me it is a very difficult matter to single out one definite moment as my proudest moment or day in Phi Sigma Kappa. Pride in the Fraternity seems to rise in something greater than the individual achievements of various brothers. I think my proudest moment was when I was first aware of the vastness and quality of the Fraternity as shown not only by its ideals, but also by the national officers and delegates from other chapters. Consciousness of this began, probably, at my own initiation, and developed with succeeding initiations, reunions and conclaves. The meaning of belonging to Phi Sigma Kappa cannot be realized at once. Contact with the life of the Fraternity develops the full significance, however, and the realization of this is the proudest moment.

WILLIAM B. PHELPS, X '27

My "proudest Phi Sigma Kappa day" was probably the day that I heard about Dr. Conley's election as president of the Interfraternity Conference. It made me feel that we had officially received recognition by the entire fraternity world. Within the Fraternity my "proudest Phi Sigma Kappa day" was at the Worcester convention in 1916 at which time I had been a member of the Fraternity for only two years. This was when the Middle West was given recognition by the election of a brother from the Middle West to the Council and the selection of Chicago as the place for our next convention. To me as a member of a Middle Western chapter that was a great day. I felt that the Fraternity

was doing a great deal of good for itself, the members living in the Middle West and for the entire membership, because of the good it had done for a group in the Middle West.

"Gee, I'm glad I don't belong to that gang."

You have undoubtedly, some time or other, heard a brother so express himself while you were in school. Maybe he referred to the fraternity just around the corner because they were being called on the Dean's carpet for holding an anti-Volstead party at the country club the night before. He didn't want any reflection cast on his fraternity because he was proud of it. If you ask him why he was proud he belonged to the fraternity of which he was a member, he probably would have given you many reasons. Maybe it was because most of the outstanding letter men were from his fraternity; maybe they consistently stood high scholastically, or continually were leaders in activities on the campus. Since these reasons are local in character, they are more felt by the brother in school, and would be among the first to be mentioned by him. However, if you were to inquire further, he would probably tell you how many presidents, governors and senators were his fraternity brothers; how many states attorneys, great physicians, and other great professional and business men were members of his fraternity; the great spirit that prevailed throughout the national organization as expressed by the manner in which you were received at the various chapter houses whenever you visited them. More often these latter reasons for being proud of your fraternity which are national in character, are felt more by the brothers out of school; the alumni.

If I were asked why I am proud to belong to Phi Sigma Kappa, among my reasons would be numbered most of the above mentioned. Most important of all, I believe, and the one that makes me most proud is the last mentioned—that of national good fellowship. There is a sterling good fellowship among "Phi Sigs" the nation over. Whenever you meet a "Phi Sig," he is glad to see you. He immediately becomes your friend; ready and willing to give you every assistance. It is a great feeling when you are a stranger to know that you have a brother "Phi Sig" ready to make you feel at home. I am proud of the genuine brotherly feeling among "Phi Sigs"; of the hospitality which the chapters show. I am proud that the last convention

held in Detroit acknowledged the existence of a nationally growing brotherly spirit and did its share in assisting it by recognizing all sections of the country in the establishment of chapters and in the selection of officers. I hope that the Philadelphia convention will further recognize this spirit in its establishment of new chapters and in all the other matters which must be decided by that convention.

“Let brotherly love continue.” Hebrews, 13:1.

CHARLES H. RUEDI, *Council.*

On Saturday, January 18th, 1925, the Council met in Pittsburgh. Our several invitations to the Council were finally accepted. Brother Burrows assured us at the Detroit Convention that the first meeting of the new Council would be held here and true to his word, it was. Of course a meeting of this kind calls for some attention on the part of the local alumni. The Pittsburgh Club planned a full day for them only to find that the business of the Council required many more hours than we had anticipated. Several items on the itinerary were therefore necessarily cancelled. Our disappointment in this respect however was negligible. We were honored to have the Council with us. We were pleased to know them individually. We were proud of their attention to business.

In the evening we managed to get them together with a large number of the local alumni for dinner. Each member of the Council had a message in a few words (we admired them for that). The climax of the day came near the end when Jim Milholland made the first donation to the Phi Sigma Kappa Endowment Fund through President Burrows. Our aim had been true; our goal scored.

This was our proudest Phi Sigma Kappa day. We met and dined the Council. We learned about our fraternity from the men who know. We were the first contributors to the Fund which will give Phi Sigma Kappa the financial foundation which it has always needed. A just cause to be proud when we know that our gift came from a large number of alumni who are not only interested in Phi Sigma Kappa but who are willing to give of their time and money to put it on top.

RAYMOND G. LAFEAN, M '19.

SAVING FOR A SUNNY DAY

ELIZABETH HALLOWELL

You are standing idly at your window some day when suddenly you turn and you say to your wife: "Well, I declare, here comes the Joneses, and if Mrs. Jones hasn't a new squirrel coat! Now I happen to know that his salary at the bank is just about what mine is, and *I* can't afford to buy squirrel coats." And the chances are that, a few days before, Jones, standing idly at his window across the street, saw you drive up, and turned, and said to his wife: "*We* certainly can't afford a new Hudson coach, and I don't see how Brown does it on his salary." And it is also likely that Mrs. Jones then said to her husband exactly what your wife will presently say to you: "Well, it probably isn't paid for!" But if Jones is an ordinary hard-working young fellow with a thrifty wife, and with backbone enough to save, and to resist the loan sharks, the chances are that he could afford to buy that squirrel coat for Mrs. Jones, just as you, being an ordinary hard-working young fellow with a thrifty wife, and with backbone enough to save, and to resist the loan sharks, could afford to buy that Hudson coach. A little incident which merely goes to show that the question whether squirrel coats and Hudson coaches are articles of necessity or of luxury depends very largely upon which side of the street you live on! This question of luxuries and necessities involves the whole problem of personal finance. Here is your monthly salary check. It represents your value to society. In exchange for services rendered, society gives you in this slip of paper the right to a definite measure of what the economist terms *satisfactions*. This slip of paper, your monthly salary check, entitles you to board, lodging, and clothing, and a certain surplus to boot. In other words, for your service to society you are paid a relatively small wage and found. This small wage is yours to do with as you will. There is no more inalienable right than the right of the individual to spend his money as he chooses. But consider. Are you using that salary check wisely? Are you getting the greatest possible measure of satisfactions?

Now if you will sit down alone with yourself and your budget, and honestly think these questions through, you will arrive at some rather startling conclusions. Suppose you begin by considering

the term *luxury*. For the obvious definition that a luxury is something you would like to have but can't afford, substitute this—that a luxury is something which you do not really need, but which you want badly enough to sacrifice for. Then luxury, in the abstract, becomes an incentive to thrift, to good management, to ambition. And pursuing this line of reasoning, you can soon prove to yourself that luxury is not only justifiable, but, as a contributor to happiness, is a real necessity of life. "All very good in theory," you doubtless rejoin. "It sounds well to say that it is an inalienable right of the individual to spend his money just as he chooses. That may be true for the rich. But my salary check is all assigned on the day I receive it. So much for the coal man, the ice man, the gas man; it all goes for actual needs, there is nothing left for luxury." Nothing, sir? Then there is poor management somewhere. Suppose you go over your budget again. There are, of course, many fixed charges. Taxes are proverbially certain; water rates have to be paid; it would be awkward to have the gas meter disconnected; coal bills arrive promptly and regularly and cannot be dodged. Just to provide food and clothing and a roof over your head will take the bulk of your earnings. Prudence demands that you do your best to anticipate those changes and chances of this mortal life which none of us can foresee, but for which we must all, to the best of our ability, provide. Charity demands that you remember those less fortunate than yourself. You have other obligations of sorts. And yet there should still be some margin between your obligations and your monthly salary check. It may be a very tiny margin; there are very tiny luxuries. Squirrel coats and Hudson coaches may not be for you, but you need luxury none the less. Rule off a new column in your budget. Be brave. Be honest with yourself. Don't head it "Professional Improvement" or "The Higher Life." Head it frankly "LUXURY" in large capitals and in the very reddest red ink you can find.

And now what shall you put in your luxury fund? First, that very slender balance between your actual needs and your monthly salary check. That's just the beginning. Where are you going to get more? Save on the necessities, of course. Have you forgotten the man who said he could get along without the necessities, if he could have the luxuries of life? He was a true philosopher. You never know how few things are really necessary

to your happiness, how many, many things you can get along without, till you start to save for a luxury fund. You will find that many of the purchases you have been calling absolute necessities are really just conventional expenditures, neither necessities nor yet luxuries. Think of the things you buy, not because you need them, but merely because Jones, across the street, buys them. Then there are the leaks, those small sums that every month slip so easily through your fingers. And finally, if you want big luxuries, you must save on the little ones. You will find that that luxury fund, once started, will grow like a snowball.

And as you save, think for what you are saving. Perhaps you already have in mind some definite luxury; perhaps you are saving for a sunny day. Luxuries are very personal things; no one can choose them for you. Real meerschaum, imported perfume, glittering shoe buckles, that lacy negligee so sadly out of keeping with your workaday wardrobe, the beribboned box of chocolates gay with silver foil, roses in January—(Are *you* to blame because flowers are dear in cold weather?) opera tickets, squirrel coats and Hudson coaches, Como and the Garda Lake,—if these are the things your soul craves, if you are willing to sacrifice for them, they are luxuries for you, though for your neighbor they may be thoughtless extravagancies. Whatever your means, your luxury fund can certainly be stretched to include some of these. Not all of them, of course. You must choose. Even if you have the means to purchase all these luxuries, you still must choose. Even if you can afford them, you can't have many luxuries. For the moment a luxury is too frequently or too easily obtained, it ceases to be a luxury and becomes just an ordinary commonplace expenditure. Luxury that is not bought with sacrifice soon loses its potency to charm and to delight. So choose, and choose wisely. A luxury should be like a comet. Its coming may be unexpected or long heralded, but *it* should glow with light, and should leave a memory like a shining trail across the dark. And finally, when after weeks of saving, you come to the great moment of spending, throw caution to the winds. It is no longer the time to hang back and think of the pennies. You have saved for this moment; you have earned your luxury; enjoy it to the full. Within the limits of your fund and the laws of your country, spend lavishly, gayly, riotously, for your soul's good.

Dr. Goodspeed, writing in a recent number of the *Atlantic*

Monthly, sums up the whole matter very wisely. After detailing the various ways in which people spend their money, he concludes: "It is not economic but psychological needs that these spenders, poor as well as rich, are meeting. They are buying something more than food and clothes.—They are all buying the same thing in different packages. They are buying happiness."

NEW ENGLAND CONCLAVE

Chi Chapter entertained the New England Conclave February 27th. Undergraduate representatives from each of the ten Chapters; Alumni Advisers of Alpha, Beta (Schenectady), Omicron, Upsilon, Chi, and Epsilon Deuteron; Vice-President Dunham, Secretary Watts, and a small group of alumni, journeyed to Williamstown to be warmly welcomed by their hosts.

Reports presented by the various Chapter delegates indicated progress and prosperity among the units in this district. During the past year Tau moved into a new house, and the alumni of Omicron and Upsilon acquired houses for their respective Chapters.

The principal item of business was the consideration of the petition for a charter submitted by Beta Psi, a well established local at Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute, Troy, N. Y. Brother T. A. Hull, Beta '05, sponsored the petition and urged favorable action. The Conclave desired to meet the wishes of this loyal supporter, but in the discussion which ensued, the prevailing sentiment was that further expansion should be on a very conservative basis, and that new Chapters should be established, if at all, in the South and West.

Following dinner at the Chapter house, the guests attended a basket ball game between Williams and Wesleyan.

Brother Howard F. Dunham, Tau '11, was unanimously re-elected Regional Vice-President for the next two years.

THREE THOUSAND DUCATS

At its last meeting the Council considered again the question of making the members of the Grand Chapter bear some part of the burden of financing the national organization. There are two obvious difficulties at the start. Comparatively few of the alumni are receiving social values from the Fraternity any more, and their interest naturally lags. Further, every loyal alumnus is being besieged by his chapter to subscribe toward a new and bigger chapter house. Then there is a difficulty of another type: even if the alumni stood ready to contribute, there is available no practicable machinery for universal collection.

Nevertheless there is the Endowment Fund, a right little, tight little nest-egg. Presided over by a Board of Trustees, it is safe from the ravages of rapacious Councils. Wisely invested, it is a white hope for the future. When it reaches \$30,000, its interest would finance *THE SIGNET* as now published. When it reaches \$100,000, it might be used effectively to mortgage aspiring new and bigger chapter houses. Or to finance the national secretary's office. Or to buy a home for aged indigents of the Order. Anyway, it is agreed that the thing to do with it for the present is to keep it warm and make it grow.

Obviously there is a chance for gifts. There must be some men in the Brotherhood who have money to give and know how to give it. Here is an organization which is serving nearly two thousand college boys, taking them at an impressionable age and giving to them a campus home and an idealistic guidance. If you wish to invest your money in young manhood, you will seldom get a better chance than this. What an inspiration it would be for all of us if at the next convention Brother Burrows could announce a thousand dollars in personal gifts to the national Order!

The next best thing to a gift is a bequest. Of course the donor misses some of the fun of contributing it. There would be more satisfaction in telling Dr. Root, or Billy Mac, or a convention about it than in mentioning it cold-bloodedly to a couple of lawyers and their clerks. And yet, human nature being as it is, there is the assurance that one has the money to fall back upon as long as he actually can ever need it, and further, that

if he becomes disgruntled with the management of the Fraternity at any time, he can change his will in the interest of some other worthy institution. If a man cares for his fraternity, if he cherishes the memories of happy days within the bond, if his sons and grandsons are growing up into that same Order, if he believes in the things for which the fraternity in its moments of decision stands, and if he has accumulated some little superfluity of this world's goods, he ought, if only as an acknowledgment of appreciation, to write the name of his fraternity into his will.

More and more the Fraternity is reaching out into the ranks of the alumni. In the larger towns it is now the usual thing for Phi Sigma Kappa men to lunch together every week or every month. In New York many of them are finding in the local club rooms many of the social advantages of the usual city club. There is reason to believe that alumni club houses are to be the next phase of development in the Order. If a man has any use for club life, there are obvious appeals in the rather exclusive and yet in no sense provincial personnel of a fraternity group. And the question therefore arises whether the clubs ought not to assume certain financial responsibilities toward the national Order. The club members are the ones who are enjoying a continuing life in the Fraternity, and moreover, they are the ones upon whom the Fraternity still has some hold. Their nominal enrollment at present is perhaps seven or eight hundred men. If each man paid an annual fee of a dollar to the national Order, this money to be collected through the clubs and turned into the Endowment Fund, it would mean no perceptible burden upon the brothers and a very decided increment for the fund.

The Council is not prepared to make recommendations at this time. It does wish, however, to call to the attention of our alumni the opportunity for support, and to raise the question as to the desirability of bringing the matter officially, and perhaps legislatively, before the Brotherhood. What's money for anyway, when youth stands at the door?

RAISING MONEY FROM ALUMNI

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This is an article, which was read before the Interfraternity Conference, November 27, 1925. It received much comment and commendation and should be read carefully by Phi Sigma Kappa men. It is here reprinted from *The Tomahawk* of Alpha Sigma Phi.—*The Editor*.

This article advances ideas that are a radical change from those heretofore, and in fact, still used by most fraternities. It is nevertheless offered with a feeling of confidence, because of the belief of the soundness of the principles involved, which are backed by several years of successful operation.

On account of the phenomenal improvement in the financial conditions of our chapters, many college men seemed to think that the fraternity's plan of finance in some mysterious manner drew dollars from the air. Others thought that simply installing the plan without any effort on the part of the chapter solved all financial problems.

The difference between the former methods and those applied to-day are, formerly, we put a ten or twenty thousand dollars a year business in the hands of an inexperienced undergraduate, as a part time job. To-day, an Alumni Board of five experienced men map out the year's financial program and see that it is carried out.

Due to what I believe is one of the greatest "mistakes" fraternities have ever made, active chapter members have been taught to look to their alumni for financial aid in almost everything they undertake. I say "mistake" because in my opinion a chapter that is not self-supporting cannot be self-respecting, is not worthy and has no right to continue.

Young men are sent to college to learn that which will enable them to provide for themselves. Are we helping them to learn this if we assist them in everything they do? Experience teaches us that two principles have been successfully carried out:

First: In the work of organized charity, people who can and will not help themselves are not helped.

Second: If you want people to work, give them something to work for.

The underlying thought in promoting the financial ideas in my fraternity is based on the two principles just mentioned.

Alumni financial support, given year after year, weakens rather than strengthens a chapter. Houses that are given to chapters or that are built with funds, fifty per cent or more of which is alumni donations, give the active man the wrong perspective. Students know that the cheques from "Dad" are given willingly, but also know that great sacrifices are often made to send them. Is the average alumnus so much different from "Dad"?

Are the donations from alumni given as willingly? From the amount of dunning necessary to secure them, one must admit that they are not. This of course does not mean that some donations do not come unsolicited, and such donations *we* accept for endowment, but not for chapter operation.

A former Chairman of this Conference told us that he hoped the time would never come that his fraternity would cease to call upon him for financial aid. I, with the rest, applauded this expression of love for his fraternity, but *now*, if my chapter should call upon me for financial aid, and did not submit with that call a sound plan for reimbursement, I would feel, and know, that my chapter needed immediate attention. This statement is not made with any feeling other than that I would be rendering the chapter a service.

I am advised that there are at least two men in this Conference each of whom have contributed one thousand dollars to their Fraternity's endowment fund. I hold that the idea is wrong unless the donations were not solicited. If donations could be equitably made as the alumni are blessed, or made unsolicited as the love of the fraternity lives in the heart of the donor, or secured from the larger percentage of the alumni, then I would be convinced that the donation plan was a success.

My understanding is that the two men just spoken of are two of five. That Fraternity's alumni number over twenty thousand. Why should a few carry such a great portion of the load?

In our public charities, business houses have been the victims of organized begging, fostered by over zealous sentimentalists. The social position of and the business relations with these beggars makes it politic to give and these donations are charged to advertising or profit and loss. Merchants have looked for relief and consequently we have tag days and community chests.

These relieve the few and distribute the burden of our public charities. Not an entirely satisfactory system yet, but an improvement.

Under the donation plan of fraternities, only a few alumni respond and it is the object of the Sigma Phi Epsilon plan to make every one carry his part of the load.

For a number of years, Sigma Phi Epsilon struggled with the various plans for raising money from alumni, many of which plans are still used by most national fraternities.

To prove that these plans for securing alumni cash are not as fair and effective as the one Sigma Phi Epsilon is now using, it will be necessary to review these various methods, noting their weaknesses and then presenting the plan I believe to be better.

Money is generally obtained from alumni by the following methods:

First: Donations.

Second: Charges or assessments.

Donations are solicited generally for about four purposes.

1. To create an endowment.
2. To pay off indebtedness incurred by active chapter.
3. To buy furniture, repair or remodel the house.
4. To build a new house.

First: To create an endowment, the object of which is about the same in all fraternities, a drive is put on:

So much a year makes one an annual member.

A certain sum makes one a contributing member.

A certain sum makes one a life member.

A certain sum puts one on the Honor Roll.

Perhaps fifteen per cent will become annual members, about five per cent will become life members, a few less will become contributing members. Who will hazard a guess as to the number that will be placed on the Honor Roll? From all the data available, it is very small. This failure to interest an appreciable number of the membership, along with the enormous cost of collection, proves to me the failure of the donation plan.

Second: To pay indebtedness incurred by an active chapter. Donations are sought to pay off indebtedness, incurred often by

inexperience, incompetency or carelessness. Alumni that were successful chapter managers and a few loyal chapter workers respond, while the ones who did little as actives, make up the seventy to ninety per cent that are not heard from, again showing weakness in the donation plan.

Third: To buy new furniture or repair and remodel a chapter house. Donations are sought when new furniture is needed, when the roof leaks, the plumbing freezes or the house needs painting, or remodeling. The same ten to twenty per cent of alumni respond, again proving the weakness of the donation plan.

Fourth: To build a new chapter house. The greatest of all donation drives is put on when a chapter desires to build its first house. Then probably a trifle larger percentage of the alumni respond, as the active chapter will "dun" a little harder, and those in charge must have some real cash to bridge the gap between the first mortgage and the completion of the building. But unless the chapter is very young, the number of donors will never pass the thirty-five per cent mark.

Charges or assessments may be divided as follows:

First: Alumni dues.

Second: Life Membership.

Third: Notes signed at time of initiation or while active.

Fourth: Stock in chapter corporation.

First: Alumni dues are assessed, for which the magazine is furnished. The average alumnus is reached through sentiment and feels that, from a magazine viewpoint, for what he gets the price is rather high. He would prefer his *American*, *Cosmopolitan*, *Geographic* or whatever his favorite magazine is, and the alumnus that sets aside an evening or an hour or so to read his Fraternity Magazine is a rare animal.

In defense of this statement, I cite one fraternity that sends its magazine without charge, and only to those who request it. I have no figures before me, but feel confident that the printer's bill for this magazine is among the smallest of all.

Because of the small percentage of alumni dues collected, I hold that the plan is weak.

Second: under charges or assessments is Life Membership. The same incentive that causes a man to pay annual dues, causes him to respond to the Life Membership call, when he is financially

able or is sufficiently dunned. Our experience in the past two years is that about three per cent have enrolled, again showing the weakness of the plan.

Third: under charges or assessments is, Notes signed at initiation or while active. Experience shows that very few of these are paid before graduation and fewer after. Most active men will sign such notes but have you ever tried collecting them?

One experienced fraternity man told me, "all they are good for is to put in the furnace to help keep the house warm"; another said, "I am using them for scratch paper."

Fourth, under charges or assessments is the share of stock in the chapter corporation. More money is collected and more alumni reached by this than any other plan of begging that fraternities indulge in. However, the overhead is enormous, not only in the time and money expended, but in loss of interest of many because of the continual demands for cash to be used for the immediate benefit of someone else.

Bright, snappy chapter letters are spoiled because of the paragraphs begging the alumni to send in their "long overdue payments," for the sake of the "Dear Old Fraternity."

Even though thousands of dollars have been secured through the donation plan, less than twenty per cent of those who enjoy the pleasures and benefits of memberships have contributed.

You ask, "How then shall we interest one hundred per cent of our membership?"

Sigma Phi Epsilon has entered its second year of a plan that we think is solving the problem. It is called the Life Membership Plan. For nine years we have been developing the Sigma Phi Epsilon Plan of Finance, and now have it to a point that we think is about perfect.

At first it was difficult to adjust it to small chapters or those not in houses, but by careful study, we have made it adaptable to any condition. Through it we have been able to interest alumni in chapter management, and secure their moral and financial support. This plan of finance developed our Life Membership Plan.

Briefly it is as follows:

Every man now pays his Life Membership Fee at the time of his initiation and is entitled to the magazine and all other general benefits for life. No annual dues are assessed after he ceases to be an active member.

All active members, August 1, 1924, when the plan went into effect, may become Life Members by the payment of a sum, three-sevenths of the amount paid by Life Member Initiates, provided it is paid while they are still active. All alumni may become Life Members by paying five-sevenths of the amount paid by the Life Member Initiate.

By this plan all initiates after July 31, 1924, will contribute their full share to all work undertaken by the fraternity. A drive to get the 6,500 alumni has already exceeded our estimates of July 31, 1926. We do not hope to get more than twenty-five per cent of the alumni of July 31, 1924 into the Life Membership class, but from that date on, all initiates are on an equal footing.

In Sigma Phi Epsilon, there is no financial honor roll. The fraternity is stressing among its members that the ideal conditions is an equal distribution of the financial burden.

It would be impossible in the time allotted to go into the Sigma Phi Epsilon Plan of Finance, but by it, chapters must carry their own financial load or cease to exist. A chapter that cannot carry its financial burden is not worthy of a charter.

In the younger and smaller chapters, it is impossible to build houses because of lack of funds. To meet this condition in all chapters that are not housed, the alumni corporations budget an item, "building fund." This amount is set aside every year. When this fund amounts to ten per cent of the equity of the property desired, the alumni are called upon to lend their credit. No donations are solicited and some have been refused. Bonds are issued in \$50 denominations. These pay three per cent interest and are sold to the active and alumni members. Upon the completion of the house, these three per cent bonds are converted into a six per cent second mortgage.

The Plan of Finance provides for all carrying charges and the retirement of mortgages and an amortization fund for rebuilding. In no instance do our chapter assessments exceed the average of the campus.

By this plan we do not have to beg for funds. We go to our alumni with a business proposition more sound than many, that we experienced business men daily risk our savings in. By placing our finances upon a business basis we have stepped out of the begging and charity-seeking class and have become a self-respecting business organization.

WHITHER ROMANCE?

THE EDITOR

Ask the collegian about the romance of campus life and he will look at you in amazement. What do you mean, romance? Romance, your grandmother! Story-book stuff! Tell it to the marines! Applesauce!

Work, that's what it is! At least eight hours a day pounding the books. And seven of the eight nothing but drudgery. Occasionally theses or examinations, and then ten hours, twelve, fourteen. And if you have been scanting the average eight, probably all night. And then compulsory chapel, the acme of inconvenience. And then the campus activities. The training for football: practice every afternoon, with blackboard talks in the evening, mechanical monotony, exertion to the limit, seriousness without parallel, tenseness relieved only by fatigue and exhaustion. Drudgery! The editing of the paper,—meticulous and unremitting labor. Managerships,—microcosms of Bradstreet. Drudgery! Add to these the self-help: waiterships, agencies, janitorships, stewardships, tutoring. Work without euphemism. Drudgery!

And yet to every boy in secondary school, looking up to college with wide and wondering eyes, it is romance. And to the greying graduate who by virtue of temperament or fortune is permitted to dream among the western slopes, it is romance. Well, who is right? Is college romantic, or isn't it? Or is it romantic only when seen from the distance? Whither romance?

I am not one to subscribe to the old doctrine that the college years are the best in one's life. They were not so with me; rather were they painful and poignant years. They are not so with many fine boys who unburden themselves to me now and then. They were not so with many of my associates who are full of the enthusiasms of professional and family life. Can you imagine Theodore Roosevelt exchanging any four years of his public career or his life in the open for the four thin and questioning years he spent at Harvard? No, the "prime-of-lifer" who is looking back longingly to his dear old college days, or for that matter the old man who finds in them his most alluring period for

retrospect, is a rather pathetic figure. Good years, certainly; but pray God, not the best.

And yet, romantic. Probably the most romantic in life. The distant look is the one to be trusted. Perspective prevails.

For romance doesn't necessarily mean happiness, or understanding, or peace. It means reaching, and imagination, and wonder. It means greatness in gesture. It means rose-lights and over-tones. It means mystery, and surprise, and burning bushes. It means blindness and ecstasy. It means courage and despair. It means beauty, and poetry, and torture. And it sometimes looks like drudgery.

That the collegian has made work of his play is one of the pranks of romance. Does the football man refer to his activity as play? Never. He says that he is "working out" for the team, and when he makes it, his friends slap him on the shoulder and say, "Good work." No broker on the exchange and no minister in the pulpit is more serious-minded than the collegian on the gridiron. It isn't play with him. Sometimes it is service; usually he doesn't know what it is; but it seldom is play. Romance has magnified and exalted it into something big and communal and sacrificial. Romance has given to sport a capital S. Football becomes something more than a game; it is consecration. The player isn't any happier perhaps; sometimes he is much more miserable. He isn't any better off perhaps; though that is for wiser than I to declare. But that he is a knight in armor, harassed and burdened though he be,—that, I submit, is perfectly plain.

I wish that I might add that he makes play of his work. If romance is good for the one, it ought to be good for the other. And in a curious sense it is. For the collegian seldom thinks of his study in terms of preparation for anything in particular; it is much too academic to be training for life; it is much too arbitrarily imposed to *be* life. And yet romance will not permit him to see it truly, and he turns it into a game. And the instructors, who are colleagues on the athletic field, now become the opponents. And a certain score, usually in the neighborhood of 60, constitutes a win. And because there is no fun in a run-away victory, the true sportsman prefers the suspense of a bare pass-mark to the dull assurance of 90. And he takes a sportsman's satisfaction in outwitting his opponent, and the sportsman's

delight in a successful bluff. And he counts it in a nature of a temporary defeat to hold a trump which he doesn't get a chance to use. But because he does not choose this game, making rather a virtue of necessity in it, he does not wholly enjoy it, and he misses entirely the deep and varied delight in scholarship. So romance, again, is not necessarily a consummation devoutly to be wished.

And yet there are constantly at work the disturbing and liberating forces of knowledge. And the collegian is asking questions, not perhaps of his teachers, but of his comrades, and of the sunset, and of himself. He will lay them aside by and by, either as answered or else as unanswerable and therefore irrelevant. But now they are everywhere about him, persistent and innumerable, like ghosts about a battlefield, and he looks out upon life through their shimmering twilights. The disquieting *if's* of philosophy, the imperious impulses of sex, the poignant appeals of beauty,—these are all in the realm of romance. There is nothing in life more adventurous than the far dizzy flights of the mind. Too precipitous they are to be pleasant; too fascinating to be denied. And so the heart of youth may be troubled, but the thought of youth continues to soar. And this is romance.

And so, in a sense, the collegian sees everything,—his play, his work and his world,—all amiss. He is living a life upside down. He may worship the false and make mock of the true. He may magnify the mole-hill and skip upon the mountains. He sees rose, and he sees red. But if his mind is muddled, still it is muddled with wine. And the wine is a vintage of youth. Its name is romance. And out of this topsy-turvy and tumultuous experience there comes, by the grace of God, not happiness perhaps, not peace, but wisdom. And unto wisdom shall be added in the ripeness of time, both happiness and peace.

So romance remains with us. Not the romance of the forward looking school-boy. Nor the romance of dreamy reminiscent age. But rather the romance of the unsuspecting and unfolding youth, potent to plague and to prove, gracious and gallant, the alchemy of sturdy and understanding manhood. Selah! So be it!

GOOD BASKETMEN

Captains at Pennsylvania, Swarthmore and Minnesota would seem to make a pretty good basis for our all Phi Sigma Kappa five. And there are plenty of candidates for the other positions. Andrews of Wisconsin is the lightest player in the Big Ten Conference. "But", *The Chicago Tribune*, goes on to say, "if size is a disadvantage, Chuck more than offsets that with his speed on the floor, his accurate passing, and his highly developed 'feel' for the basket." Another newspaper says, "Andrews has surprised all would-be critics and is now one of the big factors in Wisconsin's success." Ditman, captain-elect at St. John's, has scored 130 points for his team during the season. Makofski of Union has scored 284. The local press, in speaking of Morton's return to the floor for Georgia Tech, said, "His appearance in the game against Georgia might be the very factor that will be the upset of the Bulldogs." Perhaps Phi Sigma Kappa has made its most conspicuous contribution at Massachusetts Aggie. The team has enjoyed a very successful, almost spectacular, season, and three of the five regulars were Phi Sigs. One of them made the all New England team last year and a second received special mention. The third is a sophomore and is playing his first season this year. The teams are selected as follows:

THE FIRST TEAM

right forward	Andrews	Wisconsin
left forward	Rasey	Minnesota
center	Jones	Mass Aggie
right guard	Evans	Swarthmore
left guard	Davenport	Pennsylvania

THE SECOND TEAM

right forward	Partenheimer	Mass Aggie
left forward	Makofski	Union
center	Morton	Georgia Tech
right guard	Ditman	St. John's
left guard	Congdon	St. Lawrence

GREEKLETS

Kappa Sigma is now the largest fraternity, with ninety-six chapters.—*The Magazine of Sigma Chi*.

Of the sixty-three men and women who have been deemed worthy of a place in the Hall of Fame for Great Americans, twenty-eight, or 44%, were members of Phi Beta Kappa.—*Phi Beta Kappa Key*.

I am frequently appalled at the lack of courtesy and responsibility shown generally by the Brothers of the Fraternity.—*Garnet and White (A X P)*.

In most colleges the fraternity dinner table offers one of the few, perhaps the only, opportunity for vigorous mental stimulation that comes with the discussion of significant matters.—*The Rattle of Theta Chi*.

When a seventeen-year-old stenographer writes "assination" for "assassination" we feel that the trend of youthful thought is a bit too advanced.—*The Delta Kappa Epsilon Quarterly*.

The work of Bacchus this year has brought him praise from sport writers and coaches throughout the middle west.—*Beta Theta Pi*. (Upon further investigation Bacchus proves to be a football player.—*Ed.*)

We will never find out what prohibition is doing either for or to the colleges by interviewing and sending questionnaires to college presidents.—*Chi Phi Chakett*.

Beta chapter has offered a loving cup to the member of the chapter who visits the greatest number of other chapters in the fraternity during the present academic year.—*The Phi Gamma Delta*.

It is necessary that each chapter own its lodge.—*The Delta (Σ N)*.

In many instances, after leaving college, young men spend some years in "having a good time" because it is the first period in their lives when they have had the handling of as much money as their salary amounts to.—*The Sigma Chi Quarterly*.

Every year more men and women come out of prison in the United States than graduate from all our colleges and universities.—*Banta's Greek Exchange*.

The results of the Phi Gamma Delta Vocational Bureau, which is operated as one of the regular activities of the fraternity, have been amazing.—*The Tomahawk (A Σ Φ)*.

Two or three men, if allowed to run loose, can upset a whole fraternity house and wreck its reputation.—*The Sigma Phi Sigma Monad*.

THE BOOKSHELF

COLLEGE ATHLETICS. *By Charles W. Kennedy. Princeton University Press. \$1.25.*

Mr. Kennedy is chairman of the faculty committee on athletics at Princeton, and in this little book has written sanely and sympathetically on the present trend in sport. Much of the material will be familiar to college readers. In Chapter 4, however, he elaborates the likeness between incollegiate sport and war. "The nature of the game itself, the boards of strategy that direct it, the hundred and one camp-followers that attend it, the scouts who keep watch upon the foe, the non-combatants who organize themselves with frantic devotion (even more frantic being non-combatant) for such service as may be performed behind the lines, the staff of war correspondents on the line of battle, calling the great ones by their first names (even when they have them wrong) and spreading on their breakfast tables the latest news of Such-a-one's ineligibility or So-and-so's intimate bruises—in every phase the analogy to war holds true." And Mr. Kennedy concludes "what we need to do is to disarm." He continues, "How to bring about disarmament—that is the crucial question." And that question, unfortunately, he does not seem prepared to answer. He speaks of "less of repression and more of intelligent and sympathetic guidance" on the part of the college authorities, and "coöperative effort" on the part of the athletic leaders, and thus leaves this interesting matter rather vaguely in the air.

ETIQUETTE AT COLLEGE. *By Nellie Ballou. Handy Book Corporation, Harrisburg, Penn.*

350 pages devoted to manners might seem a little formidable to some of us, but this book is more than manners. It tells you what to eat on a bacon bat, how to try out for a play, how to pick a fraternity. It takes you off the campus, into stores, hotels and theatres. It tells you how to referee a game. It is precipitously up-to-date; it tells you what to wear on a flying trip. It tells you that "debaters should take a great deal of physical exercise in the open air and should have plenty of relaxation and fun during the training period." Sometimes it stumbles on wisdom: "There is no answer to silence." All in all an excellent book for fraternity house lounging rooms, and a perfect gift for a sub-freshman daughter.

BETWEEN OURSELVES

A GAIN it is our pleasant duty to take this opportunity to express our gratitude for the many words of compliment and encouragement which brothers appended to their applications for **THE SIGNET** for the coming year, even when the praise was judiciously qualified as in a reference to the current issue "which is as good as the September issue was terrible." Will you not, as occasion presents itself, remind other brothers that they may have **THE SIGNET** for the annual asking and give them our address? And if you happen to meet a brother from Chicago who complains that his application has been unheeded, tell him that his application was received in good season but is unfortunately incomplete, lacking the gentleman's name and street address. And if, on the other hand, you meet a brother who tells you that he is getting **THE SIGNET** without having applied for it, just tell him, for us, that he is getting it through the courtesy of some friend who sent in his address for him. No addresses have been held over from other years.

MR. M. C. HOLLIS, a member of the Oxford debating team which recently toured this country, writing in *The Outlook* for December 30, has this to say about the fraternity: "It is just the wrong size; that is the fraternity's great vice. It is too small to be a permanent and enduring society, too large to be a body of boon companions." There is just enough truth in this to challenge discussion. We should say that the test of the size of a chapter is the dining hall. If the whole chapter can, and do, meet in a common dining hall three times a day, the test is met and fraternalism is insured.

IN the death of Emmet D. Boyle, Phi Sigma Kappa loses one of her most distinguished sons. A reading of the very brief account of his life which appears on another page will be sufficient to indicate a man of great ability and personal charm. A man who superintends 2,000 men before he is twenty and becomes governor of his state at thirty-five is obviously an exceptional personality. The newspaper from which we took the data of his

death contained nineteen signed tributes by his contemporaries including the governor and both senators of Nevada. *The State Journal*, which he had owned, said editorially, "We feel that now there can be no adequate expression but that grief whose language is a sob, whose picture is a tear." Would it be in order to call attention to the fact that this eminent brother was as an undergraduate sufficiently interested in his studies to attain the distinction of Phi Beta Kappa?

WARNING! Cornell alumni and others concerned are cautioned not to send mail to the Gamma house unless registered or otherwise insured. The February chapter publication declares that the Editor of *THE SIGNET* "has not, to our knowledge, within the last two years, requested any information directly from the chapter." In view of the fact that the Editor has sent six such requests, not one of which has been returned as undeliverable, it would seem obvious that Gamma's mail is being tampered with by malicious or irresponsible parties. Or perhaps the postman dropped them?

MR. PHILLIPS' plan for financing a fraternity, as presented elsewhere in this issue, has a sound business basis. Its success would seem to depend upon its being accepted in a business way. Of course fraternity bonds are seldom marketable, and this leaves the purchaser almost wholly at the mercy of the organization. If the organization drifts into letting the interest wait upon convenience and the principal lapse into grateful memory, he can never collect in the world. It would seem that the birthday plan presupposes a wholesale education in fraternity business ethics.

THE chapters should be cautioned against instructing their delegates to convention too rigidly, particularly in the matter of charter grants. It frequently happens that there comes to light in the floor discussion new and important evidence, greatly affecting the question. Elect delegates whose judgment you trust, let them know the sentiment in the chapter, but in the convention let them vote as they wish.

WE think that our proudest Phi Sigma Kappa Day was the day of the Amherst Pilgrimage. It wasn't that the Fraternity had successfully weathered fifty somewhat stormy years. It wasn't that we had grown in numbers and wealth to a very substantial maturity. It was rather that at this conclave, a mingling of all ages and all sections, there seemed to be a new spirit, a new sense of privilege and of obligation, a new tenderness towards our gracious Brotherhood. And the banquet, to which men came with their wives and daughters and sisters, and at which we sang with ringing voices and presented beautiful loving cups to our surviving Founders, marked for us a step onward and upward into a bigger and better era. There was a peculiar inspiration, too, in the presence of Doctor Root, that incomparable brother, who had lovingly collected dollar gifts from nearly two thousand Phi Sigma Kappa men and had placed, almost with his own hands, that memorial marker into the wall of North College. The Fraternity took on personality that day. And it was a proud day for Phi Sigma Kappa.

FOSTER REPORTS THE BROWN BANQUET

Brother Cedric W. Foster, once of Dartmouth but for some years now Brother-at-Large, newspaper man of parts (by which we mean all parts), but at present associated with *The Providence Journal*, attended the initiation banquet at Brown and wrote to us at some length concerning the same. His letter was not at all for publication, but because it expresses so excellently a fraternal mood, we are taking the liberty of printing it just as it stands. Undergraduate editors are particularly invited to read it.

"I would like to take this opportunity to express the deep appreciation I felt in being so cordially received by the brothers of Upsilon chapter at their recent initiation banquet held at the Biltmore in this city and the privilege it was for me to write the story in the *Providence Journal*. It is the first time that I have written in my profession about Phi Sigma Kappa.

I would also like to express the pleasure I received in meeting Brother Ralph Watts. The tributes paid him by Dr. Root were indeed remarkable and knowing Dr. Root as I do, I know that he

does not speak promiscuously. Brother Watts, in addition to being a real executive, is a charming man to meet. That counts for a whole lot, too, in this life of ours.

The banquet at the Biltmore was the first function of Phi Sigma Kappa that I have attended in more than a year. Did it do my heart good? I should say it did.

I wonder if you could guess of what I was thinking at that banquet? Well, my thoughts were wandering hither and thither, all over the country. I was thinking of the house in Berkeley with the century plant and palm trees in the front yard, the meetings in the living room with the shades drawn and the sliding door "slid to." I was thinking of Burl Howell, Frank Champion, Johnny Otterson, all of whom did so much to bring Omega fame.

My thoughts wandered back east again to the chapter house at 114th street in New York; the enjoyable games of bridge I had played there with Brother Minor and others.

I thought also of riding down University Avenue in Minneapolis and spying Brother Dick Gratz of Dartmouth sitting on the front porch at the house at the University of Minnesota pretending to study. (Does anyone claim to have studied at a summer school?) I thought of the nights I had spent at that house and how one morning I awoke and found two flat tires from nails in the Phi Sig back yard at Minnesota.

Palm Drive at Stanford—how I used to walk from Palo Alto at 3:30 A. M., to the house while working with the Associated Press in San Francisco! The boys from that house and those from Salt Lake especially, coming to my mind!

The initiation banquet at Georgia Tech at the Georgian Terrace Hotel came back to my mind. The stirring speech made at that banquet by Brother Zimmerman of George Washington was not forgotten.

As Dr. Root spoke at the Biltmore and said that Phi Sigma Kappa was a big organization, I truly realized it as back to me came the memory of plodding across a rain-soaked, muddy campus in Corvallis, Ore., the murky, wind-driven and cloudy sky in late November and the tiny, comfortable house at Oregon Aggies, with its open fire and boys crowded around discussing California's victory over Washington State.

Missoula, on a hot summer's day, lying scorching in the heat in the pit of the valley with mountains surrounding it, snow-

capped mountains sometimes, was recalled to my mind. Missoula, that garden spot of Montana, and I might add that one could travel many miles before finding its equal. Boys sprawled on beds in the house, July 4th, 1924, came to my mind. And they were just as much Phi Sigma Kappa men, and just as loyal Phi Sigma Kappa men, as those surrounding me in the Biltmore Hotel in Providence, R. I.

I could go on forever, it seems, with these memories. Phi Sigma Kappa, and what it means to me, will never be realized except by myself. I have seen a lot it means in every section of the United States. I have seen it at Yale, Dartmouth, Georgia Tech, Stanford, Virginia—and many others.

Dartmouth, and my initiation night with Brother Frank Sheehy, was recalled. Waxing the floors on my hands and knees for Junior prom, with Elmer Harper superintending the job, came to me in a flood of memories, suffused, however, with bits from here and there in other chapters. Tearing up across the crest of the Blue Ridge a few years back, with five Phi Sigs from Virginia in the car, was remembered.

I've spent considerable money on these trips; some claim that I've wasted valuable years when I should have been working. But, do you think that were these memories to be torn from me, obliterated, wiped out, and in their place have me now an editor of a paper, a "star" reporter, that I would consent. Money cannot buy them; work from now on cannot bring them to me. I have them and they're mine. And you may certainly rely upon the fact that they are treasures.

God bless Phi Sigma Kappa! God keep her true and clean; God maintain that spirit of fellowship, that open hand of welcome, so dear in my memory. God grant her a long and honorable existence, an existence in the future that will keep up her standards of the past."

THE SECRETARY'S PAGE

R. J. W.

Does your Chapter President memorize the initiatory ritual in its entirety? To be sure this is quite a task although not an impossible achievement. The text is not so long as that which the highest officer in other secret lodges is required to learn. And what about the relative impressiveness of the presentation of this significant ceremony, when the President recites the ritual from memory, squarely meeting the eye of the initiate, and when he reads it perhaps indistinctly from the book? Try it once, you leaders who wish to establish a new and helpful custom; the new delegation will appreciate it and your successors will hardly disregard the tradition.

What examination on the history, ideals, and ritual of the Fraternity does your Chapter require of its initiates? One of the more recently established Chapters has a system of written tests which every candidate must pass successfully before he is admitted. Your Chapter constitution requires that every candidate shall learn the Preamble to the Constitution, the ritual for the opening and closing of chapter meetings, and the final obligation of the third degree.

How lenient does the public opinion of your Chapter require that you be in dealing with members who are delinquent in their financial obligations? Although inconsistent with the spirit of the Order, there are frequently one or two men in a house who neglect their fraternity bills, show no sense of business responsibility, and fail entirely to appreciate the desirability of their organization maintaining a good credit standing in commercial circles; some even graduate without paying their last year's board bill. Usually such situations must be dealt with firmly and a system established which will make it impossible for an individual to accumulate any large indebtedness. A loyal Brother will pay his fraternity dues and house charges promptly. If he is short of funds, certainly he will not invest heavily in social activities until his fraternity bills are paid. The aggregate of bills due from departed members would in many cases, if they could be collected, represent a substantial beginning on a house sinking fund, or a welcome reduction of the mortgage.

Do you still paddle the freshmen? If so what permanent improvement does this practice insure?

THE ST. LAWRENCE—MINNESOTA SEXTET

When it comes to hockey, we find an interesting two chapter combination which would probably prove as formidable a team as any we could get by a more varied assembling. For it seems that St. Lawrence and Minnesota have a whole outfit of varsity players between them, with one regular left over for substitute. Observe.

left defense	Finch	St. Lawrence
right defense	Thompson	Minnesota
center	Lindgren	Minnesota
left wing	Flaaten	Minnesota
right wing	McCarthy	St. Lawrence
goal	Schwartz	St. Lawrence
substitute	Wilcken	Minnesota

DEBATERS

There isn't any sense in trying to make selections among debaters without having heard them or knowing anything about their teams, but some selection must be made, and we have done it with our usual bravado.

THE WESTERN (?) TEAM

Forest Whan	Kansas State
Edwin A. Martini	Iowa State
Robert W. McLaughlin	Ohio

THE EASTERN TEAM

Kenneth W. Greenawalt	Cornell
Milton Cooke	St. Lawrence
Alexander D. MacDougal	Swarthmore

THE NEW YORK DINNER

13 March 1926

FREDERICK GRISWOLD, JR.

“Why is a Banquet? In *Phi Sigma Kappa—A History*, by Rand, we find Big Chief Barrett reporting to the 1908 Convention as follows: ‘It is probably well known to you all that the principal excuse for the existence of the New York Club is the production of an annual dinner on or about the date of the founding of the Fraternity, the same being held in New York City with a hearty welcome extended to all brothers regardless of age or previous condition of servitude who can be induced to attend.’

‘Why is a Banquet? Because we have good fellowship, good eats, and good speeches and in order not to wear out the good fellowship my speech is short—just six words:

‘Worthy Brothers, I bid you welcome!’ ”

With these words “Cy” Young, I ’11, retiring President of the New York Club, opened the Founder’s Day Banquet celebrating the fifty-third anniversary of Phi Sigma Kappa. As he rose to speak forty odd Iota brothers interrupted with a long Stevens yell and with an applause that was taken up enthusiastically by the hundred and fifty brothers of Phi Sigma Kappa who had gathered from all parts of the country to make this one of the most impressive as well as enjoyable functions commemorating the vision, self-sacrifice, and sterling qualities of those inspired pioneers who blazed the trail that we now follow.

That all enjoyed themselves goes without saying. Gone is the time when Founder’s Day was the signal for a Bacchanalian orgy. Thanks or no thanks to Mr. Volstead and the earnest admonitions of some of our worthy brothers! But, looking over the assemblage that evening, your reporter was reminded of the story our illustrious brother, Senator Neeley, tells. It seems that in sounding the sentiments of his state he approached one of his old constituents with the question:

“Sam, what do you think of prohibition?”

“Well, suh,” answered Sam, after a moment’s reflection. “it’s better than no booze at all.”

The evening opened propitiously as the clans began to gather at seven o’clock on the evening of the thirteenth day of March in

the Green Room of the Hotel McAlpin. It was a reunion in the truest sense of the term, young and old, undergraduate and alumnus, some meeting for the first time and some for the hundred and first time. But the most impressive was the meeting of the gray and the bald heads, renewing the clasp of the hand of fellowship after a lapse sometimes of a score or more of years. W. H. Hackett, E '93, was there and E. M. Atkin, E '99; Matty and Bill Elgas and Al Rich of Zeta, Goodfellow, B '94 and Sanford, B '96. Lambda was represented by a strong delegation, fourteen in all, including W. T. Davis, '01, a charter member of the chapter, Don McLean, '06, and T. V. Sullivan, '00, vice-president of the Fraternity in 1902. Tommy Sullivan came all the way from Cincinnati.

Taking our cue from Brother Lawrence and avoiding a too close adherence to statistics, it is nevertheless of interest to record the approximate number of some other chapter groups in attendance:

Columbia	24	M. I. T.	12
C. C. N. Y.	14	Yale	7
Lehigh	15	Worcester Tech ...	5
Union	10		

Almost every chapter was represented.

While we were enjoying the Breast of Partridge, which some sceptic at the speakers' table thought he recognized as Philadelphia capon, Brother Ernie Golden, BA '16, and his orchestra filed in and took their places on the stage and commenced the lively music for which they are famous among our radio fans. Shortly before nine o'clock, the time listed in the radio columns of the newspapers for the broadcasting of "A Fraternity Party," what purported to be a microphone was placed on the speakers' table. For half an hour mechanics connected and disconnected wires and tried to get sparks and hear signals. We were then advised that broadcasting by remote control had flivvered somewhere between the Green Room and the studio of WMCA. The disappointment resulting from this failure was probably most keenly felt by those absent brothers in distant parts who had head phones adjusted or loud speakers set up to listen in on the merriment. Just as "Mike's" demise was officially confirmed, the following telegram was received from the wilds of Jersey:

“Frank W. Young, Hotel McAlpin, New York City—
Program coming in fine. Your voice carries without a
stutter. Congratulations. Absentees wish they were
present.

(Signed) RADIO FANS.”

Goldie wound up his part of the entertainment in a dialogue with one whom he introduced as Al Herrmann, America's foremost black-face comedian. As the applause died down the toastmaster set in motion the program of the evening. Brother Young first proposed a toast to the Founders of our great fraternity. “May I ask you to stand and drink a toast to Phi Sigma Kappa and her six founders, Brothers Brooks and Campbell, who are still with us, and those illustrious ones, who have passed on to that eternal fraternity beyond the grave.”

Horace R. Barnes, M '11, was the first speaker introduced. His subject was “Fundamentals of Phi Sigma Kappa.” He spoke of the regional conclaves and duties as regional vice-president and his visits as such to the different chapters in the conclave. Barnes evidently recognizes the seriousness of his undertaking and its dangers as well. He referred quite feelingly to a certain perilous expedition to a wild and barbarous country which aroused the ire of Harris Skinner and caused Iota at the close of his talk to extend to him a cordial invitation to visit Hoboken, U. S. A. Brother Barnes gave us his views in a very interesting manner of the future usefulness of the conclaves in the growth and well-being of the Fraternity, suggested the helpfulness of the alumni clubs in the scheme, promoting fraternal affairs and fostering the spirit of Phi Sigma Kappa. It was an inspiring speech, aptly fitted to the occasion.

We were deeply disappointed in not having Col. Enoch B. Garey, H '03, with us. Unfortunately Col. Garey was taken ill and ordered to a hospital two days before the banquet. Regrets and best wishes for a speedy return to health were telegraphed to Annapolis.

Fortune favored us, however, in the person of Senator M. Mansfield Neeley, Δ '01, “Not *Senator* if you please, just *Neeley* to all of you.” The toastmaster introduced him as the only Democrat ever elected from that strong Republican state of West Virginia. He began in a humorous vein, assuring us that nothing but an invitation from Phi Sigma Kappa would ever have induced

him to darken the portals of New York City again. We gathered that Senator Neeley had not very happy recollections of that memorable Democratic convention in Madison Square Garden in 1924. After entertaining us with witty remarks for fifteen or twenty minutes he swung into the serious part of his talk, which was in commemoration of the founders—the “builders” as he called them. He extolled the great service they rendered, pointing out that it was only when self is forgotten in the service of one’s fellows that true reward is found.

Ted Lauder can always be relied upon to contribute to the gaiety of the evening. He was good. Next a “red hot mamma” in a Spanish costume with a French accent sang about an amorous Marine. She brought down the house. Last came Ray Perkins of radio fame.

When the entertainers had withdrawn, our retiring President, Brother Young, handed over his gavel to the incoming President, Brother Harold C. Rockett, N ’21, with a few appropriate remarks. Rockett outlined his plans for the coming year. And let me tell you they’re good ones. We are not going to publish them here—space would not permit, but Rockett’s record as chairman of the Entertainment Committee guarantees the successful carrying out of his program. If you want to learn the plans join the club and find out. So much for the advertising. Now we will go back to the dinner.

Rockett called on several prominent speakers for a few words. Brother Lawrence of Chi was first. If you hadn’t heard Rockett call his name you never would have recognized him. He talked about colored horses and colored men, but nary a word about statistics.

The perennial Dr. Cutter next appeared. Who would miss the chance of hearing Cutter and listening to his quaint philosophy? He is one of our few links with the past. It’s a pity more of the old timers do not show themselves more often. We need them. They are to the fraternity what the ivy-covered walls and quadrangles of Oxford are to her graduates.

The gathering broke up at midnight, disintegrating into little groups, ever shifting as greetings were exchanged and gradually melting as the brothers started on their homeward ways.

CHAPTERETTES

Oregon Aggie has a new Phi Sigma Kappa sweetheart song, composed by Estell Rorick.

The Brown chapter reports initiating thirteen men, the second largest delegation on the campus.

St. Lawrence has recently introduced the plan of chapter suppers on meeting night.

Brother R. C. Ship has written six songs which are being used this winter in the Stevens Variety Show, entitled *The Grey Heir*.

With the help of alumni and their wives Pennsylvania has purchased new furniture for the house. Apparently the steward's department also had a share in the replacements.

John McClernan, captain of the Penn State boxing team, is reported as intercollegiate champion in the 135 pound class. He has never lost a bout in his three years of college boxing.

Cornell reports that the first Wednesday of the month faculty men are invited in for supper.

Swarthmore, with Thompson, Shoemaker and Stabler on the swimming team, would seem to be sufficiently aquatic for every emergency.

The chapter at Oregon Aggie ran away with the interfraternity swimming meet this winter with 26 points as against 12 for its nearest competitor. Smith was the high point individual with over 10 points to his credit.

George Washington reports that her excellent scholastic average for last term, 82.78, has been raised to 84.11. Six of the men are above 90; all the rest but four above 80. It seems good to find a chapter genuinely proud of high marks.

The Union cross country team (Brothers Waterman, Bushel, Benedict and Herrold) has won the interfraternity loving cup in that event.

The Lehigh Chapter reports exchange dinners with two other fraternities, Chi Psi and Sigma Nu.

On December 12 the Worcester chapter, together with alumni, went out on a wood-chopping bee, the results of which have since been carefully packed away at 11 Dean Street.

THE PRESIDENT GOES WEST

After having taken a look at New England last fall, and been taken to the Big Chief's birthplace by Brother Harwood, A '75, and Dr. Root and called upon Founder Brooks at the place of foundation, and visited most of the chapters en route, Brother Burrows has now swung off in the opposite direction and visited the Pacific Coast. The presidential car was attached to various fast continental trains and laid off at nine college towns and six club cities. Brother Burrows inspected chapters at Montana, Washington, Oregon Aggie, California, Nevada and Stanford. He stimulated alumni at Spokane, Seattle, Tacoma, Portland, San Francisco and Los Angeles. He visited local fraternities at Washington State, Oregon, and Southern California.

WRESTLING

We have some good wrestlers in the Order, but a general lack of knowledge of weights would seem to inhibit making a team of them. There is Rogers of Stanford, for three years university champion in the welter weights. And La Platney, Smith and Davis of St. Lawrence. And Liggett, captain of the Penn State team, and intercollegiate champion in the 135 class. And Williamson of Lehigh, who has featured in all the meets this winter. And Hackett of Williams, who wrestled against Columbia and then broke an essential bone. And Gibson of Minnesota, details unknown.

CLASS PRESIDENTS

William B. Robertson, 1929, Massachusetts Agricultural College.

Douglas Ford, 1929, Nevada.

George Francis Clover, 1928, George Washington.

F. Lester Smith, 1927, St. John's.

Ranny Jones, 1927, Worcester.

THE CHAPTER INVISIBLE

A. J. HOTTINGER, N '24

Brother Hottinger died in Buffalo, N. Y., on February 13 of pneumonia.

HAROLD M. ERNST, Δ '07

Among those to lose their lives in the Horning Mine disaster of February 3 was Brother Ernst, general superintendent of the Pittsburgh Terminal Coal Corporation and a prominent mining engineer. Brother Stone writes that Brother Ernst had "heroically led a rescue party in the Horning Mine explosion." His body was recovered with thirteen others eleven days later. Brother Ernst was born in Thompson, Ohio. He received his college training at West Virginia, from which he received the degrees A.B.; B.S.; C.E. Later, while in the employment of the Pond Creek Coal Company he "broke all records in cost and tonnage for the company." He was one of the organizers of the miners' eight hour day plan. In college he was a football player, and his picture in football togs appeared in the *Pittsburgh Gazette Times* of February 5. He is survived by his widow.

J. D. CHRISTIAN, ≡ '21

Brother Christian was killed in December, while flying with the Marine Corps at San Diego. The Baltimore papers contained his picture and lengthy accounts of the accident which, however, we have not yet seen.

EMMET D. BOYLE, HA '99

Brother Emmet Derby Boyle, former governor of Nevada, died in hospital in Reno on January 3 after having suffered a heart attack. At the end he died in his sleep. Although only 46 years old he had enjoyed a brilliant and varied career and was at the time of his death the most distinguished citizen of Nevada. He was graduated from the University of Nevada, with Phi Beta Kappa standing, at the age of twenty. He immediately took up his work as a civil engineer, and before he was twenty-one he was made superintendent of all underground workings of a great mining company, and had 2,000 men working under his charge. In 1909 he was appointed state engineer. In 1913 he became a state tax commissioner. In 1914 he was elected governor of the state and held this office for two terms of five years each. Before his retirement as governor he purchased a daily newspaper, *The Nevada State Journal*. At the time of his death he was general manager of the Mason Valley Mines Company.

FREDERICK D. COFFEEN, $\theta\Delta$ '24

Brother Coffeen died in Portland, Ore., January 20, from injuries and poor health received in the war. Since leaving school he had been municipal judge for Newport, Ore.

CHARLES M. McQUEEN, A '77

Brother McQueen died in hospital, Springfield, Mass., March 7. His home was in Longmeadow. He is survived by a widow, a son, and a grandson.

DR. THOMAS BUCK HINE, Ω '10

The following is taken from *The Los Angeles Times* of February 9.

"Chicago, Feb. 9.—Dr. Thomas Buck Hine, nationally known chemist and inventor of the aerial smoke screen method of hiding troops and ship movements during the World War, is dead of pneumonia at his home in Western Springs, a suburb. He was thirty-eight years of age."

DWIGHT A. SPONGBERG, EA '22

DR. JOHN A. GRIER, Δ '92

AN INTERFRATERNITY SING

In connection with its annual home-coming day the Massachusetts Agricultural College this year instituted an interfraternity singing contest. Most of the fraternities took part, each singing a college song and a fraternity song. The judgment was made upon performance and not upon songs. A trophy was awarded. This year it was won by Phi Sigma Kappa, led by Neil Robinson, and singing *Phi Sigma Kappa Fair*.

THE CHAPTER HYMENEAL

PLEDGES

Trelford S. Miller, Γ '24, and Miriam Worthers of Manchester, Vt.

John Bullard, Γ '22, and Pearl Ruby of Des Moines.

Paul Case, ΘΔ '25, and Mary Washburn, of Corvallis, Ore.

H. N. Washburn, ΘΔ '25 and Ethelyn Urann of Dorchester, Mass.

A. R. Jones, ΙΔ, and Ruth Cress of Clements, Kans.

K. K. Vanderbelt, ΙΔ, and Helen Mullarky of Glasgow, Kans.

INITIATES

J. J. McEvelly, Β '22, and Mildred Jane Magill, November 28, Maitland, Ontario.

Dr. Everett Laws Smith, Η '16, and Mary Florrien McGee, February 6, Raleigh, N. C.

Lawrence N. Hale, Α '26, and Netta Dawson, January 15, La Porte, Ind.

Charles L. Wiley, Θ '25, and Nettie Elizabeth Lokey, December 26, Irvington, Va.

Louis R. Mann, Θ '17, and Dorothy M. Price, May 30, Cobleskill, N. Y.

Henry A. Rohner, ΙΙ '22, and Clara Jane Bower, September 16, Lancaster, Pa.

Robert Van Pelt, ΣΔ, and Mildred Ruth Carter, June 17, Fullerton, Neb.

Raymond Anthony, Χ '23, and Virginia Frances Ballard, January 6, New York City.

Albert W. Bianchi, Χ '22, and Gladys Wilckes, December 11, New York.

Hosmer P. Redfield, Χ '24, and Elinor Knothe, September 26.

Paul Ray, Γ '25, and Marjorie Russ, December.

William Butts, Γ, and Frances Laubach, December 12, Easton Pa.

L. E. Bronson, Γ '26, and Abby Cobb, September 26, New York City.

Thomas Telfer, Γ '23, and Emily Proctor Eggleston, February 6, Concord, Calif.

Victor Trask, ΘΔ '25, and Carrie Reed, Pasadena, Calif.

Gilbert Conner, ΘΔ and Sarah Ann Peacock, September.

Arthur Albert, ΘΔ '23, and Irene Shelton.

Albert D. L. Mueller, ΙΔ '24, and Katherine Osborne, February 1.

Pheland Shepherd, ΟΔ, and Linnie Shepherd.

Willard Prior, Β '22, and Alice Stiles, December 28, New London, Conn.

BLESSED IN BOND

- George Gray, Jr., N '24, February 5—Helen Margaret.
 Robert C. Whitford, Z '12—"a pair of daughters."
 Andrew T. Hass, Ω '19—Emily Jean.
 C. W. Leiby, K '20 July 18—Betty Jane.
 Robert P. Armstrong, A '10, October 8—Shirley Warthea.
 Winthrop E. Marge, Γ '22 February—son.
 Lee T. Sims, ΘΔ '25, February 5—Barbara Lee.
 Addison Lewis, ΒΔ '12, January—"fourth daughter."
 Edgar M. Allen, ΒΔ '11, January 18—Charles Douglas.
 E. E. Gilbert, ΙΔ,—Vincent E.
 Dr. A. B. Moore, ΟΔ,—son.

THE CHAPTER AUTHORIAL

- by Karl W. H. Scholz, M '09, in collaboration with E. S. Mead, a book, *Rudiments of Business Finance*, published by D. Appleton & Co.
- by Rev. Arthur N. Bean, D.D., PΔ, the editing of *The Lutheran Messenger*, a thirty-two page magazine, published quarterly in the interest of the First English Lutheran Church, with headquarter in Paterson, N. J.
- by Dr. Homer P. Little, X '06, an article, *Erosional Cycles in the Front Range of Colorado and their Correlation*, in *The Bulletin of the Geological Society of America* for September.
- by Norman S. Meese, Λ '17, a series of articles in *Wood Pulp News* telling of the pulp and paper industry in various countries, together with similar articles in *Commerce Reports* and *The Paper Mill*.
- by A. W. Morrill, A '00, an article entitled *Commercial Entomology on the West Coast of Mexico*, in *The Journal of Economic Entomology* for October.
 an article, *Giving the Bugs a Taste of Aerial War*, in *The Los Angeles Sunday Times* for February 28.
- by Dr. F. L. Schumacher, M '04 (in collaboration), an article *Association of Diabetes Insipidus with Osteitis Fibrosa Polystica* in *American Journal of Medical Sciences*, January.

THE ALUMNI CLUBS

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CHARTERED CLUBS

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Pittsburgh—Secretary, Raymond G. Lafean, M '19, 4411 Schenley Farms Terrace. Luncheon 1st Wednesday of month, 7 P. M., Fort Pitt Hotel.

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Northern Ohio—

San Francisco—Secretary, Robert R. Porter, NA '22 647 7th Ave. Luncheon 2d and 4th Wednesday of the month, noon, Commercial Club.

Milwaukee—

Washington—

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Portland (Ore.)—Secretary, Herbert Johnson, OA '25, Pacific Telephone Co.

Charleston—Secretary, Arthur G. Stone, Δ '18, 1538 Lee St. Luncheon last Friday of month, 12:30, Chamber of Commerce.

Birmingham, (Ala.)—Secretary, P. C. O'Shee, KA '25, 906 S. 11th St. Luncheon first Tuesday of month, 7:30 P. M., Redmont Hotel.

Eta Club of Washington—Secretary, G. Allen Wick, H '23, Rosslyn Steel & Cement Co. Luncheon first Tuesday of month, 6:30 P. M., Southern Club, Mass. Ave.

The Philadelphia alumni believe that it is not good for men to club alone. They are therefore considering the idea of a woman's auxiliary, and the women are meeting every two weeks for bridge. Incidentally the first mixed bridge party had an attendance of 84.

The Eta Alumni Club of Washington celebrated the chapter's twenty-ninth birthday on January 8th with a dinner. The programs were particularly pleasing; perhaps Edgar Russell will tell you about them if you ask him.

The Pittsburgh Club met for dinner January 18th at the University Club. Brother Barnes was guest of honor and Brother Milholland presided.

The New York Club reports the election of Harold C. Rockett, N '21, as president and Frederick Griswold, Z '21, as secretary. Other officers are Brothers Minor, Clothier, Doughty, Ropes, Marchmont, Kelly, Phelps, Gillie, Young, and Hartford.

The Chicago Club held its annual banquet March 13 at the University Club, with fifty guests, among whom were President Burrows and Vice-president Ruedi.

PHI SIGS AFIELD

HELP WITH BIG BANQUET

On February 11, at the Drake, Chicago, the Interfraternity Association banqueted to the number of nearly 2,000 men, the largest number, it is said, ever to attend a fraternity supper. Three Phi Sigma Kappa assisted on committees, as follows: Charles F. Ruedi, Advisory Director; Harold L. Flodin, Reception Committee; and Paul Peik, Distribution Committee.

HEAD COACH AT HARVARD

In a *New York Times* photogravure section under recent date there appeared a picture entitled: "Spring training starts in the snow at Harvard: head coach Eddy Farrell." Brother Farrell is a graduate from Brown.

CHAIRMAN OF CONVENTION COMMITTEE

Brother E. Raymond Baublitz of Gettysburg has been chosen chairman of a committee which will undertake arrangements for the international convention of Lutheran students to be held during the Christmas holidays, 1926, at Madison, Wisc. In this connection his picture appeared in *The Big Inkwell* of October.

DIDN'T BELIEVE IN BAYONETS

In *The Recollections of Thomas R. Marshall* there is the following little reference to our late Brother Martin of Virginia:

The chairman of the Committee on Appropriations was that great Democrat, Thomas S. Martin, of Virginia. I met no more interesting or unusual character in Washington than he. When the war came on, it was quite amusing to hear him talk about the utter waste of money in which the Government of the United States was indulging, in purchasing bayonets. He said that he had been a cadet in the Virginia Military Institute and had spent some time in the military service of the Confederate States with the battalion of cadets from that institute. He said that it was utter folly to talk about men ever running bayonets into each other; that he knew what he was talking about; that his battalion would fix bayonets and the Union soldiers would fix bayonets, then the order to charge would be given, and they would rush at each other with bayonets outstretched, until they came within about ten feet of each other; then they would stop. He refused to believe any of the stories that were told about bayoneting in the trenches of France, and he went to his death in the firm conviction that nothing of that kind ever occurred."

SUPERIOR COURT JUDGE

Brother James B. Kinne, 1903, has been recently inducted into office as a judge of the King County Superior Court which sits

in Seattle. The appointment was made by Governor Hartley. The *Seattle Daily Times* printed his picture being congratulated by Judge Robert M. Jones who gave him the oath of office.

FOUND THEM GETTING SHORTER IN EUROPE

Dr. Walter H. Conley, General Medical Superintendent of the New York Department of Public Welfare, just back from a hospital inspection tour of Europe and interviewed at length by Polly Ferguson for the Syndicate Press (we received clippings from both Philadelphia and Miami papers), declares that the skirts in Europe are getting shorter. Speaking of the influenza epidemic in England Dr. Conley went on to say:

"It seems to me absurd to blame the wearing of the short skirt for influenza, which is a germ disease, and has little relation to the state of a person's body temperature. In fact, I am inclined to think that the long skirt is much more dangerous in this respect. It is common knowledge not only among members of the medical profession but laymen generally that the old-fashioned long skirt, dragging over dusty floors and through muddy streets, picked up germs which remained in the clothing. Carried into the homes, they were disseminated and breathed into the bodies of the occupants.

"It is these germs that cause common diseases, such as measles, influenza, scarlet fever and various respiratory affections. Virtually all of the latter, from a so-called cold in the head to pneumonia, are the result of infection by micro-organisms. The influence of changes of temperature in producing them is not clear. It has been much exaggerated and is as yet little understood. In the Arctic regions, where the air is free from microbes, it is impossible, according to all reports, for a person to catch cold.

PASTOR HEADS ROTARIANS

Brother Henry J. Stahr, II '01, pastor of the Christ Reformed Church of Bethlehem, Pa., has been elected president of the local Rotary Club.

CREATES A SCHOOL

Edwin K. Parker, A '14, has purchased property in Woodstock, New Hampshire, and will organize there a school for boys, to be known as The Woodstock Country School. Although thorough training will be given in all the usual studies, Brother Parker wishes to emphasize the outdoor life for which the Woodstock country is so well adapted and which will be given special emphasis in outlining the policy of the school.

GIVES WALKER HIS OATH

James J. Walker, mayor of New York City, was shown in the Metropolitan press receiving his preliminary oath of office at the hands of Justice Robert F. Wagner, Z '98.

CONLEY SAILS AGAIN

Dr. Conley is recuperating from his recent trip abroad by taking a four week sea trip to the West Indies, the Caribbean, and Panama.

TWENTY YEARS IN ONE CHURCH

Brother Stewart Winfield Herman has just completed his twentieth year of service as pastor of the Zion Lutheran Church of Harrisburg, Pa. During that time the number of baptized members has increased from 758 to 2,087. There are 1711 confirmed members. The total money raised by the church during twenty years is \$572,244.

A RECRUIT AT THIRTY

The Brothers are going to be greatly interested in what "Chick" Davies, A '14, does with the Giants this season. In that connection the following interview taken from the *New York Sun* of February 24 may be worth our while.

"I joined the Athletics in the thick of the 1914 pennant fight, when Baker, Barry, Collins, McInnis and the rest were slamming their way to another pennant, when Bush and Shawkey were at the peak and Bender and Plank still were great pitchers. I broke into some games as a pinch hitter and sat on the bench to watch the A's go down before the Braves in a great world series."

The speaker might be a worn-out veteran, harking back to the days when he was in his prime and men were men and all that sort of thing. As a matter of fact, he is a recruit pitcher in the camp of the Giants. His name is Lloyd Davies, but nobody ever calls him Lloyd. At least, nobody around here. Some one dubbed him Chick a long while ago and the name has stuck to him. He is 30 years old, but he doesn't look it. Lithe and slight, with a boyish face, he easily could pass for 25 at the most, yet over a span of twelve years he has been in and out of the major leagues.

"I was 18 when I joined the A's," he said. "Connie Mack took me out of the Massachusetts College of Agriculture in June of 1914. I had pitched and played the outfield there and my hitting led Connie to believe I would do well to quit pitching and stick to outfielding. I pitched only one game for the A's. That was in 1915. We had run into a slump and had lost every game that week. On Saturday when I got to the park Connie said:

"Ira Thomas tells me you have a lot of stuff. I think I'll work you in one of the games of to-day's double header."

"He used Bender in the first game and the Chief was beaten. I suppose he had come to the conclusion that since he had not been able to get anywhere with his veterans he couldn't do any worse by calling on me. I pitched the second game and won it, but I got three hits, and after the game Connie told me to consider myself an outfielder again.

"I remained with the A's through 1915 and 1916, but before I went home in the fall of 1916 I talked terms to him for 1917. I didn't care very much for a ball player's life then any more than I do now—jumping around the country is not to my liking. I have a wife and three children and I want to be home as much as possible. But to get back to 1916. It had been pretty generally settled that I was to be the regular center fielder in 1917, but I wanted Connie to make it worth my while for being

away from home all summer. He told me what he intended to pay me, but it wasn't enough. Then he asked me to go home and think it over. I did, with the result that I had myself put on the voluntary retired list and went into business at home in Salem.

"Things broke badly for me and I lost all I had. So I began to play ball again. Instead of going back to the A's I branched out as a semi-professional, a new field for me. I did so because I felt that by playing often I could make more money than Connie would pay me. I got the money, but I worked hard for it. One season, believe it or not, I pitched seventy-two games.

"In the winter of 1924-25 I got an offer from the New Haven club. I was willing to take it if that club could arrange with the Athletics. This was attended to all right and I reported. I put in a busy season, what with pitching, playing the outfield and pinch hitting. I had pitched in thirty-five games and played the outfield in about thirty-five more when within a month or so ago I was bought by the Giants. My hitting average last season was .333 and would have been higher if it hadn't been pulled down by my pinch hitting.

"With the Giants, as far as I know, I am rated only as a pitcher, although the day I met them in Philadelphia Hughie Jennings put me in as a pinch hitter. Well, that suits me. I'd rather pitch than play the outfield for the present, anyway. If I get burned out as a pitcher I'd like to switch to the outfield, but I'm not yet burned out."

BURROWS REVERTS TO TYPE

The following item appeared in *The Editor and Publisher* and came to our attention through the courtesy of a loyal brother in the U. S. D. A.

The *Urbana* (Ill.) *Daily Courier* announced recently it would take $4\frac{1}{2}$ bushels of corn in exchange for a yearly subscription to the paper. This means \$1 a bushel for the corn, as the daily's yearly rate is \$4.50.

The announcement stated the plan was adopted in an effort to help the farmers.

A. T. Burrows is editor and manager of the *Courier*.

HONORED BY CHEMISTS

Announcement has been received from the headquarters of the American Chemical Society at Washington that Erle M. Billings, Ξ , secretary and treasurer of the Rochester Section, has been chosen one of the four councillors-at-large of that society. The others are Professor Roger Adams, of the University of Illinois; Professor G. N. Lewis, of the University of California, and Professor F. C. Whitmore of Northwestern University.

Brother Billings is a graduate of St. Lawrence University. He took the degree of master of science at the University of Rochester in 1915. For a time he taught chemistry at West High School. He later accepted a position in the research laboratory of the Eastman Kodak Company and was advanced to secretary of the laboratory, which position he now holds. For the last eight years, he has been secretary and treasurer of the Rochester Section of the American Chemical Society. He is also secretary of the Industrial Division of that society and chairman of the

local section's officers group. He has been business manager of the *Journal of Chemical Education*, the only publication of its kind in the world, since it was founded two years ago.

A VARIED CAREER

Older brothers in Alpha will be interested in the reappearance upon the Fraternity's horizon of William A. Pierce, A '79. We are taking the liberty of quoting from his letter to Brother Watts:

I started out to make two blades of grass grow in the place of one, and in a measure succeeded, but what the Harvester Trust did not get the Beef Trust took; so in the end I went broke. In those days there was no voice heard in Washington on our behalf; and corn selling at 14¢, wheat at 40¢, fat cattle and hogs at 3. Anyway the Vermont mortgage holders foreclosed and took away from me the best farm in Kansas and I went out on the road Later I made two fortunes in the oil game. still had one when the war broke out, and the big oil maggots took that from me while I was doing my bit in the War Department. I was obliged to start all over again I was Inspector General of small arms in the Kansas National Guard for many years . . I won in competition all the medals in rifle and pistol matches, this when I was from 47 to 49 years old . . . I am not complaining; I am just tell' yer. I have my reputation, the best of health and strength, some wells drilling which may prove gushers, and a new friend in Old Aggie.

CRAWFORD RESIGNS

Nelson Antrim Crawford, for ten years head of the department of industrial journalism at Kansas State Agricultural College, has resigned that position to continue his publicity work with the U. S. D. A. in Washington. The following editorial comment appeared in *The Kansas Industrialist* for March 3, under the heading "A Great Teacher of Journalism."

Intellectual honesty and a breadth of interests combined with an amazing sense of proportion, artistic appreciation and an unabating urge toward creative writing, ability to report accurately and forcefully—these are traits of mind and character that have enabled Nelson Antrim Crawford to leave a monument of achievement at the Kansas State Agricultural College, from which last week he terminated official connection. He resigned the headship of the department of industrial journalism and printing to continue as director of information for the United States department of agriculture, in which capacity he has been acting, on leave of absence from the college since last May.

Probably Professor Crawford's most important achievement as educator was his influence upon newspaper executives and the public, whose quite recent acceptance of the soundness of journalistic instruction in colleges and universities was brought about by the favorable impression created by graduates from schools and departments of journalism, the educational standards of which he was instrumental in setting, and by his writing and speaking on the ethics of the profession of journalism.

His writing will continue, no doubt with increased effectiveness; but the college and the profession of journalism lose, by his retirement from teaching, an important stimulating influence in the training of young men and women for honest reporting, for straight thinking, for intelligent leadership, and for a fine charity toward all humanity.

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E—June 3, 1893. Yale. 124 Prospect St., New Haven, Conn.

Z—Dec. 19, 1896. C. C. N. Y. 473 West 140th St., New York City.

H—Jan. 8, 1897. Maryland. Princeton and Dartmouth Sts., College Park, Md.

Θ—Dec. 16, 1897. Columbia. 550 W. 114th St., New York City.

I—March 15, 1899. Stevens. 810 Hudson St., Hoboken, N. J.

K—June 7, 1899. Penn State. State College, Pa.

Λ—Oct. 7, 1899. George Washington. 1813 Columbia Road, N. W., Washington, D. C.

M—March 10, 1900. Pennsylvania. 3618 Locust St., Philadelphia.

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Ξ—April 12, 1902. St. Lawrence. 78 Park St., Canton, N. Y.

O—May 24, 1902. 487 Commonwealth Ave., Boston, Mass.

Π—April 18, 1903. Franklin & Marshall. 437 W. James St., Lancaster, Pa.

Σ—May 16, 1903. St. John's. Campus, Annapolis, Md.

T—March 25, 1905. Dartmouth. Hanover, N. H.

Υ—Feb. 10, 1906. Brown. 406 Brook St., Providence, R. I.

Φ—March 24, 1906. Swarthmore. Swarthmore, Pa.

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THE LONE WOLF

RICHARD G. WENDELL, A '23

Every fall sees thousands of boys leaving home for their first great adventure. In contemplating this evident truism most people will have no difficulty in picturing to themselves the crowds that yearly enter college towns. If your perceptions are as acute as those of the town business man, you will talk glibly of the homogeneity of such a group. If, however, you are one of those unusual persons who believe that crowds are made up of interesting individuals, you will discard as absurd the notion of homogeneity. As is frequently the case, there is something to be said on both sides. Not every man that you meet bears the stamp of individuality, but there are such, and you are more than likely to find a number in every college.

As a rule such a man has the strong gregarious instinct present in every normal youth, but it is overpowered by an unusually intense individualism. He respects few or no others as he respects himself. He is the center of his little universe. So far as he himself is concerned, his own personality is all important,—not preëminent, nor all sufficient, but all important. If this self-respect is dangerously near an all devouring egotism, it is a danger which this man will cheerfully face. His philosophy of life, although he may never have worked it out in so many words, depends on a certain self-interest.

In the hope of developing this personality so necessary to him, a man of this type goes to college. At the entrance stands the unknown fraternity. He may or may not have heard of this

organization before, but he speedily gathers from his mates that it is the proper thing to belong. Perhaps his roommate has already been invited to a rushing party. Hopefully, perhaps a little fearfully, he awaits his turn. If he is not entirely unknown, either personally or athletically, it will not be long in coming; if he has no friends in college, knows no recent alumni, has no high school record, he may wait days or even weeks, supposing himself not wanted. It would never occur to him, of course, to make himself known. But why should this self-centered individual care about a fraternity? Is it unnatural to wish to learn about something which is evidently a chief factor in college life? Then, too, you will notice that I said his gregarious instinct had been overpowered, not suffocated. Many a man has craved friends without knowing how to make them. Nor is he vulgarly self-centered. He does not respect others less, rather himself more.

Finally the looked-for day comes. Some upperclassman, who seems a god to the freshman, escorts him to the fraternity house. Once there names rattle about his head like hailstones, but friendly faces penetrate his reserve. He makes of that fraternity living room with its blazing fire, its contagious, joyful atmosphere, a veritable heaven on earth. If he has been liked, if he has some talent that has hitherto been laid up in a napkin, he goes again. Perhaps he visits other houses, but he discovers that first impressions, when favorable, are hard to eradicate. He likes every fellow in the bunch. He almost worships the boy who first dragged him out of his lonely corner.

After a short period of intense enjoyment, he is the proud possessor of a pledge button. What follows is, as you can guess, the story of disillusionment. Did he court it by idealizing men who were far from gods, often not his equals to say nothing of his superiors? Undoubtedly he invited it, but he had no criterion other than actions whereby to judge his fellows. What did he know of the world? But was the fraternity to blame? It needed men. The best men were only to be had if the members put forth superhuman efforts. The level on which those boys lived during those few days could not be maintained. Any one but a trusting freshman would know as much,—but he did not. Given the conditions, the result is inevitable. No wonder men speak of the inexorability of circumstances!

But to return to the man with his new pledge button. He

enters on his new duties with a will, but somehow his gods seem to turn into taskmasters and faultfinders. He finds that the principle of squareness is but little more observed in the fraternity than outside. The faithful few work while the rest loaf. Slowly and reluctantly he places his interests elsewhere. He may busy himself in his studies, among the friends he has made in town, in long, solitary hikes. This neglect of the fraternity brings down the remonstrances of the brothers. They urge him to bring his books into the fraternity house to study or to drop into the living room to talk. His first experience studying makes him wonder how any brother accomplishes anything; his living room venture proves a waste of time.

New doubts assail him. He asks himself seriously whether he has anything to give the fraternity or to gain from it. His interest in the fraternity wanes along with the superficial interest of the brothers in him. He withdraws more and more within himself. He may even reach the point of despising these men who he thinks deceived him. This feeling of grievance, self-pity if you will, is gradually covered by an assumed attitude of self-defiance. This man is too proud to show the hurt he feels from this neglect, while the brothers interpret his attitude to be one of standoffishness and self-superiority.

If this rupture between the fraternity and the man continues to grow, he will probably refuse to be initiated into the order; if he still remembers his rushing season, if he yet respects a few men in the chapter, he will go ahead, that being easier and requiring less backbone than about facing. The initiation rites, which follow, are a source of mystification to the pledge. His initiation hike, if there is one, gives him a chance to enjoy the comradeship of his fellows. Often for what follows much less can be said. His soul is impressed and outraged by turns. Very frequently the brothers find nothing incongruous in making the induction a source of vulgar amusement for themselves. The last degree does remove a good deal of the irritation, but the sense of incongruity remains. For this freshman, at least, the fraternity has been lowered to give a crude pleasure to one or two still cruder brothers.

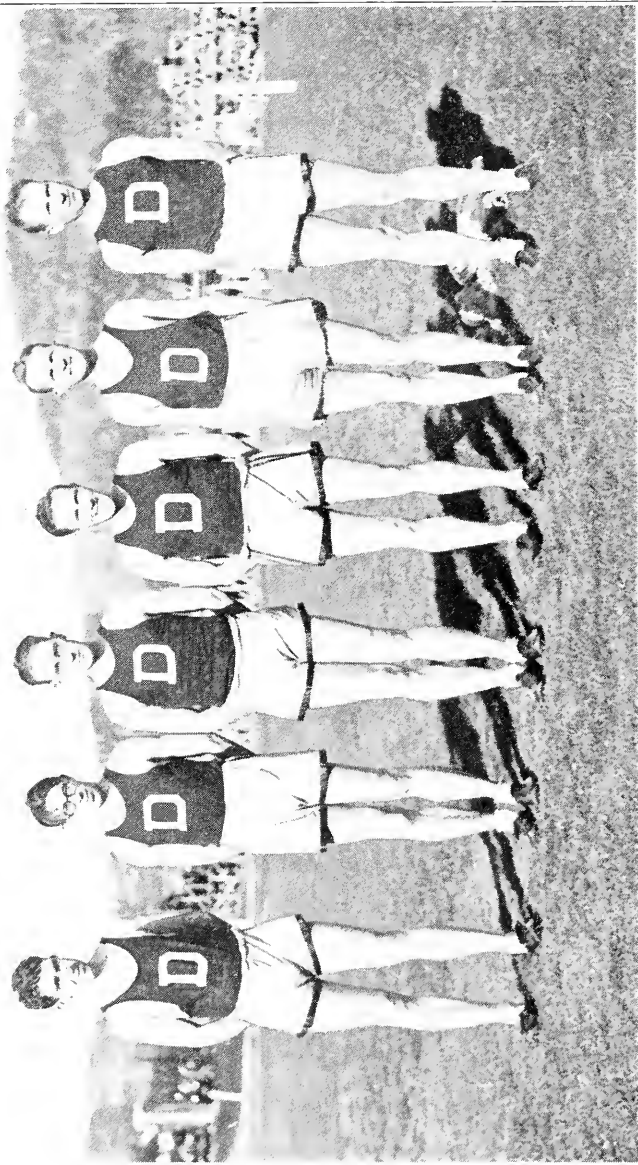
This time the freshman is no longer deceived. He recognizes in the fraternity the imperfect institution that it is. And if he is not wholly disgruntled, he takes it for better, for worse. Perhaps

he is more likely to make the best of the situation if he lives in a dormitory than if he lives with sympathetic townspeople who can make a home for him there. From now on, no further disillusionment being possible, the bond between him and his fraternity, if he still cherishes her, is apt to grow stronger day by day. He finds that the brothers frequently misunderstand him, think him an idealistic crank in the meetings, knock him for his inability and lack of desire to spend hours in the living room talking to itinerant alumni; yet slowly, with increasing knowledge on both sides, a growing respect and liking deepens between this man and his brothers. They forgive him his idiosyncracies and he pardons their foibles, because each recognizes something of value in the other. Throughout four years this feeling grows; until, as graduation approaches, the fraternity has no more loyal supporter than this lone wolf, who owes her an incalculable debt.

Is the final result worth the effort? The answer you receive depends entirely on whom you ask, but any one who has thrown himself whole-souledly into the fraternity for four years would laugh at the mere thought of putting such a question seriously. The fraternity house is a home in a very real sense. It is a place for fast friendships. The urge is supplied, if not for scholarship, at least for participation in academics, athletics, and social events. The man of retiring temperament is forced to face the college world. If the graces he acquires are superficial, are they any the less essential?

In grateful acknowledgment this man holds the ideals of the fraternity before him in college and out. Frequently he becomes an honored alumnus by fostering the urge within him to make a man of himself. Is self-respect, then, so despicable a thing?

Yet this man will always be a problem to the fraternity. There is no ingenious solution to remedy any difficulty so fundamental. The prime characteristic necessary is the ability to see the other's point of view. Tolerance and a sympathetic understanding on both sides can alone make the situation more bearable.



Mitlen

Kelly

Wells

Aner

Dalrymple

Moody

TRACK

The mythical all-Phi Sigma Kappa track team is small but choice, that is, all but in the weights. Apparently the brothers are not throwing weights this year. Weights are clearly out of vogue. The reader will be impressed with the fact that it is largely a Dartmouth-Montana aggregation. Well, the Dartmouth chapter was leading the campus in scholarship the last we knew. And that's that.

100 yard dash	Sweet	Montana
	Coyle	Montana
220 yard dash	Sweet	Montana
	Fleck	Kansas
440 yard dash	Ritter	Montana
	Reeves	St. John's
Half mile	Kelly	Dartmouth
	Offenhauser	Penn State
Mile	Auer	Dartmouth
	Newman	Maryland
Two mile	Dalrymple	Dartmouth
	Crofts	Williams
High hurdles	Costello	Penn State
	Wells	Dartmouth
Low hurdles	Wells	Dartmouth
High jump	Moody	Dartmouth
Broad jump	Sweet	Montana
Pole vault	Coyle	Montana
	Dimmitt	Kansas

Many of these men are very good. In the Dartmouth-Holy Cross meet recently, Phi Sigma Kappa men took five firsts, a second and a third. Sweet runs the century in 97/10 and the two-twenty in 21.3, and holds the state record in the former. He is something of a sensation on the Pacific coast. Coyle has done the hundred in 10 flat. Fleck needs over 22 for the two-twenty. Ritter runs the quarter in 50 flat. All that we know of Reeves is that he handed over a 30 yard lead in a relay race that won for his team the Maryland State championship; that may mean much or little.

In the half mile Kelly has gotten as low as 1:57, and Offenhauser as low as 2:00 $\frac{3}{5}$. In the mile Auer has the excellent record of 4:24, and Newman, who holds the University of Maryland record in the event, covers the distance in 4:31 $\frac{1}{5}$. Dalrymple and Crofts do the two mile in 9:40 and 9:45 respectively, although Crofts, the Williams captain, was beaten by an Amherst man who did it in only 9:57.

Wells of Dartmouth is the mainstay in the hurdles; he has done the high hurdles in 15 $\frac{3}{5}$ and the low in 25. Costello of Penn State has nearly as good time in the high, and Thompson of Montana is reported as having taken first, second and third places in various dual meets.

In the high jump Moody of Dartmouth has gone 6:2 and apparently can make it six feet almost any time, and in the broad jump Sweet of Montana has come within half an inch of 22 feet. Coyle of Montana has vaulted 12:2 in practice and holds the state record, which is considerably less, in official performance. Dimmitt has vaulted 11:6.

We are weak in the weights, too weak for record.

It would seem that some reference should be made to the track men at Michigan. Last year there was Palmer, a really excellent man with the javelin, and Snider, who was better in the broad jump than Sweet is now and probably quite as good a hurdler as Wells, and Hicks, who was fast in the mile. All of these men were juniors and are presumably back on the cinders this spring, but we have seen no Michigan meets reported as yet and the chapter has not deigned to notice us with a letter for any of the SIGNETS this college year. We *guess* that the chapter is still alive, and we offer the names mentioned above for what they may be worth.

In order to make our figures a little more vivid to the laity, let us assume that the team assembled above competed in the Harvard-Princeton meet of May 9. What points might we hope to make?

100 yard dash	1st, 3d	6
220 yard dash	1st, 2d	8
440 yard dash	1st	5
Half mile	1st, 3d	6
Mile	1st, 2d	8

Two mile	1st, 2d	8
High hurdles	1st, 2d	8
Low hurdles	1st	5
High jump	1st	5
Broad jump		
Javelin		
Shot put		
Discus		
Pole vault		

This would give us 59 points out of a possible 135, and probably enough to win the meet.

ALL HAIL—LACROSSE!

This is the first year, too, that we have assembled a lacrosse team. Of course we have to take the usual liberties with positions. The Union and St. John's teams both defeated the Oxford-Cambridge team that toured this country, and Maryland beat Pennsylvania 8-1.

Goal	Garrison	St. John's
Point	McDorman	St. John's
Cover Point	Behr	Stevens
First defense	Garafola	Union
Second defense	Muzzey	Maryland
Third defense	McCauley	St. John's
Center	La Platnery	St. Lawrence
Third attack	Crosthwaite	Maryland
Second attack	Esley	St. John's
First attack	Siekman	St. Lawrence
In home	MacDonald	Union
Out home	Congdon	St. Lawrence

IN THE FAR WEST

ALVIN T. BURROWS, President

Last January and February the writer had the pleasure of visiting the chapters and alumni clubs of Phi Sigma Kappa in the far west. It was the first time a president of the fraternity had paid a visit to this section since Dr. Conley went to Reno in 1917 to induct the Eta Deuteron chapter at the University of Nevada. At that time Omega, at the University of California, was the only chapter of Phi Sigma Kappa in the entire Pacific coast region. Since then chapters have been inducted at the University of Montana, at the University of Washington, at Oregon Agricultural college, and at Leland Stanford. Petitions will be presented to the next convention for charters in Phi Sigma Kappa at Washington State at Pullman, and University of Oregon at Eugene. If the convention sees fit to grant charters to these petitioners the roll of far west chapters may be considered practically complete, except it be that the fraternity later decides to enter the Southern Branch of the University of California, located at Los Angeles.

The first chapter to be visited was that of Mu Deuteron at the University of Montana, at Missoula. Here is an organization which had an existence as a local extending over many years. When it joined its destinies with Phi Sigma Kappa it was already firmly entrenched as a leader on the campus. As a national it has added to this prestige, and it is no exaggeration to state that on the Missoula campus Phi Sigma Kappa takes a second seat to no other similar organization. Mu Deuteron is notably a chapter of athletes. All up and down the Pacific coast one heard stories of the wonderful prowess of Kelley, a football player who takes rank with Wilson, of Washington, and Grange, of Illinois. Along with him is Sweet, who not only carved a name for himself in football canons, but is a mighty man on the cinder track, perhaps the fastest 440 man in America to-day. Last year's Montana football eleven had nine Phi Sigs on it who were regulars, besides a few others who were on the squad. Mu Deuteron owns its own house—the best on the campus, and its local standing may be gauged by the fact that under the system

of invitational bidding in vogue there last fall, it received thirty-two acceptances of its invitations to freshmen, a number four or five times as great as any other fraternity on the campus could muster.

Then there is good old Tom Spaulding—the best scout in Montana. He is the chapter adviser, and incidentally the dean of the forestry school. They may make them better than Tom Spaulding, but they are few and far between. With that tower of strength behind that chapter, it is no wonder that it occupies the favorable situation that it does.

Across the mountains to the westward from Missoula, lies Spokane, the queen of the great inland empire. In Spokane is to be found Harry Kent, of Nu Chapter, a royal and loyal Phi Sig, from his head to his toes. He is the official Phi Sig entertainer, and if you happen along that way just ring his doorbell, and you will get a reception such as kings might envy. Along with Harry Kent and the other live Phi Sigs in Spokane is Dr. Hart, for many years principal of the Lewis and Clark High School. Dr. Hart is a man of commanding influence in that section, and his interest in his fraternity has never waned. He makes it a point to find out where the desirable graduates of his school will go to college, and if there is a chapter of Phi Sigma Kappa there, sees to it that the prospect is given a chance. These two top notchers and the other Spokane brothers are keenly interested in the local at Washington State at Pullman, some eighty miles south of Spokane. They tell wonderful tales about the excellence of that group, and a personal inspection by the writer confirmed their high opinion—a judgment in which Billy Woods, our Pacific coast regional vice president, shares, after a visit there. Washington State is a strategical spot for a chapter of this fraternity, and the local that is petitioning creates a most favorable impression on the visitor.

At Seattle, Lambda Deuteron, the godchild of old Lambda at Washington, D. C., is shaping itself into a strong unit of the fraternity. The Seattle Alumni club, headed by Tom Moffett, of Cornell, and Bill Allen, of Alpha, Dick Couden, of Lambda and elsewhere, and Judge Keen, of Gamma, is working hand in glove with the active chapter, and together they are solving the many perplexing problems which they have to face. The question of a permanent home for the chapter is in the limelight, and affirm-

ative action has doubtless been taken on this matter before these lines are printed. This chapter is in high repute on the campus, its personnel is pleasing, and many of its members have achieved distinction in collegiate activities. Lambda Deuteron is destined to become a powerful chapter of Phi Sigma Kappa.

Down at Tacoma there is no organized club, but good old Sam Stocking, and Gus Limberg, of Wisconsin, are the mainstays in the occasional meetings that call the alumni together to talk over old times. They take an active interest in Lambda Deuteron and are quite as much interested and helpful as the Seattle alumni.

At Portland the alumni club headed by Art Leaf, and Foster, of Oregon Aggie, is about to incorporate for the purpose of taking charge of the property owned and occupied by the Theta Deuteron chapter at Corvallis. The property has been held in the name of the active chapter, but it was thought that the Portland club should take a more active supervision of the financial affairs of the chapter, even though these are in excellent shape.

There may be better chapters of Phi Sigma Kappa somewhere in the country than Theta Deuteron, but they are not numerous. It is a delight to visit with these high class, enthusiastic Phi Sigs. Their house is admirably conducted, the finances are in splendid shape, and their scholarship has generally been praiseworthy, although a recent slump in this respect is noticeable. The dean of men has only good words for them, and the president of the university is their fast friend. The entire atmosphere of the chapter is wholesome.

Down at Eugene, some forty miles from Corvallis, is situated the University of Oregon, where a strong young local is knocking at our door. This is a splendid group of young men, very much in earnest, and diligent in going after the things they want. They are well organized, their scholarship is at the top of the fraternity list, and their good name on the campus is beyond reproach. We will make no mistake in accepting this group.

From Eugene it is an all day ride to the San Francisco region, where Omega, at the University of California, and Nu Deuteron, at Stanford, hold forth. The older of these two, Omega, is firmly established on the campus. It owns an imposing home, delightfully situated and under the untiring guardianship of Rudolph Smith, its Chapter Adviser, is making excellent progress. The personnel of this chapter is excellent, great care having been

exercised in the choice of new members. In fact, its chief fault, if it can be so termed, is a disposition to pledge fewer men than the needs of the chapter require. If this obsession is conquered, Omega chapter will have solved its greatest problem.

It was a real treat to be a guest at Nu chapter at Leland Stanford. The atmosphere in the chapter and on the campus is distinctive and peculiarly pleasing. Fraternities are not in high favor of the administration, and certain difficulties surround the maintenance of any fraternity. Nevertheless, this chapter has manfully overcome its handicaps, and is getting along almost ideally. As an indication of the spirit of these brothers it may be mentioned that the active chapter this year has been paying the entire expenses of a brother who has been very low with tuberculosis and has been placed in a sanitarium for expert treatment. Month after month these lads have carried this burden and it was only by accident that the writer learned of this magnificent exhibition of brotherly care and kindness. All praise to these fine young fellows of Leland Stanford, who wear the pin of Phi Sigma Kappa.

Over the mountains, a night's ride, lies Reno, the seat of the University of Nevada, and the home of Eta Deuteron chapter. Here again Phi Sigma Kappa has a chapter that is outstanding in its world. Parented by a strong local, it has developed into an organization which dominates its school, and merits the unstinted good word of the university authorities. At the banquet held for the writer, the president of the university and the principal deans turned out to give their approval of the festive occasion. Eta Deuteron chapter has recently purchased a lot on which the first fraternity owned home in Reno is shortly to be erected—thanks to the untiring efforts of Brother Hughes, of the class of 1924.

Back to San Francisco, the untiring and ever smiling Billy Woods, regional vice president, gathered the alumni clan together to greet the national president. It was a delightful luncheon and the interest and enthusiasm shown speaks well not merely for the hold which the fraternity has on its graduates, but the splendid work of Billy Woods in maintaining that interest.

No trip to the coast is complete without a visit to Los Angeles, and that was the next stop on the pilgrimage. There Brother George Gable, an initiate of Ames chapter, and an affiliate of

Illinois, took charge of affairs and a delightful week was spent enjoying his never tiring hospitality. A visit was made to a local at the Southern Branch of the University of California. This school, although only recently established, already has an attendance of 5,000 students, and is destined to become a great institution of learning within a few years. All up and down the coast the alumni spoke of the southern branch as the coming school, and urged the fraternity to consider with great care any petition that might arise therefrom. The local visited had been in existence several years, and seems to be able to maintain itself. No action, however, was taken on this club at this time, but it represents a prospect which the fraternity should bear in mind for future investigation.

This concludes a brief sketch of Phi Sigma Kappa and its activities on the coast. They are a loyal bunch out there, although they often express a feeling of isolation. They need contacts with their eastern brothers. They welcomed the visit of their president with a heartiness that left no doubt of their sincerity. The fraternity needs to cultivate this field more than it has in the past, if for no other reason than to allay the natural feeling that they are so far away from every one that they are forgotten. These western brothers of ours are in every way worthy members of Phi Sigma Kappa. They love the fraternity, are true to its ideals, and are carrying its banner forward with credit to all of us.

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MINNESOTA'S ST. PATRICK
(Raymond R. Kelly '26)

ST. PATRICK WAS AN ENGINEER

In the annual St. Patrick's Day celebration at the University of Minnesota, Brother Raymond R. Kelly impersonated the good saint, led the parade, kissed the Blarney Stone, was knighted, and did all other duties incumbent upon his position. The following editorial comment from the campus newspaper tells something of this unique and interesting ceremonial.

Headed by their patron saint ensconced in a real Irish phaeton and with his queen by his side, the students of the engineering college will parade en masse across the campus this noon, and for an hour the unbelieving University populace, the general neighborhood of southeast Minneapolis, and the world at large will be shown the creations of an engineer's mind in the parade of floats—serious and comic. Early in the day the doors of all buildings on the engineering campus will be thrown open and an opportunity provided to inspect the dim and mysterious interiors, the places where engineers work and study. On the campus knoll the knighting of all graduating seniors into the royal order of St. Patrick with befitting solemnity will take place. Each disciple of the slide rule will kneel and kiss the Blarney Stone, sacred symbol from the "ould sod."

Outsiders often stop to wonder at this performance. Why do the brawny he-men of the engine school with detail plan and present such festivities as these? Engineer's day is an institution, one associated with many traditional practices. It is the outburst of enthusiasm of a college full of students who carry heavy scholastic programs, who work long hours in shop, who toil late at night on baffling calculus problems, and go on extended inspection trips and summer camps that they may master the fundamentals of their chosen profession. They study hard and they play hard.

Engineer's day is an "activity." While the snow was still on the ground chairmen were carefully planning the event, underclassmen were being organized and a system was being perfected. The results of this are evident to-day.

Old grads, far removed from thoughts of college days, will be back this morning to review the ceremonies and recall the old St. Patrick who knighted them into the order; fond mammas and papas will be present to see this terrible thing Willie has been painting signs in the attic for during the past five days; the unsuspecting assemblage of academic students will cut classes and behold with mock horror the eccentricities of the parade, only to go over to the college and join in the dansant and green tea in the afternoon.

This evening, when dusk has settled on an upset and green-strewn campus, there will have been a better understanding established. The outside world and the engineers will have been brothers for a day. The students, too, will be more closely bound together in ties of fellowship.

Engineers work hard and study hard. To-day they play. Let joy be unlimited!

DISTINGUISHED IN SCHOLARSHIP

Frazier Packer, Penn State, Tau Beta Pi.
R. Allen Hackett, Williams, Phi Beta Kappa.
Harold Turner Marshall, Dartmouth, Phi Beta Kappa.
Gordon A. Chambers, St. Lawrence, Phi Beta Kappa.
John G. Purnell, St. John's, 1st Senior Class.
F. L. Smith, St. John's, 1st Junior Class.
William T. Clack, Montana, Honor Roll.
Tarbetts, Montana, Honor Roll.
Fogarty, Montana, Honor Roll.
Fehlhaber, Montana, Honor Roll.
Alton H. Gustafson, Mass. Aggie, Phi Kappa Phi.
Lawrence L. Jones, Mass. Aggie, Phi Kappa Phi.
Henry H. Richardson, Mass. Aggie, Phi Kappa Phi.
Albert Bachelor, Kansas State, Phi Kappa Phi.
Ralph K. Behr, Stevens, Tau Beta Pi.
Leroy K. Behr, Stevens, Tau Beta Pi.
K. E. Dayton, Yale, Tau Beta Pi.
John W. Davidson, Yale, Tau Beta Pi, Sigma Xi.

CLASS PRESIDENTS

Smith	St. John's	1927
Gustafson	Mass. Aggie	1926
Robertson	Mass. Aggie	1929
Glover	George Washington	1928

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A VOCATIONAL SURVEY

1, BUSINESS

GEORGE BRUCE CORTELYOU, A '96

Former Secretary United States Treasury

The boy who knows what he wants to do when he leaves college has a big advantage over the boy who doesn't. For him the problem is simplified. For him there are no false starts, no lost motion, no steps to be retraced. His objective is brought measurably nearer, and he may be considered as already well on the way toward his goal.

If this is so, then the boy who is still unsettled—and he is in the vast majority—should make an earnest effort to discover, in a general way at least, what he is best fitted for, long before graduation day. That is the important question, if he is contemplating a business career, and the sooner he is able to find the right answer the better. To do this he will need to subject himself to a rigorous self-examination. Older and more experienced persons will be able to help him by advice and suggestion—indeed, he should by all means seek their help—but the final decision must be his.

Perhaps too many are unduly influenced by the supposedly quick and easy money rewards that are commonly associated with certain professions and occupations. This is all right if your abilities and aptitudes run in any of these directions; but if not, the rewards are apt to prove illusory and the results disappointing. Even though following your natural bent leads you into what is regarded as one of the lesser paid occupations, you will still find abundant scope for your abilities, your personal satisfactions will be immensely greater, and in the end the monetary rewards will probably not be lacking either. It is not the start of the race, but the finish, that counts.

Business men, according to my experience and observation, are as a rule friendly to the college graduate. They welcome him into their organizations on the same terms that they welcome other likely recruits, believing that, other things being equal, his educational and cultural background will in the long run tell in his

favor and more than overcome the initial handicap of a comparatively late start. Such belief is well founded in a preponderant number of cases. Of course, the general and personal qualifications making for success in business are the same for the college as for the non-college man. He must be content to begin in a subordinate capacity, to make haste slowly, to do his share of the routine or so-called "drudgery" work, to merit advancement by duty well and faithfully performed. As recognition comes and he is advanced to more responsible positions, calling for the exercise of personal initiative and disciplined judgment, he will find his academic training to be of increasing benefit. I do not mean to say that, in every case, a college education is the best preparation for a life of business, but I do say that for those fitted to receive it, it is one of the best preparations for the business of life.

THE POWER OF RANDOM MAJORITIES*

GEORGE W. MARTIN, E '97

The following article on the prohibition problem, published in "The Groton School Quarterly," has attracted wide attention. It was written by George W. Martin, a New York attorney, and graduate of Groton, and widely attributed to the pen of the headmaster of the school. Mr. Martin, in having a reprint made of the article, points out that he entitled it "Si j' etais Roi" in order to "make certain that the address would not be attributed to the headmaster of Groton School or interpreted as reflecting his sentiments." In the form herewith presented Mr. Martin has made several additions to the original article.

"When I look round at the faces of you with whom for five or six years at a time I have been associated as school master, I am impressed with the fact that you are grown up. Many of you are now older than I was during the continuance of that relation, many of you are doubtless wiser than I shall ever be, many

*As it appeared in *The New York Herald Tribune*, February 28

of you have had experience of men and things which lie outside the ken of a country school master; and so I make bold to confess to you a certain bewilderment which has come on me of late.

"I am naturally a conservative. Like Lord Falkland, I believe 'when it is not necessary to change, it is necessary not to change'; yet when I have been convinced that changes were necessary I have, I think, not hesitated to put them into operation. Nevertheless, I am now troubled in my mind.

"With the advent of the Great War certain fundamentals of the old order were destroyed and will not be seen again by any of us here. We learned of the 'will to win,' of the use of propaganda, of the necessity in war time to suppress free speech and public assembly, of the regulation of the lives of all of us for the great end. For a time, liberty was suspended. The individual's rights were eclipsed by the intensity of our common effort.

"It was necessary. It was right.

"But as we emerge from the shadow of that menace, and as we resume the old ways and the old life, where now is gone our ancient freedom? Whence come these fetters which we bear, these inquisitions, these regulations, these prohibitions? Upon what meat hath this, our government, fed, that it is grown so great?

"Intolerance produces efficiency; and efficiency is essential in war time. But in time of peace the poisonous by-products of intolerance far outweigh any compensating efficiency. Troops are not yet quartered in our homes, but auditors are: truculent political accountants who sit at our desks, use our pens, examine our books and ostentatiously doubt our explanations. We dare not throw them out for fear they will bear false witness against us to the government. And so, like cowardly hypocrites, we greet them with honeyed words.

"Any collector of internal revenue can subpœna a citizen to come to him from anywhere in the United States. If the government does not like your tax return it makes one up for you out of whole cloth, and then you must pay the tax and sue to get it back again. If you recover a judgment you must wait till Congress appropriates money before you can be paid. Within a relatively short time 70,000 statutes, state and national, have been passed for our education, guidance and government; and the greatest of these is the Volstead act.

“Under this statute liquor advertising has been eliminated, saloons greatly reduced, and drinking considerably curtailed. But to drink or not to drink is not the question. The statute is founded on a lie; that more than half of 1 per cent alcohol is intoxicating. It is enforced by a lie; that one offense constitutes a nuisance. It tortures the ancient equity practice into police court procedure solely in order that those accused may be deprived of a jury trial, that palladium of our civil rights, by the previous issuance of an injunction, while it impresses the unwilling landlord into the police force by threats of padlocks. It is enforced against the weak, but not against a person like the Cunard Line, which has the British government back of it—although I am informed that every time the *Mauretania* enters the Port of New York she violates the act, and would render herself liable to confiscation if Great Britain had not bought immunity for her by the twelve-mile agreement. It is enforced, as war is waged, by lying propaganda, by stool-pigeons and spies, by John Doe search warrants, by unlawful breaking into homes, by putting poison in spirits that those who will not conform may drink—and die.

“The answer which is made to the recital of these wrongs is instant and resounding. We are told that all that those who disagree with the principle of this law have to do is to accept defeat, to recognize themselves in the minority, and to obey the law. This is, indeed, the course which I have pursued myself, and urged upon others till now. I have always supposed that majority rule was the essence of American government. I have tried to inculcate obedience to law in my boys at school.

“But it is coming to me that the question is not so simple as that. The power which we have to consider now is the power of random majorities collected and directed by organized propaganda. These majorities are produced by the conjunction of organized publicity and an incompleting education.

“The opinions of these majorities for which such vast power is claimed, are not spontaneous judgments. As Mr. Lippmann says, ‘They are worked up, stroked up, arranged and calculated by men, some of them sincere and some of them insincere, who have discovered this great and ominous fact; that popular education has made it possible to reach people with printed matter, but it has not prepared those people to discriminate as to what they receive from printed matter. The fundamental way to build up

that resistance is to clear our own minds of the sophistry, of the democratic fallacy, that there is any peculiar righteousness in majorities."

"I think this becomes plainer if we examine further into the possibilities. If, for instance, a cowardly Congress, composed of what Jefferson called 'demi-lawyers,' in response to what a majority supposed was a controlling bloc of the electorate, and pursuant to a new amendment, passed a statute prescribing nationalization of women or female infanticide, or a 100 per cent capital levy, we should none of us obey it for one instant, any more than we should the anti-evolution law passed by the Tennessee Legislature. There is a silent referendum in the hearts and minds of men on every important enactment by a Legislature and on every important decision by a court which involves a fundamental principle of civil liberty. Without a favorable issue in that referendum, the statute and the decision alike are written in water. As President Butler has said, 'It must not be forgotten that law is but one form or type of social control. And certainly there can be no more distressing and no more disintegrating form of lawlessness than that which arises from the resistance of intelligent and high-minded people, on grounds of morals and fundamental principle, to some particular provision of law.' For truth, for beauty, for friendship, for the things of the spirit, you do not go to the greatest number, for if you do you will not find them.

"I have considered these matters anxiously and long, particularly in view of the confidence which many of you have shown in sending your sons to me to educate. Shall I tell these boys to obey, or to rebel? Or shall I tell them nothing?

"I have examined the trial of Socrates and observed how the duly constituted authorities of Athens offered him freedom and honor if only he would be silent. I note that he chose death rather than conform, being convinced that the duty laid on him to speak, and so to rebel, was greater than life itself, and that to remain silent was to pour poison into the very veins of the body politic.

"I observe that Christ refused to conform to those that 'sit in Moses' seat,' but drove the money-changers from the temple with a whip. I note that Peter, after a moment of faltering, chose to be crucified head downward for preaching what he believed, and I believe, was and is the truth.

“Coming down to Anglo-Saxon times, I remember that Magna Charta was obtained by rebellious barons; and in the great birth of constitutional liberty I recollect Pym, Cromwell, Ireton, Sir Harry Vane and John Hampden: ‘When he drew his sword he threw the sheath away.’

“Ah, Hampden, Hampden! *Vindex fortissimus libertatis*, seen riding, mortally wounded, from Chalgrove Field ‘before the action was done, which he never used to do, and with his head hanging down, and resting his hands on the neck of his horse.’

“I recall Franklin, Washington and Patrick Henry. I see William Lloyd Garrison led through the streets of Boston with a rope around his neck, Colonel Higginson discovered at midnight at the door of the courthouse at the head of a mob trying to rescue Burns, the fugitive slave; Amos Lawrence shipping rifles to Kansas, and Lincoln with the Dred Scott decision staring him in the face. I see the Fifteenth Amendment nullified in the South, and no man in his senses proposing to enforce it. I see the Atlantic seaboard settling itself for a long struggle to nullify the Eighteenth Amendment. I see the navy gathered off Sandy Hook as if to blockade the Port of New York, armored cars roaring through the Adirondacks, nightly battles on the Canadian border, hi-jackers and bootleggers waxing rich on murder, the green slime of corruption spreading ever farther, and the United States Attorney for the Southern District of New York resigning from all his clubs on the day he takes office.

“I see you all here, my boys, and I know that it is only out of polite consideration for my often expressed sentiments that cold water alone is seen on the table. Were I not present it would have been otherwise.

“In my perplexity, I have turned to my church—but there are few or none who are intellectually capable of considering whether *Vox Populi* is really *Vox Dei*, or what constitutes public opinion, or when is a majority, or whether right and wrong can finally be determined by political fiat: I know it is not wrong—not even forbidden—to drink. The very traffic is only *malum prohibitum* and not *malum in se*. Yet the church, in control of those elder statesmen who have much to lose by radical change or disorder, will not face the real problem. On October 21, 1925, at the general convention in New Orleans, in the House of Bishops, the following resolution was unanimously adopted: ‘That facing the danger of the spirit of lawlessness in American life, we welcome

the renewed attempts of the government of the United States to enforce strictly and impartially the prohibition law and the anti-narcotic law, which are so widely and cynically disregarded, and we call upon the people of our church to set a good example of obedience to law, without which no democracy can endure.'

"How the calculated cunning of linking prohibition with the traffic in narcotics slaps one in the face! Observe the snug admission in the opening lines that fear of danger and not interest in right is the prompting motive! Note the anxiety in the closing words for the continuance of the status quo (in which they are bishops) without inquiry or thought as to whether a form of government in which such things can be is a democracy at all, or in any way worth preserving! The fear of God is the beginning of wisdom. The fear of men is the grave of freedom.

"'Suppose,' says Dean Inge of St. Paul's, 'that the state has exceeded its powers by prohibiting some harmless act, such as the consumption of alcohol. Is smuggling, in such a case, morally justifiable? I should say, Yes: the interference of the state in such matters is a mere impertinence.'

"And now suppose Dean Inge is Elijah, a small minority, but right; and the House of Bishops turns out to be the 450 prophets of Baal . . .

"Is submission to any law a moral obligation? Surely not unless the submission carries with it the personal conviction of rightness which makes it moral. Plato said that the good life is not the life one ought to lead, but the life that, after solemn reflection and self-examination, one really wants to lead. To be moral is to know what one is doing. It is false that man is meaningless except as part of some social whole. Our first duty is to be true to our conscience, the inner voice of Socrates, the still, small voice of Elijah. *Jus est quod jussum est* is the wail of men too tired to go on thinking any longer.

"Of course, we may have to pay the penalty; but, unless we do that which lies in us to do, we also have to pay the penalty. If we rebel, we produce social disorders, but if we obey, the peril is even greater, for we not only surrender the principle of free will and our priceless freedom, but we must go through life hating ourselves for cowards and hypocrites, our citizenship nullified at the moment it was about to become an urgent thing.

"Whatever the requirements of legal theory, in fact no man surrenders his whole being to the state. He has a sense of right

and wrong. If the state or its instruments go too consistently against that sense he is pricked into antagonism. The state is for him sovereign only when his conscience is not stirred against its performance. Whatever, therefore, concerns the conscience of man, whatever brings its activity into operation, must, for the state, be sacred ground. As for the state itself, even where the opposition is small it is probable that more is gained by the possession of that energy of character which is willing to offer challenge than by destroying it. For a state which oppresses those who are sincerely antagonized by the way in which government interprets its purposes is bound to drift slowly into despotism.

"To postulate for the state a kind of centralized infallibility is to confer upon ourselves too vast a relief from thought. Man's destiny is to think or become a dumb beast—no matter how willing the amiable bishops are to relieve us from the strain.

"Well, my period of indecision is ended. For years I have tried to teach boys to live the highest truths as I saw it. I should also have tried to make them live the highest truth as they saw it. I have told them the answers. I should also have told them to examine critically the basic assumptions of life for themselves. I should have placed more emphasis on intellectual integrity. Instead, I have stressed conformity to the current moral code which I considered noblest. I have taught the importance of obedience. I have neglected the duty of rebellion.

"The old order changeth. I call you to a new consecration: let us dedicate ourselves to the fearless utterance of the highest truth each sees; knowing that, let what may come of it, only thus can one play one's right part in the world—knowing that if one can effect the change one aims at—well; if not—well also; though not so well."

The lights begin to twinkle from the rocks:
 The long day wanes; the slow moon climbs: the deep
 Moans round with many voices. Come, my friends,
 'Tis not too late to seek a newer world.
 Push off, and sitting well in order smite
 The sounding furrows; for my purpose holds
 To sail beyond the sunset, and the baths
 Of all the western stars, until I die.

COMMENTARY

There are two things which impress me as I read Brother Martin's analysis of government and his ringing enunciation of "the duty of rebellion."

The first is that it is pitiable that he hasn't a nobler cause. All honor to the martyrs, the great rebels of history; but their glory is in large measure the reflection of the greatness of the cause for which they risked and gave their lives. Philosophy! Christianity! The Magna Charta! No taxation without Representation! The Emancipation Proclamation! Men have given their lives for these, and the world has said Sublime. But Light Wines and Beer! Somehow one doesn't quite see Socrates, or Jesus, or Hampden, or Washington, or Lincoln giving his life for light wines and beer. One doesn't quite see a grateful country creating impressive memorials to the man who restored to it light wines and beer. One doesn't quite see Washington at Valley Forge or Jesus in Gethsemane for the sake of light wines and beer. And if Brother Martin insists, as indeed he may, that light wines and beer are but a symbol and that men carry pocket flasks not for the potion but for the principle, one still is moved to suggest that light wines and beer are not very elevating even as a symbol.

The second impression I get is a vague uneasiness as to the implications as to "the duty of rebellion." "Is submission to any law a moral obligation?" Brother Martin asks, and replies. "Surely not, unless the submission carries with it the personal conviction of rightness which makes it moral." If every man were to disobey every law in which he did not personally believe, we should have nothing better than perpetual anarchy. For the sake of a quiet world we bring into being, and rally behind, government. It is the rules of the game. There can be no game without it. And in America we agree upon representative government. We say, Majority Rules. Majority may be wrong, but so long as it is majority, it is to be obeyed. Now there may not be any moral obligation involved, but there would seem to be good sense and good sportsmanship involved, and certainly there is the *game*. Brother Martin puts himself into the position of recommending that every small boy who disputes the umpire's decision should be encouraged to take his bat and go home. And the game go hang!

F. P. R.

MEET THE FOUNDERS

THE PHILADELPHIA CONVENTION SLOGAN

The twenty-second convention of the Phi Sigma Kappa will be held in Philadelphia, August 26-28, at the Ben Franklin Hotel, 9th and Chestnut Streets.

The convention will be unique among conventions in that there will be present, *deus volens*, the two living Founders of the Order: Dr. William Penn Brooks and Mr. Frederick George Campbell. It was thought that it would be a great inspiration for the delegates and a great satisfaction to the Founders if Brothers Campbell and Brooks could be present. Fifty-three years have passed since they, together with their four companions, created this Society in the little dormitory room at Amherst, and during that period the Fraternity has grown to the fullness of man's estate in the Greek world. No convention has ever been honored by the presence of all living founders. Very few of our younger brothers have had opportunity to meet either Brother Campbell or Brother Brooks. Both of these men have definitely promised to be present. Hence a unique occasion for Philadelphia.

It is to be a business convention. The Council is determined not to use the Fraternity's money to assemble delegates from all over the United States merely for social reasons. This is in accord with the new order of things. Moreover there will be plenty of business to be done. The regional conclaves and the Council are both handing up matters of great importance, which call for a leisurely and deliberate consideration. The local committee is scheduling nothing to interfere with the efficient handling of these matters.

However it is expected that delegates will come early or stay late in order to complete their education in the City of Brotherly Love. For the first time we are holding the convention in the middle of the summer, and it is for this very reason. Delegates coming from the West and taking advantage of excursion rates will thus have a chance to browse about a little in the "effete" East before returning to the more virile land of their birth. Tired Business Men may fit the convention into their summer recess and linger about Philadelphia for recreation and relaxation as long as their money holds out. The local committee will do everything possible to facilitate sight-seeing for those who wish it.

Philadelphia offers you, first and foremost, its sesqui-centennial celebration. It offers you, moreover, historic sites of poetic

appeal: Valley Forge, Independence Hall, Carpenter's Hall, Betsy Ross House, Old Swedes' Church, Franklin's Grave. It offers you Fairmont Park—"the greatest park in the world." It offers you two baseball teams, "one of which will win the pennant." It offers you golf, but hopes that you will bring your own clubs. It offers to your wives and sisters, bridge, and theatre, and escorts for sight-seeing. It would therefore seem that no one happily eligible for this felicity can possibly afford to try to complete his life without it.

The committee in charge of arrangements heads up as follows:

- Chairman—William A. McIntyre, 1500 Chestnut St.
 Publicity—Fred G. Higham, Commercial Trust Building
 Financial—J. Lewis Fietz, Commercial Trust Building
 Treasurer—E. Lewis Gibbs, Conshohocken, Pa.
 Hotel and Banquet—W. E. Zimmerman, Lansdale, Pa.
 Souvenirs—Arthur S. Robinson, Swarthmore, Pa.
 Entertainment—T. J. Myers, Media, Pa.

CONVENTION PROGRAM

Thursday, August 26

- 9.00 A. M. Registration of Delegates
 Mid-Western Conclave
 Southern Conclave
 2.00 P. M. Opening Session of the Convention:
 Reports of Council Officers, Supreme Court,
 Editor of the Signet, Endowment Trustees
 7.00 P. M. Conference of Chapter Advisers

Friday, August 27

- 9.00 A. M. Business Session:
 Reports of Chapter and Club Delegates
 2.00 P. M. Business Session:
 Action on Petitions for Charters
 Action on Other Recommendations
 7.00 P. M. Exemplification of the Initiation Ritual

Saturday, August 28

- 9.00 A. M. Business Session:
 Unfinished Business
 Election of Officers
 2.00 P. M. Business Session (if necessary)
 7.00 P. M. Convention Banquet

BASEBALL

Catcher	Kelly	Montana
Pitcher	Redding	Minnesota
First base	Gundlach	Illinois
Second base	Hughes	Oregon
Shortstop	Hanson	Montana
Third base	Hummel	Pennsylvania
Left field	Makofski	Union
Center field	Major	Illinois
Right field	Fusonie	Dartmouth

If you want to see baseball in Phi Sigma Kappa, you have to go west. Six of our nine men come from beyond the Mississippi. And it's not that we knew less about them than about the men nearer home and gave them the benefit of the doubt; actually we knew more about them than we did about any equal number of men nearer home.

Kelly is Montana's star football player, captain-elect, and is a veteran in baseball too. Last season he stood second in the batting list. Rasey of Minnesota is a catcher, too, and a veteran, but is out of the game this season because of ill health. Gundlach is a rookie, but in the Illinois-Ohio game, with the score 6-7 in the ninth, he walloped out a three bagger with the bases full, and won the game. Of the various pitchers Redding of Minnesota seemed the best. He was winning pitcher against Carleton and held his opponents to six hits.

Of Hughes we know rather little except what we got from the chapter. Hanson has been playing for three years, usually on one of the bases. Hummel has been regular for Pennsylvania, playing sometimes on second and sometimes on third. Makofski pitches when he feels like it and is dependable with the bat. Fusonie is playing his second year for Dartmouth, usually in the field but occasionally as a pinch hitter.

THE SECRETARY'S PAGE

R. J. W.

COUNCIL MEETING: The Council met at the University Club, Pittsburgh, as guests of the Pittsburgh Club, March 27th.

Reports were made by various special committees on Song Book, Ritual for Alumni Clubs, Graduate Membership, and duplication of insignia by Sigma Phi Sigma.

As at former meetings, considerable time was given to reports from the Regional Vice Presidents and to the discussion of problems arising within their respective districts.

On recommendation of the several Conclaves, petitions for charters were approved for the following:

Chi Sigma Alpha, University of Kentucky
Beta Chi Alpha, Washington State College
Lambda Psi, University of Oregon
Delta Chi Rho, Carnegie Institute of Technology

Previously favorable action had been taken on the petition from Theta Rho of the University of North Carolina.

At a meeting held April 3d, the Supreme Court endorsed the action of the Council; these five petitions have been printed by the Grand Secretary and distributed to the Chapters, Clubs, and Chapter Advisers; final action will be taken at the Philadelphia Convention.

A charter was granted to the Alumni Club of Vermont.

The Council visited the petitioning local fraternity at Carnegie Institute of Technology and now shares the enthusiasm of the Pittsburgh Club for this organization.

In the evening, some thirty members of the Pittsburgh Club joined in entertaining the Council at dinner.

THE PHILADELPHIA CONVENTION: The Council outlined the general program for the Philadelphia Convention, and reached a decision concerning various details connected therewith.

The more important features will be the special conference of Chapter Advisers, the exemplification of the entire ritual including the initiation ceremony, and the presence of the two living founders of Phi Sigma Kappa.

NEBRASKA WINS BASKETBALL TROPHY

Coming from behind in the last four minutes of play, the Phi Sig basketball team staged a rally in the final game of the annual Inter-fraternity tournament, at Nebraska and defeated the Delta Upsilon quintet, 18 to 10. The victory brought to Phi Sig the first interfraternity basketball championship in our history. The Phi Sig quint looked good all through the tournament, coming off victorious in five games to clinch the championship and possession of the silver basketball trophy, held for the past two years by the D. U's. Grace was the outstanding star of the tournament, counting 24 baskets, besides one free throw, in the five games.

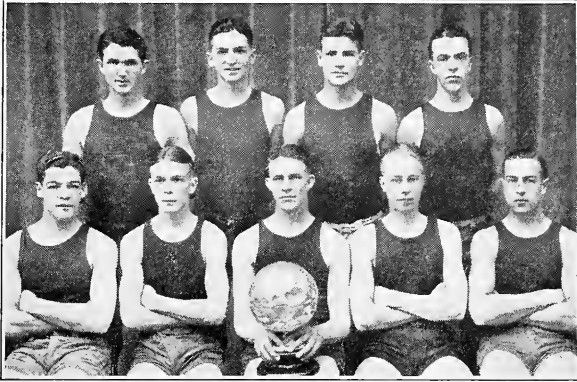
“BEHOLD, THERE CAME THREE WISE MEN FROM THE EAST.”

There were three men who came to M. A. C. with '26 who distinguished themselves in two particular fields and who will be greatly missed by the college and by Alpha Chapter. Brothers Alton H. Gustafson, Lawrence Lakin Jones, and Henry H. Richardson form the triumvirate. What, for the purposes of this article, constitute the preëminent achievements of each brother are his winning of his football “M” and his election to Phi Kappa Phi. And what renders all this doubly interesting is the fact that these three represent just one half the number of men elected to the scholastic fraternity.

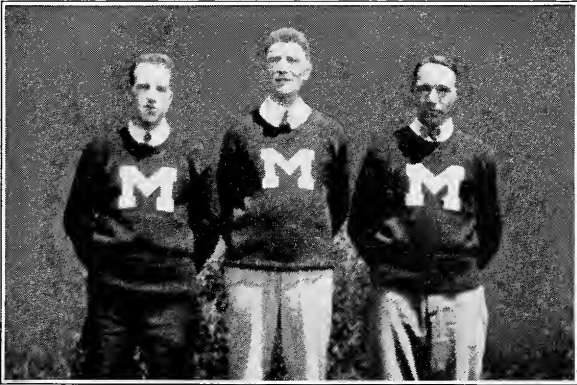
Let us consider these men individually for a moment.

Brothers Gustafson and Jones, “Gus and Larry,”—one hears the names as often together as alone—are two thirds of another prominent trio. In June they complete a period of schooling in company with one another and with “Buddy” Moberg, Alpha Sigma Phi, hockey captain, centre fielder, and football back, which dates to the very first grade of school. Gus, varsity half-back his sophomore year and varsity quarterback the next two, playing in every game through the three years, was the first to achieve the scholastic heights, being elected to Phi Kappa Phi last fall and initiated during the football season.

And what sort of a football player was he? First of all, perhaps, he was an important part, for two years the directing mechanism, in an athletic machine which won fourteen games, tied one, and lost eight, scoring 412 points to its opponents 200.



THE NEBRASKA CHAMPIONS



Gustafson Jones Richardson
ALPHA'S SCHOLARLY ATHLETES

His work last fall won him the Allen Leon Pond Memorial Medal, awarded to the player displaying in the highest degree general excellence in football.

We are not to assume that Gus has limited his activities to the gridiron and the study. For two seasons of basketball he acted as a substitute guard and only football injury kept him from more active participation in a third. For two years now he has helped initiate the underclassmen into the mysteries of Botany. For two years he waited on table in the Dining Hall, to be rewarded this year with the head waitership. He has been a member of the Senate and vice-president of the fraternity. During this, his last term, he is helping coach spring football and acting as president of his class. And may Gus have mercy on the author, the first claim to fame that he himself put forth was that he had fussed three nights a week for a year and a half.

Brother Larry Jones made a tackle berth his sophomore year and attracted the attention of those who made up the lists in the football guide so that he got an honorable mention. His junior year he played at end in every minute of every game, was chosen All-Connecticut Valley end and elected captain of his team for his senior year. And that year he again played every minute of every game, and in addition to again being picked as All-Valley end, was chosen as an All-New England end.

Larry has three years of playing varsity basketball centre behind him, playing which this year resulted in his being named centre on the second All-Eastern team selected by the ten leading coaches in the East. The best guard he's had in fifteen years, Coach Gore calls him. And then just for fun Larry's throwing the javelin this spring.

Larry has but lately laid down the presidency of Alpha Chapter, the Interfraternity Conference, and the Senate. Three years he has served as class captain. Adelpia, senior honorary society, claims him as a member along with Gus. He is a member of the Committee for an Undergraduate Report on the Curriculum and he will be a class day speaker at Commencement. He has waited on table two years and this year is giving instruction in Botany. Phi Kappa Phi has come this spring to cap the last of many busy terms.

Elected to Phi Kappa Phi along with Larry this spring was Brother Richardson. He likewise wears a maroon sweater with a large white "M." We hope he didn't deliberately choose to be Larry's football understudy but was given the job by someone else. In any event he was a victim of the company he kept. Being understudy for a man who plays every minute of every game for two years has, at first glance, some elements of pointlessness about it. And because too many of us never take but that one first glance, such an understudy loses much of the credit that is due him. And doesn't the man who keeps at it under these

circumstances and without full credit, deserve just a little bit more?

Not that Richie didn't get his baptism of fire and see actual service. The team had only one Larry Jones and the other end came out quite often last fall and then it was that Brother Richardson went in, and the man who had helped to make the Larry Jones and to make the other end got some of the credit he deserved.

1926 has been an exceptional class. Three of the exceptional men that it gave Alpha will be leaving her in June. . . . A Gustafson or a Jones or a Richardson. . . . We dare to hope that one like unto one of these will find our doors again, but three in a single class, that seems too much even for hoping.

L. H. B.

ATLANTIC REGIONAL CONCLAVE

The second conclave of the Atlantic Region was held in the Pi Chapter House, Lancaster, Pa., March 6. Vice-president Barnes presided. Forty delegates were registered, of whom eleven were alumni and two were advisers. The treasurer's report showed that the regional tax of \$15.00 had been collected from eleven chapters and three clubs. The books also showed a sufficient balance to justify the conclave to dispense with any collections for the ensuing year. The conclave voted to recommend the granting of a charter to the local Delta Chi Rho at the Carnegie Institute of Technology in Pittsburgh. The conclave voted to recommend that the Council be reduced to consist of a president, five (later six) vice-presidents and a secretary, thus doing away with the offices of auditor, recorder and inductor. The conclave voted to provide for the award of an Honor Cup to the chapter in the region to meet most successfully the tests of competition still to be drawn up. A committee was appointed to administer this action: S. F. Snyder, E. A. Curtis, and J. H. Minor. Brother R. G. Lafean was elected regional vice-president for the coming term. Brother W. E. Zimmerman was elected secretary-treasurer.

CHARLIE IS GRADUATED

THE EDITOR

THE COTTAGE.

Dear Charlie:

I rather doubt if I get up for your graduation. If Bill Hereford, class of '95, were to be there, I should certainly make the effort. Perhaps I may as it is. Your mother seems to think that we are coming, and she has an uncanny way of being right about such things.

Anyway it won't do any harm for me to expatiate a bit as befits the occasion.

I find that your college course has cost me in the neighborhood of \$4,000. And it has cost you four years of your life. When you are my age you will begin to realize how few years the average college graduate has left for himself. I can't help wondering a bit whether college has been a profitable investment for us. Of course professionally it hasn't got you very far. You have been trained for nothing, so far as I can see, unless to be a teacher in a very secondary school, and that doesn't seem to be your idea of a life-work. I'm not blaming you for either of these facts. Your college record has been pretty good. I've never had to blush for you in the Dean's office because of delinquencies in conduct or in curriculum. Nevertheless here you are at a jumping off place, without much jump in you and no particularly soft spot to land. Suppose I asked you to pay me back the four thousand, how long do you think it would take you?

I might say in passing that I have really gotten quite a bit of fun out of your pitching career. The men down at the shop have indicated a good deal of pride in "the boss's boy." Of course it isn't worth anything in itself, but as a symptom it is assuring; it does indicate a certain amount of initiative and self-mastery and coöperativeness, all of which will be useful to you always. I am glad the Yankee scout didn't see much in you; professional ball is for the college man a rather pitiable compromise with life. I wonder if there is as much glory in being the varsity pitcher as you expected there would be. I played ball myself, you know, and all the time I was wishing that I was the tenor soloist instead. This is the first time in my life that I ever mentioned that little

irony, and I'm wondering if you have a similar unmentionable of your own. If I were going to college again, I still should prefer to be the tenor soloist.

You and I haven't been very companionable for the past fifteen years, in other words, ever since you have been able to walk. In that we are like most American fathers and sons. It certainly isn't your fault, and I don't really believe that it is mine. But it's a little pathetic just the same. I am expecting that pretty soon we can meet as man to man, and I'm looking forward to a few pleasant years with you now. I am constantly grateful for the half dozen happy years I had with my father before his death. And in that connection I am glad that there isn't any inducement for you to come into the shop with me; that would make it so very much more difficult, you know.

And I think that this is about all. Be a good boy, and bring home the things you can't sell.

Affectionately,

YOUR FATHER.

HOME.

Dear Charles:

I don't know whether your father has written to you or not. Anyway be sure that a room is reserved for us at the inn for the entire week-end. We shall arrive by automobile early Friday evening.

I cannot tell you how glad I am to have you safely through college. Of course I realize that you have been having a very nice time, and the boys whom you have brought home have all been very gentlemanly and refined, but it does seem good to have you well through with it all. Now you can just get a good position, and marry a dear girl (that is, after a few years of course), and settle down to steadiness and comfort. I have always thought that it is most unnatural for all of you boys to be living quite alone in that big fraternity house. And not a night has passed but I have thought of some of you crawling up into those frightful two-story beds.

I want to arrive in time to look over your clothes before Commencement Day. Of course I realize that you can put your black gown over your other things, but you won't be wearing it all the time, and anyway, a boy ought to be clean and whole to the

skin for his graduation from college. It will be such a satisfaction to get you home afterwards and have you mended thoroughly.

Your father was very much pleased with the drawings you brought home two weeks ago. He seems to think that they indicate your natural bent, and he has shown them to almost every architect in the city. I don't know whether he has got any openings for you or not. He is very provoking about never telling me the second half of a story. I wonder if you would like to go into an architect's office. It occurs to me that your father is perhaps taking a good deal for granted. And in case he never says anything to you about this, you must never let on that I did.

A very nice family has moved in across the street. The man is a contractor, and apparently has quite a good deal of money. The mother is quiet but sure of herself. I think there are three servants, although there may be only two. One may come in now and then by the day, I mean. There is a very nice daughter, who has been taking an art course at Pratt Institute. She plays tennis and the piano, and she drives the car a great deal. I don't think that she smokes. In fact she seems like a very attractive and sensible girl. I wonder if you would like her. The mother and I have exchanged calls, and I could give a little dance perhaps.

Do you want me to pack your things for you. You have two trunks and two suit cases. You may need to buy a couple of boxes. I suppose you have accumulated some things, but you probably haven't any books, have you. Books are very heavy to move. If there is anything you want us to bring you, write immediately.

Lovingly,

MOTHER.

SAME PLACE.

Hello old thing:

Of course I'll come. Thanks awfully. I've got one new step and three new songs to teach you. One of them is a sketch. And I don't mean perhaps. Wait till you hear it.

Say, Squirrel, I wasn't kidding about the White Mountains. For two weeks anyway. Just the old bunch, you know. Chasing the pill in the afternoon and a little cadence in the evening. The links are simply overwhelming; you'll love them. I'm counting on you.

More to-morrow. Make it violets this time. I've got to give the little tin wagon his morning run in the park.

Say when,

ANN.

NEW YORK.

Dear Chas:

Passage engaged and arrangements nearly complete. We're sailing on Thursday week after next. For better or worse, it's Morocco or bust. Send home the blamed sheep-skin and hurry.

PETE.

THE BOOKSHELF

RICHARD KANE LOOKS AT LIFE. *By Irwin Edman. Houghton Mifflin. \$2.50.*

This book reminds the reader of *The Education of Henry Adams*. It cannot be too often called to our attention that education is not a matter of school-days but of life. Of course in such commentaries the college is likely to come off rather badly. Henry Adams declared that he learned nothing at Harvard. Richard Kane seems to have fared quite as unhappily. His classes are generally a bore. Then there is "the foolishness of the fraternities." "For a little he had swallowed the adolescent delusion that a trio of Greek letters could cement a miscellaneous group of American youths into a mystic sodality of sympathy and interest," but he ends by being "dropped ignominiously from the chapter roll." Richard Kane goes out into the world and maturer thinking. He "goes to Europe," "settles down," "looks at art," "takes stock of marriage," "hunts for God"; and, unlike Henry Adams, he muddles through to a positive philosophy at the end. But he never seems to have made it up with the colleges. As a father he takes stock again. "The three things that Richard had come to believe genuinely enlightened a man about his place in life and men's condition in the world were a sense of the realities of sex, the beauties of nature and art, and a knowledge of the actual physical and economic conditions by which men of necessity lived." And the college fails, he thinks, to provide these three. And yet his life-long confidant, with whom he has the entertaining talks of this book and upon whom he leans year after year as a guide, is none other than one of his college professors with whom

he got acquainted in the classroom. Perhaps he owes something to alma mater after all.

GLITTER. *By Katherine Brush. Minton, Balch & Company, New York. \$2.00.*

Another one! The jacket says, "an astonishingly life-like portrayal of college life to-day"; and to the reviewer, who lives in a small town with two colleges and is intimately associated with one of them, the adverb is well chosen. The hero's mother is sending him to college by running a gambling den, his best friend commits suicide because his bootlegging business goes astray, the heroine is a woman with an unsavory history, and the hero falls in love with his future wife upon meeting her prostrate drunk in a hardly reputable eating place. That such stories are to be found in the American college is of course undeniable, but that they are typical is a gross libel upon both our institutions and our American youth. Those who take their college life vicariously will find this a gisty narrative. It is well summarized in these words of the heroine: "And when I do die, I want to die the way I have lived, sensationally. If I were a man, I'd be a racing-driver. I love the way they die. At the wheel. Expecting to, more or less, and not caring. I knew one who was killed a year or two ago. He had one conscious minute and all he said was, 'I think I could have gone a little faster.'" The author does not know even the spelling of "chaperon," and I mean this literally.

MISSISSIPPI WELCOMES FRATERNITIES BACK

At the February meeting, Judge Bayes reported that a bill to repeal anti-fraternity legislation had just been defeated in the Mississippi Senate by a vote of 22 to 15, thus deferring all possibility of further action for two years. At the March meeting, he was able to report a complete about-face. The Legislature of Mississippi had unexpectedly passed the bill repealing anti-fraternity legislation and it was then before the Governor for signature. By the March meeting the bill had been signed and Sigma Chi had already revived its old chapter.

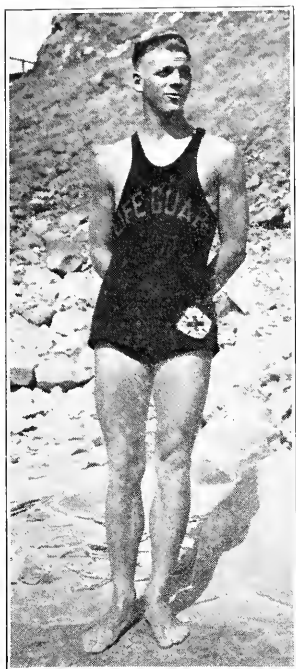
Thus bitter antagonism has for the time being been overcome in Mississippi. In South Carolina, where there is still anti-fraternity legislation, progress is being made, though Judge Bayes reported he sees no immediate possibility of favorable action.

Brother Frederick B. Taylor, X '27, is now manager of the Williams News Bureau. Through this organization, reports of ball games, track meets and all College events are broadcasted to the world through the newspapers. The Bureau was started only three years ago and has attained much of its present importance through the efforts of Brother Taylor.

Brother Harold (Sparky) Young, President of the Chapter for the last three terms, is doing the most interesting "bit" for Lambda at the present time. Sparky has been very active in both fraternal and school activities. His activities at school include the following: President of the Junior Class, President of Gate and Key Honorary Fraternity, and Member of Pyramid Honor Society. In the chapter Sparky has initiated a whole-hearted spirit of coöperation which has been a great stimulus to the brothers.

This year Phi-Sig has come to the front in intermural athletics and captured the Oregon swimming meet. One of the stars on the squad was Kneut Wernmark. After the meet the swimming coach picked him on the squad which defeated our rivals up the river, the University of Oregon.

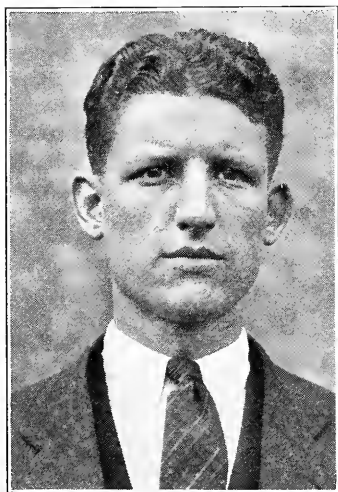
One of the outstanding men at Beta Deuteron in the past four or five years has been Brother Raymond "Black" Rasey. Seven major sport letters, beside university recognition for holding positions of leadership in many student activities both curricular and extra-curricular, have been the results of Raymond's initiative and ability. Raymond was captain of the 1926 basketball team and, through his sterling work as a forward, received much favorable newspaper comment and was honored with the mythical captaincy of the all-star conference second team.



WERNMARK



RASEY



TAYLOR



YOUNG

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On Saturday evening, March 13, 1926, the Chicago Club of Phi Sigma Kappa held its annual Founders' Day Banquet at the University Club, Chicago. Brother Alvin T. ("Chappie") Burrows, National President, was the guest of the evening and he addressed the club on the topic "Something to Do" and he told the Club of the plans for a Phi Sig Endowment Fund. Brother Charles H. Ruedi, National Recorder, was also present. Brother Harold Flodin, President of the Chicago Club, made arrangements for the banquet and was toastmaster: when you have said that, you have said the party was a success, for Harold is a past master at planning these banquets. Brother Earl F. Schoening procured the services of Brothers Theodore Lassagne, pianist, William Schoening, saxophone artist, and Charles Hickman, entertainer, all of Alpha Deuteron. They repeated the stunt that won them the prize at the Illinois Stunt Show.

The new officers elected for the ensuing year were George D. Theisen, President, C. O. Holmes, Vice-president, Earl F. Schoening, Secretary-Treasurer.

It was decided at the banquet to inaugurate the policy of one monthly meeting and three weekly luncheons a month. The first monthly meeting is planned for April 5th and the luncheons are held regularly on Tuesday each week. Watch us, Chicago Phi Sigs: you are going to hear a lot more from us.

The Philadelphia Club is devoting all of its energies toward a bigger and better convention next summer.

The newly elected president of the Pittsburgh Club is Richard P. Horner, K '17.

The Chicago Club offers, besides the weekly luncheon, monthly meetings at the Engineers' Club, 314 South Federal Street. Get into touch with Schoening for the next date.

The Washington Eta Club has elected George A. Wick, H '23, president for the ensuing year.

Charles McCowan writes that Spokane Phi Sigs are having Wednesday luncheons at the University Club, and are thinking of a club.

The Harrisburg alumni have gotten together, with Brother Barnes, elected Dr. James W. Kellogg, A '00, president, and voted to apply for a charter. Thirty men were present.

The New York Club held a theatre party to see *The Moth and the Flame* May 27, dining first at the club.

HALF A CREW ONWARD!

Phi Sigma Kappa has never had a crew, even a mythical crew. But this year we have half a crew. And, applying the old proverb, half a crew is better than none. Here it is. Volunteers are wanted to fill the vacant seats.

No. 2	Fayle	Pennsylvania
No. 5	Kauffman	Washington
No. 6	Hart	Washington
No. 8	Irmiger	Pennsylvania

Kauffman is only a freshman oarsman so far, but he weighs 180 and looks like varsity by and by. The other three are "Hip-Hip-Hip" letter men, and Irmiger is captain at Pennsylvania.

THE CHAPTER INVISIBLE

BRADLEY WARREN RICHARDS, B '27

Brother Richards died at his home in Rensselaer, N. Y. on April 29, after a short illness with heart disease.

VERNON C. CHAMPE, Δ '98

Over a column of the *Charleston (W. Va.) Gazette* of May 6 was devoted to the obituary notice of the late Judge Vernon C. Champe. The following is an excerpt:

MONTGOMERY, May 5.—The funeral services of the late Judge Vernon C. Champe were held at the Montgomery Presbyterian church here today at 2:30 p. m. Rev. Charles W. Reed, Judge Champe's pastor, conducted the ceremonies, assisted by the ministers of the other churches of the city. Never in the history of Montgomery has there been so vast an assemblage to pay the last honors to one of its most distinguished and best loved citizens.

The sentiments of the community were expressed through the most profuse and beautiful floral offerings ever seen here.

Out of respect to the memory of the departed distinguished citizen, New River State College, the public schools, high schools and business houses closed Wednesday afternoon.

Interment was made in the family section of the Montgomery cemetery.

Vernon Carlin Champe was born in Montgomery, West Virginia, January 12, 1879. He was a son of William F. and Annie Montgomery Champe and a grandson of James Carlin Montgomery, the founder of the city of Montgomery. Judge Champe was 47 years of age at the time of his death and had been a life long resident of Montgomery.

After receiving an elementary education in the public schools, Judge Champe spent one year in Charleston high school and one year in the Greenbrier Military Academy. At the age of fifteen he went to Morgantown, where he entered the West Virginia University college of law and at the age of nineteen he was graduated from the law school. Returning to Montgomery after graduation, Mr. Champe went into the law office of G. W. Osenton and A. D. Smith, for at this time he was too young to be admitted to practice his profession. When he was twenty-one he became a member of the law firm of Osenton, Smith and Champe and continued as such until 1903 when Mr. Osenton was elected prosecuting attorney of Fayette county and the firm dissolved. Judge Champe now opened up an office of his own in Montgomery and had continued the practice of law until the time of his death.

Mr. Champe was appointed judge of the Fayette county circuit court to succeed Judge W. L. Lee, resigned, March 1, 1918, by Gov. John J. Cornwell. In this position he served with distinction until his successor, Hon. J. W. Eary, the present incumbent, was elected.

There never lived a greater lover of clean sports than Judge Champe. He always attended the local football, baseball and basketball games, and other athletic events. He was also an enthusiast for education; to find a more steadfast and loyal friend to the local schools would be a most difficult task.

Mr. Champe loved and was loved by every boy in Montgomery. He knew them all by name and greeted them on every occasion. He was indeed a friend to humanity, kind, sunny, jovial and affable.

THE CHAPTER HYMENEAL

PLEDGES

Herbert Secor, B '25, and Florence Quivey of Scotia, N. Y.
Donald R. Holt, X '25, and Elizabeth Dorsey of Washington,
D. C.

INITIATES

Malcolm Nelson, ΔΔ, and Margaret Van de Walker.
Arthur Dana Elliot, E '10, and Helen Greenhalgh, March 7,
Ancon, Canal Zone.
Waldo A. Clark, Δ '22, and Sara Katherine Cardwell, April 5,
West Palm Beach, Fla.
Jasper Henderson Armstrong, Δ '22, and Beatrice Harding,
April 12, Waxahachie, Texas.
Franklin D. Lanier Walker, ΔΔ, and Ruth Isabelle Carey, May
12, Seattle, Wash.
Howard Owen Embrey, H '27, and Erna Otto, April 23, Wash-
ington, D. C.
Arthur V. Foard, and May H. Spear, January 30, Baltimore.
Cornelius V. Roe, and Elizabeth Rider, April 8, Baltimore.
Wayman Ross Ooley, ΞΔ '24, and Fay Chaney, Augusta, Ark.
W. Buckley Clemson, and Miss Keitch, April 21, Baltimore.
Wayne E. Mason, Δ, and Ruth Strieby.
Ralph J. Condry, Δ, and Esther Nester.
Lester M. Lyall, Δ, and Edith Beyer.
Charles W. Quarles, Δ, and Martha Crooks.
Fayne Kayser, Δ, and Madylin Blatchford.
Hubert Kidd, Δ, Nina Payne.
Charles Carden, Δ, and Cecelia James.
D. V. Forrester, ΔΔ '25 and Blanche Banta, April 20, Chicago.
Guy A. Heaps, II '24, and Aline M. Simpson, April 3, New
York City.

BLESSED IN THE BOND

John Heitzman, ΔΔ—Eileen Joane.
Kenneth Scott Sheldon, B, November 14—Kenneth Scott.
John A. Chapman, A '18, April 8—son.
Clinton Taylor, T '25, March—Barbara Jean.
Rev. Henry I. Aulenbach, II '21, April 30—Richard Henry.

PHI SIGS AFIELD

CHAIRMAN OF JOHNS HOPKINS TRUSTEES

The following editorial from the *St. Paul Dispatch*, May 2, relates to Brother Dan Willard, president of the Baltimore & Ohio Railroad:

The selection of a successful railroad executive as chairman of the board of trustees of Johns Hopkins University is in keeping with current educational policy in this country. There was a time when it was thought that the management of a college or university could not be safely intrusted to any but professional educators, who had served an apprenticeship in the lecture room. The tremendous growth of many of our universities has partly caused and partly resulted from a change in that attitude. Our larger universities are now huge and complex organizations requiring in their management first-rate executive ability. The presidents of some of them owe their positions less to scholarship than to what may be called educational salesmanship.

Graduated years ago from a Vermont high school and the Massachusetts Agricultural College, Mr. Willard, widely known as president of the Baltimore & Ohio Railroad, would not be described as an educator. Any claim he may have to scholarship must have been acquired at odd moments in the course of a busy life in the railroad world. Yet as chairman of the trustees of Johns Hopkins he will be largely responsible for carrying out a radical change of educational policy. That he will perform his duties successfully is not to be doubted.

Brother Willard has also recently been selected as director of the Union Trust Company, Chicago, and of the American Telephone and Telegraph Company.

PROFESSOR AT UNIVERSITY OF ROME

Brother Howard T. Lewis, AA, Dean of the College of Business Administration at the University of Washington, has been appointed by the King of Italy, Exchange Professor at the University of Rome.

SCHREIBER PROMOTED

Among the appointments to professorship at Yale this spring is Brother Carl F. Schreiber, for several years alumni adviser to Epsilon. The following is taken from *The Christian Science Monitor* of March 19:

Professor Schreiber, who has been a member of the Yale faculty for thirteen years, is a graduate of the University of Michigan, Class of 1907, and holds the degrees of M.A. from New York University and Ph.D. from Yale. He has served at various times as acting registrar of the Sheffield Scientific School and is now chairman of the committee of the Modern Language Association which is formulating plans in America for the celebration in 1932 of the Centenary of Goethe's passing.

WATTS LEAVES AMHERST

The following item from *The Springfield Republican* of April 17 is self-explanatory:

The resignation of Ralph J. Watts as secretary of the Massachusetts Agricultural College was received with surprise and considerable regret on the part of his colleagues at the college, his brother alumni and friends in the town. Mr. Watts graduated from the college in 1907 and immediately became secretary to President Kenyon L. Butterfield. His title was soon changed to secretary of the college, a position he has held since.

He held the office of secretary of the board of trustees, in addition to that of the college, and his long experience in the administrative affairs of the institution makes him a valuable member of the alumni body. He served as President Butterfield's assistant during the period of greatest development of the college, and as an alumnus has given much more than paid service. He is noted for his unflinching memory and is said to be able to call the name of every man who has been graduated since his connection with the college. Probably no one has a wider acquaintance among the alumni than he.

For three years Mr. Watts has been national secretary and treasurer of the Phi Sigma Kappa fraternity. In this capacity he has been largely responsible for the business administration of that organization of over 8,000 members and 141 chapters in as many colleges and universities in the country. He has served the local chapter as treasurer of the house corporation since 1912 and was chapter adviser from 1914 to 1924. During the past year he has been adviser to the managers of the various activities of the college concerning their business problems. Mr. Watts is the fourth executive to resign since President Butterfield left the institution.

Both Mr. and Mrs. Watts have been active in the affairs of the community, being members of the Baptist church, where Mr. Watts is clerk. He is also secretary of the Amherst Interchurch union. Mrs. Watts is the college organist and choirmaster at Grace church, as well as an active member of the music section of the Woman's club and a music teacher. The best wishes of their friends go with them to their new home in Appleton, Wis., where Mr. Watts will hold the responsible position of business manager of Lawrence College. He will take up the duties of his new position in the fall.

HAZELTON'S TEAM WINS

Brother Sid Hazelton, T '09, has just coached the Dartmouth swimming team to another New England Intercollegiate championship by the overwhelming score of 37 as against 16 for Brown and 14 for Williams.

A PHI SIG CONTEST FOR THE SENATE

We are told by the West Virginia chapter that United States Senator M. M. Neely of that state is to have as his opponent for reelection Governor Howard Gore, also of West Virginia. Neely is a Democrat. Gore is Republican. Both are Phi Sigma Kappa.

It seems, further, that Brother Frank Bowman, Congressman from West Virginia, is also to have a Phi Sig opposing his reelection. The candidate in this instance is Brother Roy Yoke, alumni secretary of the University of West Virginia and former governor of the state Rotarians.

GETS ORIENTAL SCHOLARSHIP

In *The Philadelphia Inquirer* of May 8 there appears the picture of Brother E. R. Raublitz in connection with his having recently been awarded a research scholarship from Gettysburg for study in the Holy Land. Brother Raublitz was the first president of our Gettysburg chapter.

ALLEN RESIGNS

Brother Edgar M. Allen, regional vice-president, has been called to California to take over the business of his father, who died suddenly on April 1, and this has necessitated his resigning the vice-presidency of the Middle Western Region. Brother Ruedi has been appointed to fill out his term of office. The sympathy of the Order is extended to Brother Allen in his bereavement, and our best wishes for his work in the far West.

PHI SIGMA KAPPA HUMOR

Contributors: C. WESLEY MEYTROTT in the April M. I. T. *Voo Doo*
W. S. STOLTZ in the April *Lehigh Burr*

"Is this the Kappa Kap House? Is Bill Whozis there? He isn't? Well, will you tell him . . . why, yes, this is Anne Stillson, how did you . . . Joe Nockworth? I *have* heard him speak of you, you're the boy with . . . why, do you think that would be *very* nice? Well, possibly, but what would *Bill* say! A very good friend of his? Of course then . . . I *might* see you if you dashed right over . . . yes, of *course* Bill would want me to meet you . . . and hurry, because mother's out . . . no, don't bother to ring, come right up . . . yes, Room 113. What . . . what's the matter! Bill . . . why, *Bill!* Oh, Central, something awful's happened, can't you re-connect me right off!"

I wonder if Alice is very old?
Well, no-o-o, geologically speaking.

We can't praise the early settlers too highly—and we hope the fellow who's owed us ten dollars for a year reads this.

Irate father (to lazy son): "Why are you always lying about the house?"

Lazy son: "I never did! Don't think much of the old shack but I never said so."

"Was he on his knees when he proposed to you?"
"No, I was."

Men may have their failings but they don't kiss when they meet on the street.

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THE CONVENTION ADDRESS

DR. FRANCIS W. SHEPARDSON, BΘII

I assure you I appreciate very greatly the courtesy shown me by inviting me, a stranger, to come to speak to you tonight at the very climactic point of the earnestness and enthusiasm which attend a national convention of an American college fraternity. I have tried to catch the spirit of this occasion as I have looked into the faces of these selected American lads from all over the land. Somehow my mind has gone back to those ancient times in Palestine when it used to be the custom every year to go up to the high place of the nation. There is nothing more interesting in the whole story of the past than the power of the City of David, of Bethlehem, where every year the people went up, to see their kin from other parts, to hear once more from their elders that wondrous story of how God had led them in the days gone by, and to hear that great antiphonal chorus, "Who shall ascend into the hill of the Lord?" and the answer, "He that hath clean hands and a pure heart, whose soul hath not lifted itself up to vanity and who hath not sworn deceitfully." And when I thought I should like to come here to the high place of Phi Sigma Kappa, I never dreamed that I should see here before me, Moses and Elias. I wonder if you boys, you delegates, sense the meaning of this presence here to-night; that fifty-three years after your fraternity was founded you should have the wonderful opportunity of looking into the faces of the men who in those golden, glorious days gone by caught the vision which through all the years has been spread out before you? Oh, I wish I could go to a convention of my fraternity and see our founders. I always think of them as old men, and not long ago I discovered that every one was young. I fancy that fifty-three years ago the men

who caught the vision of this fraternity were young men, just exactly like you.

Being an outsider and not knowing much about your fraternity, except as I have read its story, and except as I read each issue of *THE SIGNET* from cover to cover and find stimulus and encouragement, my point of view may be a little different from yours. And so I want to talk to you a little while about point of view.

Back in my old county in Ohio the other day a poor farmer lost a hog. It was a pretty hard blow to him. But there was nothing to do but to bury the animal, and so he went out into the barnyard and started to dig. All of a sudden he hit something hard. And he dug around it a little bit and found a great big bone. And he dug a little farther and he uncovered the skeleton of a mastodon. And it got the front page in every central western paper, with the result that people came literally by the thousands to see the discovery. And he was sharp enough to charge each one of them twenty-five cents admission. So that his point of view was changed very materially from that depression when he considered that his hog was dead. Now he has made enough money to pay his taxes and his insurance and buy some new farm implements and go to the county fair and spend some money without feeling worried about it at all.

My father had a man working for him whose wife kept a student club. This student club was run on the plan which almost all clubs were run on; nobody paid anything at all until the end of the term and at the end they counted up what the whole thing had cost and made a certain percentage of allowance for service and then they divided up the amount pro rata. And this man's wife kept such a club. Steve was a hard-shelled Baptist and he was very sure of the ruling providence of God and that the Lord would ever be mindful of his own. One day Steve said to me: "Frank, my wife has just made \$85 this term running a club. I don't know how to spend the money: whether to buy a new buggy or to get a new organ or take a trip. I believe I will take a trip." His viewpoint as to whom that money belonged was a little different from mine, and he took a trip. One day Steve said his wife asked him if he had any money. "I said, 'No.'" "We are all out of flour," said his wife; "we've got to have some flour because these students must be fed." "Well," he said, "the Lord will provide." "And what do you think! this

morning," said Steve, "when I woke up I found that the old cow was dead and I skinned her and took the skin down to the butcher shop and sold it for enough money to get the flour. I tell you the Lord will provide."

You know Steve's vision never ranged beyond his own first thought. It never entered his head that he would have to get another cow. And it was strange, because he lived right at the foot of the College hill; and up above, looking from the college, there was a rather interesting formation of land. Over there, three-quarters of a mile, was a low ridge and from the college hill you could look across that ridge to another ridge where there was something that seemed to be shining all the time. We found out that it was the tin cupola of a spire nineteen miles away. I do not know how many hundreds of students were influenced by the sight of that church over beyond the other ridge to a desire in their souls for a wider vision. You will remember how Kipling puts it:

"Something hidden. Go and find it;
Go and look behind the ranges;
Something lost behind the ranges,
Lost, and waiting for you, Go."

And the other day up in northern Wisconsin I heard a story just the opposite. There were some Indians up around the lake and the United States Government wanted them to go to Kansas and occupy a reservation. So they gathered them together and took them to Kansas and one day they discovered one of the most prominent back again. "How is that, Joe? Didn't the Government carry out its promise to you?"

"Yes."

"Wasn't the tillage land good?"

"Oh, good."

"Wasn't the grazing land good? Wasn't everything exactly as represented?"

"Yes."

"Well, what did you come back for?" And his answer was:

"See too far."

Because Joe had been brought up in the forests of Wisconsin where his vision was checked by great trees, when he got out where the West began and tried to adapt himself to those wide stretches where the human eye ranges far he found it impossible

to do so. His point of view was entirely different from that of those who looked over across the ridge to the other ridge and wondered what was beyond. You know a man that never went to Palestine wrote a book which called *Jesus, a Small Town Man*. They said, "Can any good come out of Nazareth?" and everybody knew that Jesus grew up as a boy in Nazareth. But everybody did not know that by going about two hundred yards from his home up a hill he got on a height where he could see every one of the great historic spots in the long story of Israel. You see I am talking about two points of view: one the distant range, and the other the view at your feet.

It has been forty-six years since I joined a college fraternity. They said that mastodon up there was in the tertiary period. That was the kind of period in which I was introduced into American college life. It was the cave man period. Every fraternity man's hand was against every other fraternity man's hand. The thing that was preached, the thing we all tried to do, was this: find out if you can what the other fraternity believes in. Steal its constitution—in those days most constitutions contained all the secret work. Steal the constitution. Steal the ritual. Then when you get them, make fun of them. But don't you let anybody make fun of yours. That was the conception of everybody that became a fraternity man in that period, roughly speaking, half a century ago.

A few years ago a meeting was held in Chicago to consider the student life in dormitories. When it got under way someone suggested: "You can't understand student life; you can't improve student life in dormitories, unless you get the college fraternities to coöperate, because so many students live in chapter houses." Someone said, "You cannot get fraternities to coöperate. Their leaders all hate one another. They all despise one another. They are fighting all the time. You can never get them to coöperate." But there were some people who said they could coöperate. And so haltingly, hesitatingly, President Faunce of Brown University called together representatives of college fraternities to meet the challenge of the religious educational association: can fraternities help solve a problem of college life? It was a challenge. It was a recognition. It was an opportunity. And so, since then, year after year, representatives of all the fraternities have met in New York City at Thanksgiving

time; and at the close of his administration as Chairman, your Honorable Doctor Conley here made a marvelous statement, beating Woodrow Wilson's fourteen points: twenty points, twenty distinct gains made by coöperation of college fraternities in less than twenty years. The point of view had changed entirely. We discovered that everybody was just as good as everybody else and just as sincere. We discovered that if we had high ideals so had you. If we had hopes and dreams and longings and aspirations, so had you. We looked into each others' eyes and we discovered that we were not enemies at all, but we were allies, working for a common purpose with common instrumentalities along the common highway of student life.

Stevenson tells in one of his books of letters something like this: "A man came into Mulunuu the other day with great glory, carrying a head of one of his enemies. And when he washed the black paint off of it, lo, it was his brother. The last I heard he was sitting with the head in his lap, weeping."

People do not seem to understand that we fraternities have a common heritage. Where did we get the things we prize? What are the things we prize in college fraternities? We prize the badge we wear and we love to look at it. We prize the ideals that we hold up before our novitiates. We prize the songs that have come from the heart. We prize the sentiment of the fraternity. We prize our coats of arms. We prize mottoes and grips. Where did we get them all? They all came from the same place. Every single American college fraternity got its ideals, its badges, its insignia, its heraldry, directly or indirectly, out of the knightly societies of the Middle Ages who fought the wars of the Crusades. Because the day came when the Saracens conquered them and then, that a Christian might be known amid the hordes of Saracens and placed upon his guard, he wore somewhere a badge that marked him as a Christian. He had words that he whispered to protect himself and to let himself be known, but he would never whisper those words except to one who had taken a solemn vow to hold them sacred. He had a grip by which one Christian might know another in the darkness as well as in the light. Everything we have come from those knightly societies of the Crusades.

How many ideals are there in American college fraternities, do you suppose? Do you think that yours are different from mine?

I take it that there are not over a dozen words, great words: truth, right, justice, friendship, faith—not over a dozen words which make up the idealism of all of the American college fraternities. If you study the different fraternities you will find this: that the things that bind us together, the things that are common, are far more numerous than those that turn us apart. And, if that be true, then certainly from the external side and from the internal side we have the same historical base.

I like the internal purpose myself pretty well. I like to look far away over the ridge there. But I like to look down at the feet sometimes and stay very close to the fraternity.

The other day in a bookstore I picked up a book of songs of peoples of all the ages and I found this anonymous one: I should like to know who wrote it. I am sure he was a Phi Sigma Kappa, and I know he was a Beta. I think he belonged to all of them. It is called *Fraternity*.

“Taught by no priest, but by our beating hearts,
Faith to each other, the fidelity of men,
Whose pulse leaps with kindred fire;
Who in the flash of eyes, the clasp of hands,
Nay, in the silent bodily presence, feel
The mystic stirrings of a common life
That makes the many one.”

That is Phi Sigma Kappa. Is it not? That certainly is my fraternity. In the silent bodily presence where nobody says a thing, where you just simply sit quiet, and feel the mystic stirrings of a common life that makes all one.

In our interfraternity conference this year our chairman proposed three things that we do. Three S's, and the first was: Sectional gatherings of fraternity men all over the country; coming together as fraternity men to look each other in the eyes, to sing songs that could be sung by all together, to revive college memories. To let the world know that in the new régime college fraternity men were not foes but friends. And that is happening all over the country now.

And the second was: Better scholarship. Now all fraternity officers harp on the same strain. We talk to selected men, and I am speaking now to selected men, those who have been selected out of their communities to have the opportunity of a college education. If I had time to present some figures to you I could

show you how selected you are. Because from the grammar school on there is just a constant reduction in number; dropping, dropping, dropping out until only one of thousands ever has the opportunity to finish a college course. And when you get to college you are passed on by a committee, the most careful and scrutinizing perhaps of any committee in the world, the committee of a college fraternity, and then you are selected. Men who are interested in the administration of college fraternities have the right to come to groups like you, selected, and appeal for better scholarship. I used always to talk along the line of shame; try to shame the boys, because they were selected, into working a little bit harder. Now, I have changed entirely and put it on an economic basis: because it pays. I had a letter the other day from a college president, who said: "We are going to have the largest freshman class we have ever had, and not a single one of them but stood in the upper third of the high school. We reject everybody from the lower two-thirds." President Hopkins of Dartmouth says they are going to do the same thing. And that is what you hear all over the country, that no boy is going to be able to get into college unless he is in the upper third of the high school. They put that even a little more effectively in the college. Every year, you know, after you spend your hard time rushing in the fall to get candidates, you find maybe that you have lined up eleven or twelve and that five or six flunk out and all your work is useless. The possibilities of your chapter are interfered with because those fellows did not study. The law school and the medical school say: we will not take anybody who comes; we will take only those who have high rank in the college. The Harvard law school made a study of its graduates for twenty years, and they find that those who had high scholarship are the ones who are making a success in life. Scholarship pays; and if we can no longer appeal to selected men for the honor of their fraternity, we can appeal to them on the ground of economics. Why, if they want to make a success for themselves personally and so indirectly bring honor to the fraternity whose badge they wear, they ought to do harder work in their books.

But it is the third of those things that I want to talk about, and that is that all of us together work to magnify the spiritual side of the college fraternity. By spiritual side I am not thinking at all of religion. I am thinking of those intimate incidents so well

expressed in that parting song you sang a while ago; so well expressed in that vision of fraternity by one of your brothers who can not see with the fullness of vision that you and I can see and yet somehow had caught a high vision of what Fraternity might be. Do you believe, my friends, that your fraternity is a fine thing? That membership in it is worth while? That association with those from other colleges means much to you? That if a lad listens and catches the full meaning of it, it should make his life better? Do you believe that? Then why not magnify that in your college life? Ah! if you actually, honestly believed that, you would not allow anybody to bring liquor into your chapter house contrary to the law of the college, contrary to the law of your chapter, contrary to the spirit of the constitution and law of your country. If you honestly believed that, there would never be any scandal attached to your chapter house. If you honestly believed that, everybody in the college campus would say, "I don't know what it is, but there is something in that fraternity that gets hold of the boys." I have seen lad after lad go through that miracle of brotherhood, coming up a stranger, getting an invitation to join something, finding himself no longer a stranger, but a brother, and then transforming his life and his aspiration by that golden bond of brotherhood.

I never saw,—I do not believe I ever saw,—a hundred per cent fraternity man. Most all of them are fifty per cent. If we could just push that average up to 60, 70, 80 or 90 per cent of the fraternity life that we talk about in our idealism, we should actually change the whole scope of American college life. Ah, yes, we should change the whole character of the thought of the American people of to-morrow. I appeal to you for spirituality in your chapter life, for the finer things that are represented in the motto, the badge, the grip, the song, the group where perhaps not a single word is said.

But we have got to do something else in our fraternity. We have got to look way out beyond that first ridge, beyond that second range, and we have got to find out what there is over there. I am not sure that the American college fraternity is going to endure. I don't know what obstacles there are before it. I do know this: that if every fraternity man would live up to his ideals there would be no complaint on the part of deans, no questioning on the part of boards of trustees; there would be only satisfac-

tion and everybody would register the conviction that the college fraternity is one of the most useful institutions ever introduced into American college life.

A while ago I heard a man tell a story that is admirably suited to this occasion. I am not sure I can recall the words. But as these two men sit here to-night, these builders, I like to think about the college fraternity as a building that is being erected. How far down will the convention actions you have taken this week be passed in history? How far may they range? They tell me you are going into North Carolina and that you are going into Washington State and you are going into Carnegie Tech. Those three I mentioned are entirely different types of institutions, appealing to different sorts of lads. What will some of those boys that will be initiated by and by think of your fraternity when, fifty-three years after, they come back to some convention? These words were:

An old man going a lone highway
 Came in the evening cold and gray
 To a chasm vast, both wide and deep.
 The old man crossed in the twilight dim,
 The swollen stream had no fears for him.
 But he stopped when safe on the farther side
 And built a bridge to span the tide.

"Old man," said a fellow pilgrim near,
 "You are wasting your time in labor here.
 Your journey will end with the closing day,
 You never again will pass this way.
 You have crossed this chasm deep and wide,
 Why build you this bridge at eventide?"

The laborer lifted his old gray head.
 "Good friend, in the way I have come," he said,
 "There follows after me this day
 A youth whose feet must pass this way.
 This chasm which has been as naught to me
 To that fair-haired youth may a pitfall be.
 He too must cross in the twilight dim,
 Good friend, I am building this bridge for him."

And so, once again, I call your attention to the point of view in viewing this fraternity, your fraternity of to-morrow as you look far across the ranges, your fraternity of to-day as you look right intently at your badge. And remember the time long ago when a man said these words: "The things that are seen are temporal, but the things that are unseen are eternal."

AFTER THREE AND FIFTY YEARS

WILLIAM PENN BROOKS, Founder

If anything might inspire one of my very modest abilities to make a good speech it would be such a reception as I have met at your hands. I shall not attempt, however, anything elaborate in the way of a talk. As I stand here, one of the two surviving founders, you may reasonably expect that I shall have something to say about the founding of the fraternity. And I may say, borrowing this idea from the eloquent address we have heard, that it was founded from a near view point. The founders certainly did not have the distant view. But, there was a reason for the foundation of the fraternity. It was founded because these men did not wish to unite with the two then existing fraternities in the college.

I would not be understood to wish to assert that the influences of those fraternities were bad, but their way of life was freer than ours. The fact is, however, that one of these two fraternities met in a room in one of the college dormitories, while just across the hall in the same dormitory the Young Men's Christian Association met. And some irreverent youth had scribbled on the wall outside of the Y. M. C. A.: "This way to Heaven, the other to Hell."

Now the founders did not wish to head that way. And so, having that in mind and believing in fraternalism, believing in the possibility of good to come from such an organization, they founded the Alpha Chapter, but not as Alpha Chapter; we never dreamed there would be any other chapters.

A few words about some of the founders may be of interest. Four of them came from the farms of New England. They were hard-working boys. They were working their way through college. One of the other two was the son of a distinguished scientist; while the sixth founder was a native Englishman who when a boy had joined a training ship in the United States Navy and had been over a large part of the world. These were the founders. The secret organization, the art of it, the method of reckoning time, were largely from the mind of Clay, a sturdy six-foot Vermonter, a member of the college crew, a man who had the respect of everyone in the college and everyone on the faculty.

The characters of the other men I have not time to detail. Each added something. I had belonged to a secret temperance organization, and there are a few words in the original constitution in my handwriting which were borrowed from the good temperance league, but my part in determining what the fraternity should be was a small one, a very small one in comparison with that of Clay. I must not dwell upon that matter further.

I have given you, I hope, some idea as to why the fraternity was founded. You will remember that at first it had no public name. Accordingly outsiders did not know what to call us. They called us almost anything they could think of, and some things very uncomplimentary. Not, however, I believe, seriously. "Hell Huddlers" was one of the terms applied to us. It is no wonder that as time passed the members of the fraternity decided that some public name, some name by which the public could know us, should be determined upon, and so we became Phi Sigma Kappa.

Every young man in college has to decide for himself whether it is best for him to unite with a fraternity. I do not propose to discuss that question at any length. But I would say, looking back upon an experience of a rather long life, that a young man might wisely decide to unite with the fraternity because, as I look at it, the fraternity is the college home. Now in these days, as most of you know, it is quite common to dwell upon the importance of various agencies outside of the home in determining the course of childhood. There are boy scouts and girl scouts and this and that and the other organization. Not very long ago I attended a meeting where one speaker after another got up and dwelt upon the advantages of the work of the boy scouts and of the other various organizations. I listened for an hour or two and not a word was said about the home. Then I rose in my feeble way and called attention to that fact. Now, the college fraternity is a college home. In the college home the young man is subject to influences which can not possibly be brought to bear upon him in any other college association.

It used to be common, you will remember, in urging upon a person that he embrace some religion, that he should do it in order to be saved. In religious matters the emphasis is not now in general laid upon personal salvation. From a certain point of view, that is rather a selfish motive, is it not?—that I may be

saved. That is not so much emphasized now. But people are urged to unite with religious organizations in order that they may serve their community, their state, the world, better. So I would say to you: While there are advantages which I cannot dwell upon to yourself, many of them, the greatest advantage of all is because working with your brothers you will have a better opportunity to work in the interest of the institution, of the state, and of the nation. Join a fraternity then from that point of view and remember, that the more you serve your fraternity, the better you will be satisfied with your college life.

HONOR ENOUGH FOR ALL

FREDERICK G. CAMPBELL, Founder

There is one thing, I think, that our Council has done wrong. They know that I cannot make a speech. Yet they put me on the program against my wishes. However, I do want to say just a few words that have occurred to me during this evening. If Brother Clay could only be alive and come to one of these meetings I don't know what he would do. He always carried everything he started right straight through to a conclusion; and I wish he could now see how his works have grown. He was really one of the chief founders, you might say *the chief*. But I do know that none of us thought of any such thing as this great banquet. Personally, I feel that you have given us founders all too much honor. I think the honor belongs to the men who followed. That is where the real work has been done. We did very little. We just planted the seed and the rest of you have given it life. You have made it grow and have looked after it and kept it growing. You are the ones that should have the honor instead of us.

Now, I wish to thank you for all the kindness and courtesies that you have shown us. I will tell you, as I wrote home to my wife last night, that I am having the time of my life. And I think that this reception that you have given us will add to the length of my years.



GEORGE A. PARKER

THE CHAPTER INVISIBLE

GEORGE A. PARKER, A '76

The First Initiate

Brother George A. Parker died suddenly in a Hartford restaurant on September 13 from heart failure. His reputation as a park commissioner was nation-wide. He was born in New Hampshire in 1853. At Massachusetts Agricultural College he was the president of his class and the first man to be initiated into Phi Sigma Kappa. From that day to the day of his death he was a close friend of his classmate and neighbor, Dr. Joe Root. Only a day or so before his death, the two had spent an evening in Aggie reminiscence.

After his graduation from college he did work in Boston, Braintree, Cleveland and Vassar College. In 1896 he became superintendent of Keney Park in Hartford, and ten years later he became superintendent of the city's park system, a position which he held until last winter. He was also president of the juvenile commission and a member of the Connecticut Park Commission. The following excerpts from current tributes to his work and personality will be of general interest.

The Mayor of Hartford said in part as follows:

"His service for the park department of Hartford should be remembered by the people of the city. In my association with him I found him to be a man of high ideals, vitally interested in Hartford and in the improvement of the city, eager to aid in any worthy cause and anxious to give the best he had. The children of Hartford, too, will mourn him, for he was their staunch friend."

This is taken from an editorial in *The Hartford Times*:

George A. Parker might have been called a dreamer and he probably would not have resented it but would have been proud of the impeachment. He was a dreamer, but the happiness and welfare of men and women, and particularly of little children, was the stuff of which his dreams were made.

As few men do, he possessed the ability to observe a tract of meadow or woodland and embellish it in his mind with flowers, playgrounds, drives, lagoons, etc., and people it with human beings made happier and better for the privilege of enjoying it. When he undertook a development Mr. Parker thus saw through in his mind to the finish what he was going to do with it as well as the benefits it would confer.

A great many men could not keep pace with him in imagination. It is a truism that imagination and initiative and radical thought go with youth, but Mr. Parker gave the lie to it as a planner of parks. In this work he saw ahead with the enthusiasm of youth. He hesitated neither to advance new theories or new ideas, so that far younger men were put to it to keep up with him in his plans for extension and improvement of Hartford's park facilities.

Work was his fun. He cared nothing about vacations, but asked only to be permitted to be always busy, creating something in his mind and

then transferring the creation to a blue print or to actually finished construction. Surely Hartford is not quite the same with him out of it.

This is from an editorial in *The Hartford Courant*:

Hartford will miss George A. Parker, twenty years superintendent of its park system and for ten years before assuming that important responsibility, in charge of Keney Park. Wherever Hartford is known—and we like to think that is wherever there is civilization—its parks are known and praised for their practical benefits, as well as their beauty. In the development of the system which has added much to the reputation of the capital of Connecticut, the man who died yesterday had played a leading part. He did not come here without proper qualifications and training for what was to be his real life work and he proved to be an ideal man in carrying on and expanding what had been so well started under his able predecessor, Theodore Wirth.

A tireless worker, an enthusiastic worker, a faithful worker, the extent and value of the labors of Mr. Parker in beautifying the parks and making them the people's own, can hardly be overestimated. Elizabeth Park, to which thousands of people make annual pilgrimages—many coming from remote points—to see the noted rose garden, widely known as Hartford's beauty spot, and the other parks which add to the celebrity of the city, were not, in Mr. Parker's mind, merely things of beauty, to be looked at, to be admired, to figure in photographic reproductions, but were for common, everyday use by the people, because they owned them.

Dr. Root, who was one of the honorary bearers, adds this comment: "The obituaries failed to mention the national character of the man in that for many years he was secretary of the American Association of Park Superintendents and lately its president. He compiled for the United States Census Bureau all the park data for the 1910 issue. He was urged at one time to accept the superintendency of parks at Washington, D. C., and at others the superintendency at Baltimore, Buffalo, and St. Paul, with twice the salary he was getting at Hartford. He preferred to be a builder of parks rather than a mere custodian. Money meant nothing to him. He actually declined a raise of several thousand a year because if he accepted it "he would be receiving the largest salary of any city official in Hartford county."

CARL BACHE-WIIG, JR., T '21

Carl Bache-Wiig, Jr., born at Eidsvold, Norway, on November 18, 1897, came to the States with his folks in 1903. He prepared for Dartmouth College at Portland High School, Phillips-Exeter, and Ashville Prep. School, North Carolina.

Carl entered Dartmouth in the fall of 1917, and immediately became a well-known figure on the ski jump, which sport he excelled in during his entire college career, until in 1920 he won the honor of being inter-collegiate Ski Jumping Champion. He became a member of Phi Sigma Kappa Fraternity in his freshman year, and was active in fraternity affairs while in college, as well as being on both the football and soccer squads in his fresh-

man year. He did not continue with football, as the coach advised him that he was too light, but played on the first team at soccer during his career at college.

In February, 1918, Carl left College to join the Navy during the World War. He served with the Atlantic Fleet and the armed guard until February, 1919, when he returned to College. It was at this time that he took ski jumping honors. The following February he left College, and after a nine months cruise in the Mediterranean, he returned to work with his father and brother, chemical engineers, as an assistant chemist for the Celotex Co. of New Orleans.

In November, 1922, he went to work for the Wausau Sulphite Fibre Co., Mosinee, Wisconsin, makers of Mosinee kraft, where he worked all through the different departments of the pulp and paper mills, until he was made purchasing agent, at which work he was occupied, when a recurrence of T. B., probably stimulated by a streptococcus infection, forced him to go to a sanitarium at Stephens Point, Wisconsin, in May, 1925. Carl was making a heroic fight, when appendicitis developed, and an operation had to be performed. His inability to recover caused other complication. Phlebitis developed in both legs, and he became weaker and weaker. As a last resort he was moved to Albuquerque, New Mexico. It was too late, however, and he died on May 30, 1926.

To those of us who knew Blondy intimately, it was the greatest shock of all, for we alone know the great loss the class, the college, and his friends and family have sustained. A very deep personality, with strong likes and dislikes, but an abundance of loyalty; he was absolutely unselfish, but reticent. So dropped out one of the members of '21.

GRANT T. HICKS, ΔΔ '26

From a letter from Brother Alfred H. White: "I regret to say that Brother Grant Hicks passed away last fall, thus depriving the chapter of a true brother and the University of the best miler in many years."

ALVAN LUTHER FOWLER, A '80

President of The Grand Chapter, 1889-91

Brother Fowler was born in Westfield, Mass., October 7, 1859, of old New England stock. Preparing for college in the Westfield High School, he entered Massachusetts Aggie the fall of 1876, and the fraternity as its twenty-second initiate; at the close of his sophomore year, on the organization of the Grand Chapter, he, sitting in as President of the Undergraduate Body, became the first Secretary-Treasurer of our Second Degree, 1878-79.

He served as the newly created Vice-President, 1886-7, as the fourth President, 1889-91, and 1904-06 as the Second Recorder of the Supreme Court.

In college, Fowler was extraordinarily modest and unassuming, but his dignity was unquestioned and in his upper-classman years he was known as the "most popular man" in residence. Naturally honors came to him: President of his class; the Washington Irving Literary Society; the Football Association; Editor-in-Chief of the Index; Second Rhetorical Prize, Freshman and Sophomore years; Captain and Adjutant of the Cadet Corps; Commencement Speaker. The keeping alive of the three local fraternities of his day was no mean job. The College was small but intensively organized and always active; the writer happened to be one of three freshmen sick with pneumonia—Fowler mobilized a nursing corps.

In 1883 he married Miss Annie Taylor Simons—a graduate of Westfield Normal School—at Longmeadow; his bride was with him the latter part of his stay in Tombstone, Arizona, as Superintendent of a silver mine; he knew much of the southwest. There was later exploratory engineering work in Santo Domingo, then contracting business in New York; for a number of years he was engaged as a bank examiner, first for the Federal government and later of the State of New Jersey; recently he had been busy on private matters. About a year ago we foregathered in Tommie Sullivan's room in the Pennsylvania Hotel; these men tried to profess that they did not know much about recent Phi Sigma Kappa, but a few questions by the writer brought out that both were keenly interested in the fraternity which they had served finely and thoroughly when in official position and that both were meeting up with men of their own and other chapters to the edification of all concerned.

A few months ago, he complained that his feet were heavy and that he could not get about as easily as of old; that his local physician and friend had cautioned him to go slowly; on the 17th of June, Bunker Hill Day, against the pleadings of Mrs. Fowler, he spent a busy morning and afternoon, and was ill but for a half hour in the evening, when the tired heart ceased to labor, which to those of us seasoned by the experiences of life seems a fine way of passing. He is survived by the bride of his youth, by two sons, one a graduate of Princeton, and the other of the University of Pennsylvania, and a grandson. Dramatically, his body, en route to Longmeadow, passed through the Pennsylvania Terminal, over the Hell Gate bridge and then down to the main land and through West Farms, where in The Bronx he had done some difficult engineering work for the New Haven Railroad. Rest my friend, rest, though there are to be activities for your constructive brain and heart!

JOHN A. CUTTER.

Dr. Cutter has also sent in a few letters from distinguished contemporaries, from which the following tributes are taken:

"Fowler was to me the complete gentleman: free from artificiality, real and sincere. He was sympathetic, kind and gentle; never too hurried or too tired to listen to the problems of his friends, counseling with them, and pointing the way, as he saw it."

JAMES S. MURRAY, H '94, *ex-Council, ex-Court.*

"He was a true gentleman and high-minded man, and I am very sorry to learn of his death."

DANIEL WILLARD, A '82,
President of Baltimore and Ohio Railroad.

"I knew Alvan L. Fowler from the days of his young manhood. At college he distinguished himself in his studies and was the recipient of many signal honors. He was popular alike with his classmates and teachers, interested himself in various student activities, and was prominently identified with Phi Sigma Kappa from its earliest years. A hard worker, and having to his credit a substantial measure of achievement in engineering and business fields, he was throughout extremely modest and self-effacing. To whatever task he addressed himself in the course of his busy life, he gave of his best. Of a generous, kindly and sympathetic nature, he won a large circle of friends in whose hearts will abide cherished memories of their association with him."

GEORGE B. CORTELYOU, A '96,
former Secretary of the United States Treasury.

"All who knew him, loved him His life was clean, straightforward and wholesome. The world is better for such men while they live and misses them when they pass away."

CHARLES SUMNER HOWE, A '78,
President, Case School of Applied Science.

A VOCATIONAL SURVEY

2, TEACHING

DR. STEPHEN P. DUGGAN, Z HON.

Director of the Institute of International Education

When a young man is about to finish his scholastic career probably the most pressing problem that confronts him is the vocation which he is to follow. Many have not determined what vocation they will follow up to the moment of their departure from school or college. It is more and more becoming an understood duty of college authorities to try to present the aims and rewards of the different vocations to their students in order that they may make a wise choice. I am therefore making a brief statement about the profession of teaching, which I have followed all my life.

Every vocation has material rewards and spiritual benefits, and a young man is certainly justified in considering these two aspects of a vocation before he enters it. The material rewards of the profession of teaching for a college graduate may not in the last analysis be as great as those accruing from other professions, but they are by no means negligible. The average college graduate who goes into teaching secures a position either in the high school or in college. The immediate salary is usually larger than he would secure in business or another profession. The salary to which he will finally rise will probably never be large but it will be secure, and he will be relieved of the anxiety which usually falls to the lot of the young man who goes into business or another profession. Moreover, the teaching profession usually permits of vacations of sufficient length to enable an active teacher to engage in study and research which may often result in financial return.

When we come to the spiritual aspect of the profession, teaching certainly stands high. The profession itself is devoted to the spiritual and intellectual life. It has to do with the great product of the human mind working throughout the centuries. In whatever field of scholarship the teacher may be engaged, he can forget himself when studying in its literature the remarkable results that were accomplished by his predecessors in that field. His vocation will give him an opportunity to become acquainted with the thoughts and the hopes and the achievements of his predecessors, free from the harassment of immediate financial problems. While he may never be able to secure many of the material accessories of this hurried life of ours, he will be able to have a satisfaction of spirit denied to most active men in the other vocations.

TREASURER'S REPORT

SUMMARY

November 10, 1924, Cash		
Balance	\$ 1,410.40	
Receipts November 10, 1924, to		
July 31, 1926	52,659.61	
Total	<u>54,070.01</u>	\$54,070.01
Disbursements November 10, 1924, to July		
31, 1926	33,409.96	
July 31, 1926, Balance	<u>20,660.05</u>	\$20,660.05
Reserve for Convention travel		10,920.00
		<u>9,740.05</u>
Unrestricted balance		\$9,740.05

ANALYSIS OF RECEIPTS

Grand Chapter Taxes	\$29,955.50
Pin account	18,097.54
Royalties	1,126.28
Directories	479.80
Song Books	72.84
Histories	201.00
Rituals	90.00
Interest	699.36
SIGNET	102.50
Charter and club fees	1,040.00
Endowment	500.00
Refunds and miscellaneous	294.79
Total	<u>\$52,659.61</u>

ANALYSIS OF DISBURSEMENTS

1924 Convention	\$ 1,967.68
Publication of SIGNET	3,227.62
Inductions	1,943.71
Pin account	14,160.39
Council meetings, travel	1,917.00
Conclaves, travel of Chapter Advisors	817.31
General administration	7,534.17
Charters and certificates	690.62
Endowment receipts transferred to Trustees	500.00
Refunds and other sundry expenses	651.46
Total	<u>\$33,409.96</u>

M. I. T.'S NEW HOUSE

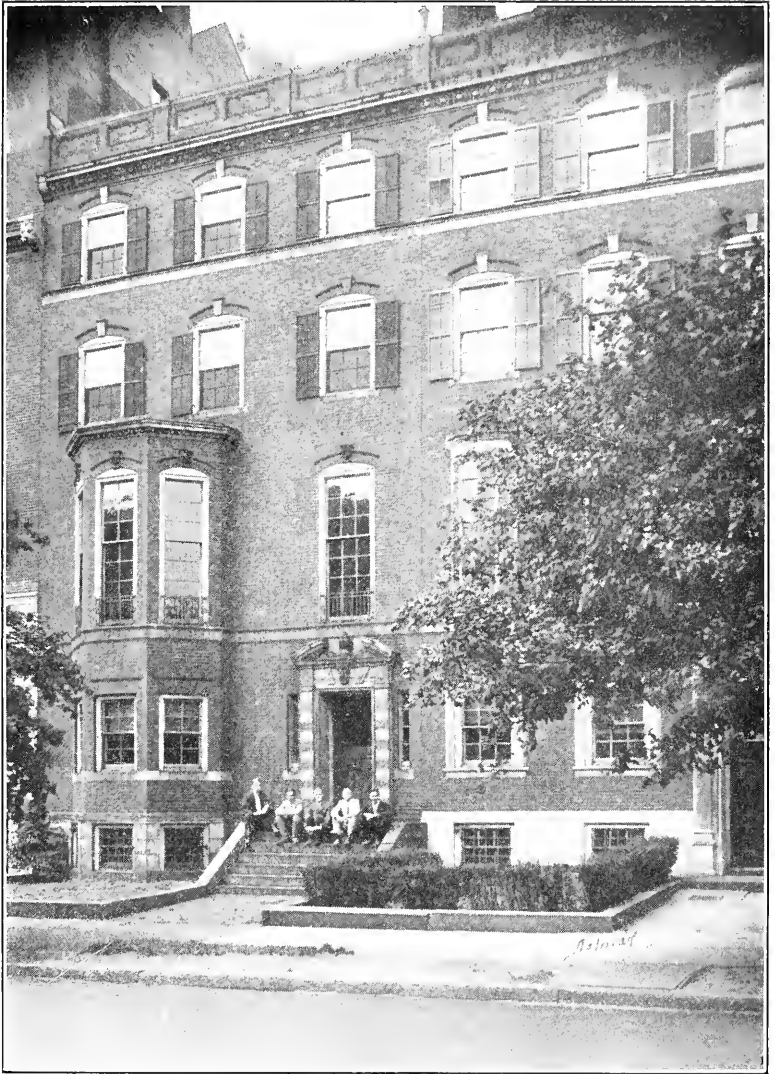
S. ALLAN MERSELIS, I '19 and O

Omicron Chapter had for years been facing the same problem which a great many other chapters have had to contend with, namely, that of having a suitable and adequate home. The problem of renting became a more difficult proposition in Boston, and the Alumni Association together with the Active Chapter realized last year that the time had come when some definite action must be taken as regards obtaining a permanent home. There were naturally a great many problems to be solved, such as building or buying a house, locating in Boston or in Cambridge, and the manner of financing such an undertaking.

In June of last year, after studying the proposition from all angles most carefully, the Alumni Association decided to purchase the house at 487 Commonwealth Avenue as the permanent home for Omicron Chapter. Apart from the excellent adaptability of this house to fraternity uses, the price at which the purchase was made was very attractive. This house was assessed at \$46,000, but the Alumni Association was able to buy it through the assistance of two influential parties for \$41,000. The house is located in one of the finest residential sections of Boston, and is very accessible. There is no doubt that a real bargain was obtained and that to-day Omicron can boast of having one of the finest fraternity houses at M. I. T.

The financing has been accomplished by the issuance of \$25,000 in non-interest bearing Debenture Notes which are a direct obligation of the Alumni Association with the equity in the house as a guarantee. These Debenture Notes are issued in various denominations with \$100 minimum, and are callable by lot at \$110. It is calculated that by retiring a fixed amount of these Debenture Notes annually they will all have been retired at \$110 within twenty-five years.

Although Omicron has only 185 active Alumni, they have so far succeeded in placing about half of the notes issued, and from the support which is being received from the Alumni Association in conjunction with the Active Chapter, it is assured that the financing will be successfully completed in due course.



TECH'S NEW HOME

The undergraduates have taken an active part not only in the financing of the house, but also in purchasing all of the necessary furnishings, and doing the decorating which of necessity amounted to a considerable sum. The Active Chapter now numbers thirty men, twenty-five of whom are always living in the house. The scholastic standing of the chapter has improved tremendously since September when they moved into the house. It is now number thirteen among thirty-four fraternities. There is no doubt but that the acquisition of this new home has had a most far-reaching effect in many directions.

The house is modern in every way and is located but a few steps from Governor Square, one of Boston's large and active centers. The rear entrance is at 613 Beacon Street, which merges with Commonwealth at the Square. The location is ideal in that Boston's two most famous thoroughfares are at the Chapter's disposal. A large bay window in the front of the house provides an excellent view in both directions along Commonwealth Avenue. This latter street is about 125 feet wide and has an attractive wooded foot-path down the center which divides the streams of traffic.

The house itself is a four-story and basement affair finished in red brick. In the basement is the pool room; the first floor consists of study rooms; the second, the lounge and dining room; the third and fourth, study and sleeping rooms. The lounge is our especial pride. The ceiling is moulded parge work, as found in the high-ceilinged English homes. The walls are panelled in fumed oak, and there are hardwood floors throughout the house. A huge oriental rug covers the major portion of the floor and a Jacobean table harmonizes with the leather "club" chairs and davenport. Since the house faces on two wide streets, all rooms are well lighted and cheery. Each man has decorated his room in his peculiar (the word is well chosen) manner so that we have variety, if nothing more, on the upper floors. Open fireplaces are present in every room and there is closet space galore. A well-designed stairway runs the depth of the house. One might think that the house had been built for fraternity use.

Both the Active Chapter and Alumni of Omicron invite you to see the house for yourself. They extend a cordial welcome to all Phi Sigs who may be in Boston at any time.

GREEKLETS

Which state in the Union has the largest number of college students in proportion to population—Ohio, Massachusetts, Illinois? Not one of them is in the first twelve. Utah has the largest.

Magazine of Sigma Chi.

The local Interfraternity Council of the University of Colorado will award a \$250 scholarship to a member of the freshman class who merits it in scholarship and financial need.

Tomahawk (Α Σ Φ),

Kappa Sigma will become the first fraternity to have more than a hundred living undergraduate chapters.

Purple, Green & Gold (Α Χ Α).

During the past two years we have suspended over thirty of our *bona fide sub rosa* chapters.

Keys (Τ Ν Ε).

Our annual expenses have increased from \$18,000 in 1915 to \$36,000 in 1925.

Rainbow (Δ Τ Δ).

The Phi Beta Kappa key for scholarship wins over the varsity team P by 174 to 132 in a vote of the Princeton graduating class.

Springfield Republican.

Of the 63 men and women who have been deemed worthy of a place in the Hall of Fame for Great Americans, 28, or 44%, were members of Phi Beta Kappa.

Phi Beta Kappa Key.

This year is the sesquicentennial not only of the Declaration of Independence but also of the organization of the oldest and most distinguished society for scholarship in American, Phi Beta Kappa.

New York Times.

"Oxford is the greatest university in the world—writes an essayist, "because the students don't study and the teachers don't teach,—but they all learn."

Frater (Π Α Φ).

The Board reports a contract with President Francis W. Shepardson for entire time service in performance of special duties, for an annual salary of \$6,000.

Beta Theta Pi.

Paddling and other forms of physical abuse which mark the pre-initiation period in many fraternity chapters must go.

Rattle (Θ Χ).

"We (Phi Delta Theta) celebrate our Founders' Day on March 15."

Laurel of Phi Kappa Tau.

"One of the surest ways to defeat the purposes of a university education," asserts the new catalogue of the University of Kansas, "is to allow a student more than \$80 a month for expenses."

Deltasig (Δ Σ Π).

The Hamilton chapter letter in the current *Delta Kappa Epsilon Quarterly* announces the initiation of Henry Ke-an Yuan, Tientsin, China, and Hin Cheng Chan, Hongkong.

Magazine of Sigma Chi.

At a recent provincial conference every delegate but one reported that he believed drinking in his college to be on the decrease.

Delta Upsilon Quarterly.

SIDE LIGHTS ON THE CONVENTION

ALVIN T. BURROWS, *President*

The outstanding, and in a way unexpected, feature of the 1926 Convention of Phi Sigma Kappa in Philadelphia, was the unanimous plea of the elder statesmen for continued growth of the fraternity through the acquisition of new chapters, and the impassioned plea of the cubs to cease growth by acquisition, lest the whole fraternity be irreparably injured. Conley, Root, Vogel, McIntyre, and the members of the Council, on the one hand, from the fullness of their experience of many years as administrators of the fraternity, urged against stagnation and for affirmative action, while the young bloods from Cornell, Minnesota, Columbia and Nebraska, fresh from the field of competition with other fraternities on the campus, demanded that this all-too-rapid growth cease without delay.

That truly is a paradox, and disproves the theory that old men are for counsel and young men for action.

Again, in the matter of the proposal to impose small yearly dues on members of the active chapters, those who would have to pay the bill were not nearly so much opposed to it as the older men who recalled that they used to run the fraternity without imposing such dues, and reasoned from that that there could be no possible need for a change now. Many of the chapters were in favor of the tax, but Vogel and McIntyre, and the other wheel horses of the recent and near past, flung their influence against, and that project went down to defeat.

It would appear, therefore, that the convention was an old man's gathering, and that these gray-beards are progressive at times and at times reactionary.

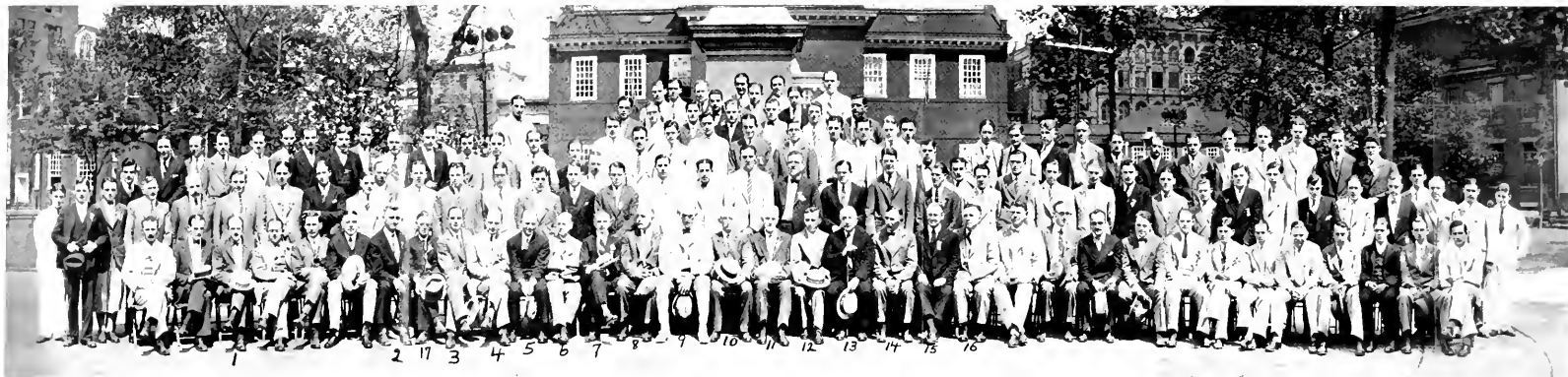
Another noteworthy feature to be observed was the good will that exists between the chapters of one region toward those of another. Discussions on the floor developed time and again that the chapters of one region were inclined to favor those things which some other region proposed, the common thought being to give the other fellow whatever it was he thought he needed to help solve his problem. No one expected any petty or sectional jealousies to appear, yet it is gratifying to note that the attitude of one region toward any of the others was one of utmost cor-

diality. It would not appear that the fraternity had been hurt, internally at least, by any policy of expansion it has pursued in recent years.

Not in ten years has a convention of Phi Sigma Kappa been honored by the presence of one or more of the Founders. It was at Worcester, in 1916, that Joe Barrett, the Big Chief, made his final appearance, for ere another national gathering of the fraternity could be held he had been called to the Great Fraternity above. From 1916 to 1926 neither of the two living Founders was able to be present at the conventions, but on this occasion they appeared as honored guests. The ovation which they received when they entered the convention on the afternoon of the first day, brought tears not only to their eyes but to those of every brother in the room. It was a precious moment of fellowship, and the memory thereof will go down in the annals of many a chapter for a half century to come. That Brothers Brooks and Campbell may be able to be present at the next gathering two years hence, is the earnest wish of every member of the fraternity.

The banquet Saturday night was a fitting climax to three days of earnest and helpful conference over common problems. Unlike most of those which have gone before, there was a fixed program, and it was adhered to. The speakers came prepared and the brothers listened in rapture to the classic exposition of conditions surrounding fraternity life as seen by Frank Prentice Rand, editor of the SIGNET, and by Dr. Shepardson, president of Beta Theta Pi, and generally recognized as the best informed man in the country on all phases of fraternity life. Brief remarks by that grand old man of Phi Sigma Kappa, Joe Root, and responses by Founders Brooks and Campbell, formed a fitting climax to a memorable occasion. Not the least pleasing feature of the evening was the introduction of Mrs. Joe Barrett. This gracious lady came to the platform and bowed and smiled her thanks to the ovation which greeted her.

No important legislation was enacted by the Convention, the general sentiment being to let well enough alone. It was the common opinion that the affairs of the fraternity are in splendid shape, and that for the near future at least, the policies that have made them so should be continued.



THE CONVENTION

Third Degree: 1, Batt; 2, Brande; 3, Fell; 4, Ruedt; 5, Ruml; 6, Watts; 7, Morgan; 8, Vogel; 9, Root; 10, Brooks; 11, Campbell; 12, Burrows; 13, Conley; 14, McIntyre; 15, Wood; 16, Lafean; 17, Jones

THE BUSINESS OF THE CONVENTION

RALPH J. WATTS, *Council*

The twenty-second general convention of Phi Sigma Kappa was held in Philadelphia, August 26, 27, 28. Each session was conducted as a regular chapter meeting. Members of the Council, occupying their proper stations, appeared in the distinctive robes which had been provided since the last convention.

The first session was devoted chiefly to Grand Chapter reports. At this session Brothers William P. Brooks and Frederick G. Campbell, the two surviving founders of the fraternity, were present. They were given a hearty welcome, and each made appropriate remarks.

The Friday morning session was taken up by the reading of chapter and club reports.

At the Friday afternoon session, the committee on recommendations made its preliminary report. This involved a lengthy discussion on expansion. Favorable action was finally taken on each of five petitions, as follows:

Theta Rho—University of North Carolina
Chi Sigma Alpha—University of Kentucky
Beta Chi Alpha—State College of Washington
Lambda Psi—University of Oregon
Delta Chi Rho—Carnegie Institute of Technology

In addition to granting the petitions for five new chapters, the Convention considered many problems of vital importance to the organization, and passed a series of votes and resolutions designed to make administration more effective. A brief summary of these follows:

A. Constitutional Amendments.

1. Provision was made for the initiation into Phi Sigma Kappa of faculty members on recommendation of the chapter involved, and approval by the Council and Court. Formerly faculty members have been admitted only by convention action.

2. The present order of business for the convention as prescribed by the constitution is now obsolete; new legislation provides that henceforth the order of business shall be determined by the Council, but that this shall include (a) reports from each officer of the Council, the Supreme Court, the Chapters active chartered Clubs, and the trustees of the endowment fund; and (b) election of the officers.

3. The Council and the Court are authorized to take action by mail vote on any matter within their respective jurisdictions, in which case the approval of two-thirds of the members is required.

4. Minor changes in the constitution were endorsed, placing upon the Regional Vice-Presidents responsibility for inductions within their respective districts.

5. A member may affiliate with another chapter, *provided* he brings with him an authoritative statement to the effect that he is not in arrears to his parent chapter, this statement to be countersigned by the Grand Secretary.

B. Convention Resolutions.

1. The so-called Busey system of chapter finances was recommended to the various chapters of the fraternity as a uniform accounting system, to be given a trial for at least two years.

2. The president of the council was requested to appoint a committee to work out a uniform design and measurements for a fraternity flag.

3. The necessary expenses in the management of the endowment fund are to be paid out of the general treasury of the fraternity.

4. The question of transferring the charter of Eta chapter from Baltimore to College Park was referred to the Southern Conclave for recommendation.

5. The selection of a fraternity recognition pin was referred to the Council.

6. Endorsement was given to a plan for awarding an honor cup to be competed for by the chapter in each region, under conditions to be prescribed by each conclave.

C. Proposals Made but Acted Upon Negatively by the Convention.

1. That a quarterly tax of \$2.00 be collected by the grand chapter from each active member.

2. That one member-at-large of the Council be designated by that body to serve as National Supervisor of Scholarship, and that another member-at-large be appointed National Supervisor of Finances. (Reflection on the defeat of this proposal leads some to the conclusion that the purpose of the Council in making this recommendation was not understood by the convention.)

3. That the Council be reduced from 9 to 7 in number.

THE SECRETARY'S PAGE

R. J. W.

BUSINESS OF COUNCIL MEETINGS

The Council of 1924-1926 held its last meeting at the Benjamin Franklin Hotel, Philadelphia, August 25th, the evening prior to the opening of the Convention.

Final reports were received from various recess committees and appropriate action taken thereon.

The sum of \$6,000 of the unrestricted balance in the current account was transferred to the Endowment Fund.

Reports were received from the Treasurer covering the receipts and expenditures of the previous two years, the finances during this period having been operated on the budget basis.

In discussing the question of further expansion of the fraternity, the Council at this meeting unanimously voted:

“That in the opinion of the present Council, the need for additional chapters in the near future does not exist.”

The first meeting of the newly elected Council was held at the Benjamin Franklin Hotel, Philadelphia, August 28th, the afternoon following the close of the Convention. Brother Ralph J. Watts was chosen Secretary and Treasurer for the ensuing two years and Brother Frank Prentice Rand was elected to serve as Editor of the SIGNET and Historian.

Brother Horace R. Barnes was appointed Trustee of the Endowment Fund for a period of six years as successor to Brother McIntyre, who requested that he be relieved from this obligation.

Provision was made for the appointment of alumni advisers, pending confirmation by the Council at its next meeting.

Preliminary plans were made for the induction of the chapters authorized by the convention. The induction of the local at Carnegie Institute of Technology will take place October 22 and 23, 1926, under the direction of Brother Lafean. The dates of the remaining inductions will be determined by the Regional Vice-President involved, with the approval of the President.

There was referred to Brothers Batt and Fell, with power, the question of litigation against Sigma Phi Sigma fraternity on account of the duplication of the Phi Sigma Kappa insignia by that organization.

Consideration was given to the place of the next Convention, invitations having been received from representatives of the Pacific Coast and of the Southern districts. The Secretary was requested to ascertain the expense involved by holding the Convention in the far west.

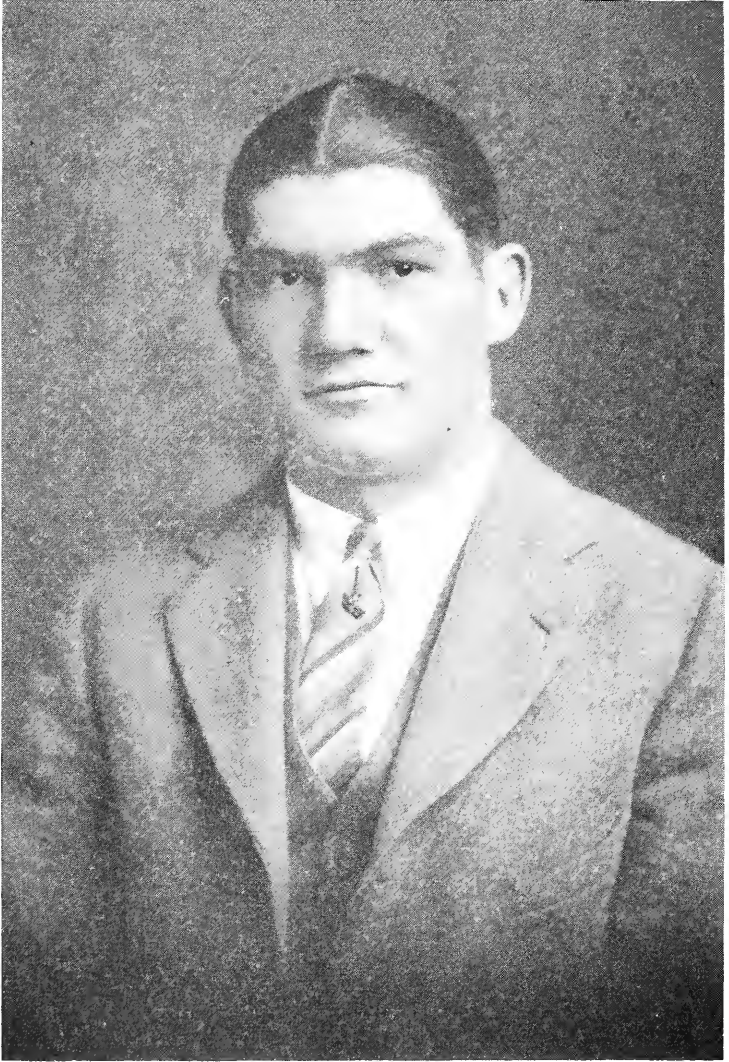
Brother Charles H. Ruedi was appointed financial supervisor and Brother Edgar T. Fell, scholarship supervisor. These members of the Council will assist in solving the problems of finances and scholarship in the various chapters. Practically no expense will be incurred by their duties, it being the intention of the Council that they shall carry on their activities through the chapter advisers.

The publication of a directory of members was authorized. The new book will be available for distribution during the coming winter.

FEATURES OF THE 1926 CONVENTION

1. No chapter was debarred from official participation in the convention on account of financial obligations to the Council.
2. All but one of the forty-three chapters were represented by one or more undergraduate delegates.
3. Twenty-three of the forty-three chapters were represented by alumni advisers.
4. Eleven of the fourteen chartered alumni clubs submitted reports for the convention and ten of these clubs were represented by official delegates.
5. The conference of chapter advisers was attended by approximately thirty.
6. The presentation of the initiation ceremony by the officers of Phi Chapter was one of the distinctive features of the convention.

Under the provisions of the Constitution, chapter inspections have been conducted in a systematic manner by the regional vice-presidents. The President has visited thirty out of the forty-three chapters, and other Council members have made numerous less formal visits. One or two chapters report that they have been neglected, but in general the national officers have established a new and creditable record for intimate association with the local units.—*From The Secretary's Report.*



RICHARD ALLEN HACKETT

RICHARD ALLEN HACKETT, AN APPRECIATION

R. ROSSMAN LAWRENCE, X '07

To the phrase "a college education," there are just three essentials: scholarship, extra-curriculum activities and good-fellowship. The graduate who has been a success in each of these can feel that he has received the benefits of a college education in its highest sense.

Judged in the light of this interpretation, it is a pleasure, indeed, to review the record of Brother Richard Allen Hackett, X '26. "Al," as he is familiarly and affectionately known, prepared for Williams at the Riverdale Country School, Riverdale, N. Y. During his freshman year he paid the closest attention to the curriculum but found time to be a member of the Freshman Football Team and enter the competitions for *The Williams Record*, the college newspaper. His popularity at the Chapter was shown by his election that year to the office of Inductor.

His scholarship in the second year was rewarded by Sophomore Honors, the Benedict Prize in French and membership in the Cercle Française. In his extra-curriculum activities he became a member of the Wrestling Squad, the Outing Club Squad and a regular on the varsity Football Team. During the year he held the chapter offices of Auditor and Inductor and served as an Associate Editor of *The Chi Chronicle*.

By the opening of his junior year, "Al" had established a most enviable reputation. He continued to maintain his high scholarship and was elected Vice-President of the Cercle Française. At the Moonlight Oratorical Contest he won the General Prize, thereby establishing himself as the best orator in college. But the most conspicuous honor for his scholarship was election to Phi Beta Kappa. In the extra-curriculum field he maintained his position of left guard on the Football Team, continued as a member of the Outing Club Squad, was a regular member of the varsity Swimming Team and won the Old English "W" as N. E. I. A. A. Champion in the breast stroke. But that was not all, for he found time to earn a post on the *Williams Graphic* board, and was a member of the Williams Christian Association College Religious Work Committee and also of the Community

Religious Work Committee. It is no wonder that the college senior honorary society, known as Gargoyle, elected him to membership as one of a group of those who had done most for the college and who best represented the Williams ideals. During that year he served as Chapter Secretary and continued as an Assistant Editor of *The Chi Chronicle*.

But, as one might well expect, senior year was the really big one. He was one of three chosen to deliver orations from the commencement stage and was graduated *cum laude*. He served as President of the Cercle Française and was admitted into membership in Pipe and Quill, the philosophical club. He won his football "W" for the third time, and gained a rating of All-Little Three Eleven. He was a member of the Wrestling Squad and won the novice heavyweight and unlimited class championships of the college. In the meantime he was the Managing Editor of the *Graphic* and drew heavily on his time and energies each Sunday with Bible classes. The local appreciation of his work in this capacity was amply demonstrated by the many interested members who attended his graduation. The Chapter honored him further by elevation to the Presidency. In the senior class elections he received the largest number of votes as the "most versatile," was second as "a he-man" and as the "man who has accomplished most," and third as the "most energetic."

But it took Commencement day itself, with the announcement of the various honors and prizes, to demonstrate what a complete success Brother Hackett had made of his college education. He was announced as the winner of the Van Vecten Prize of \$70 for extemporaneous speaking. The Dewey Prize of \$50 was awarded to him as the one who presented the most creditable oration in point of composition and delivery at the Commencement exercises. The next was the Canby Athletic Scholarship Prize of \$50. The fourth was the William Bradford Turner Prize of \$150, together with a bronze medal, to be awarded to that member of the graduating class who, in the judgment of the graduating class, shall have best fulfilled during his course his obligations to the college, his fellow students, and himself. What better testimony could be given as to his successful interpretation of the phrase "a college education" as previously defined? The fifth and last prize was the Benedict Prize of \$100, a prize given annually to that member of the college who, at the close of each college year, shall

be found to have received the largest number of prizes. Certainly these five prizes, with a money value of \$420, are a fitting final tribute for what Brother Hackett did for the college, the fraternity and himself as an undergraduate at Williams College.

The esteem in which the Faculty holds Brother Hackett is well illustrated by the remarks of President Garfield at the Alumni Luncheon, when he spoke most feelingly of contact with the student body and how touched he was by the farewell call of one of the seniors who came to thank him for the many hours he had been permitted to spend with him alone in his private study. President Garfield added that it was that type of contact and that kind of young man that he liked to feel Williams was sending out into the world as its representatives. It was later learned that he referred to Brother Hackett.

The example and influence of Brother Hackett will be long felt and admired at Chi Chapter and will do much to disperse any so-called "rocking-chair fleet" that may gather in the future. After a summer in Europe, he will become a member of the French department at the Taft School this fall.

SHALL WE TAX THE CLUBS?

Last spring we solicited the opinion of Club secretaries as to the wisdom of imposing a nominal head tax upon the members of the alumni clubs. Three or four judgments appear below.

"I do not think it possible to collect even a nominal Grand Chapter tax from club members."—*Gilbert J. Morgan, Baltimore Club.*

"My personal view on the question is that there should be a nominal Grand Chapter tax on club members, provided that the expense of one delegate from each club be paid to and from the national convention in the same manner that the expenses of the chapter delegates and advisers are paid."—*Earl F. Schoening, Chicago Club.*

"It is the least objectionable of all methods so far proposed of milking the few loyal and faithful alumni and will operate solely as a club tax proportional to its membership. Its necessity is not apparent. We vote No."—*Frederick Griswold, New York Club.*

CHLOE'S CIGARETTE

THE EDITOR

It has come to stay a while, thank you. The young lady in the steamer chair in front, in whose personal atmosphere we pen these lines, consumes about a package a day. Most of you who read them, have gotten all over that sense of shock when Chloe strikes a match. President Neilson of Smith declares that she is still a little awkward at it, but he seems to accept, and indeed to anticipate, the day when grace shall be added unto audacity. If the cigarette succeeds in supplanting Mr. Wrigley's universal balm, it will not be an unmixed evil.

Obviously, however we may regard Chloe's smoking, there is nothing to get "het up" about. It is hardly a question of morals. Because she smokes, Chloe is not necessarily a fast girl; because she does not, she is not necessarily a slow one. No smoking male can possibly object to the use of tobacco by his wife or his daughters. And while the carping critic may satirize it as a foible, he certainly may not stigmatize it as a vice. Tobacco is probably no more harmful than coffee, no less pleasurable to its devotees, and no more subject to abuse. Not until we have made the world safe for democracy do we need to take issue with the most famous remark of a distinguished Democrat, that the world's greatest need is a good five-cent cigar.

There is, then, no question of morals. Granted. However, there still remains a question of manners. And since there are those who seem to value manners even above morals, let us see.

If smoking is not yet ubiquitous in America, it will be so by the time the Giants have won another pennant. Already it would seem to be so in England. Five out of six compartments on the English trains are designated "Smoking." In many London theatres smoking is in order. On neither side of the Atlantic can one eat in public, except in a cloud of nicotine. On R.M.S. Berengaria we have found no public place where smoking is prohibited. One cannot even keep his home inviolate, unless he shuts his door against all casual guests. The church would seem to be a sanctuary still, but the coming of smoking congregations may confidently be predicted. Great goddess of incense-breathing

shrines, if I descend into Sheol, thou are there; and if I ascend into Heaven, I may expect to find thee there as well.

But if smoking is ubiquitous, it is still not universal. However many robins science may have decided necessary to make a spring, a single cigar is enough to make a smoke-room. And for every man, woman or stove that smokes, there are still a considerable number who do not. There probably always will be. Incomprehensible as it may seem, there are plenty of men who do not like to smoke. There are actually those who have assiduously and repeatedly *tried* to like to smoke, and failed. Then there are fastidious people who cannot bring themselves to endure the inevitable aftermath of tobacco, the messiness that settles in its wake, in the form of ash-spots, finger stains, and that cold, clammy stink of a smoke that is dead. And there are also men and women who believe, following the doctor's advice if not his example, that tobacco does unsteady the hand and dull the brain, and to these abstinence is a matter of principle. The proportion of non-smokers in the men's colleges (of all places!) has usually been surprisingly high. And it is largely because of this unenlightened group that there intrudes upon the attention a consideration of manners.

For, strange as it may seem, few non-smokers, and not too many smokers for that matter, get any particular enjoyment out of the *other fellow's* indulgence. It is exactly the same as with onions. Even those of us who rejoice in our own onions are likely to take exception to our neighbor's. Second-mouth onions, somehow, fail to please. Sometimes they nauseate. People have queer notions in the matter of smell, irrational but pronounced. Possibly, too, there is a sentimental aversion to the too obvious passage of air from another's inside to our own. Anyway the fact remains. Even now there is within range of our editorial vision a lady inconspicuously guarding her nose against the volume of smoke which emanates from the pleasant young collegian to windward.

There are plenty of people, too, who simply cannot stand tobacco in quantity. You will find them, sometimes, at fraternity banquets. The cigars have been passed, apparently gratuitously, and soon the room is a phantasmagorical cloud. Scattered under the pall are the victims. Their eyes smart and run, and by the time the last post-prandial has perpetrated his final pun, they have

acquired a headache which will linger all through the following day. Such men learn to avoid banquets, and in moments of impulse they admit the actual reason why. Many people who do not object to tobacco smoke under normal conditions are very disagreeably affected by it when physically under par. The Editor has a relative upon whom the effect of tobacco smoke in quantity is labored and painful breathing for a considerable length of time. Ridiculous, all this, but true!

Now the smoker is usually a thoughtless chap or chappess. He is wholly unaware that he is making himself obnoxious to anyone. Indeed he is probably unaware that he is smoking at all. For the evolution of smoking is from the perilous to the pleasurable and from the pleasurable to the normal. And incidentally when it has become normal, and therefore largely unconscious, it is a debatable question whether the smoker is any longer getting the worth of his money. It is a common remark that the smoker is selfish, that he thinks of nothing but his own enjoyment. Actually he does not even think of that.

Of course if the smoker were to be aware of these peculiar people whom I describe, he would think of them as pests, even as they, being necessarily aware of him upon occasions, think of him as one. Nevertheless mannerliness decrees that he must be aware of them. And of course it must be something more than the perfunctory "I trust you don't mind" with which he sometimes seems to make himself right with the world. Among social equals it seems nothing but boorish to answer that question, "I'm sorry, but I do." Mannerliness would spare the respondent the dilemma of either the smoke annoyance or the declaration of a selfish preference. The smoker must make certain that his pleasure does not mean another's distress. It isn't very hard for him to do so, if he tries.

And if there is a personal obligation, there is also a social one. The American banquet is probably the smokiest institution in the world, but the non-smoker can eliminate that without too great a sense of loss. But when the cloud, now heavy over England, has spread to the United States and has been, according to American practice, intensified, what then? Three things are conceivable. He may, in two or three generations, become acclimated, and then he won't mind. That would do very nicely for Methuselah; he could afford to wait. Or, second, the sensitive creature can, like

Wordsworth's Milton, "dwell apart," eliminating from his social calendar not only banquets, but eventually theatres, railroads, steamers, restaurants, dances, lectures, teas (Ah, there's a rub!) and sewing circles. Then he might write a book like *Walden* and become a great name in literature. Or, lastly, society can go out of its way a little and be nice to him: graciously permit him to leave the banquet with the coffee cups, continue the American custom, at the theatre, of crawling out over his knees between the acts, provide and protect for him smokeless retreats in trains, steamers and restaurants, grant him the boon of unclouded lectures at least for the first sixty minutes, and assure such immunity as feminine ingenuity can contrive in dances, sewing circles and teas. It is possible that plan No. 3 might lead eventually to plan No. 1, which would be the height of social desirability.

So, George, and Charlie, and Bill, Phi Sigma Kappa all, let Chloe have her cigarette, if she likes it. But don't make her feel old-fashioned if she doesn't. Don't think that she has to smoke because you smoke, or that you have to smoke because she smokes. And wherever you go, all of you fellows who do it, be considerate. For consideration is the whole secret of manners, and, in the words of that doughty old mediaeval founder of Winchester College, William of Wykeham,

"Manners maketh man."

We award the 1925 medal for the standing-broad-jump-at-conclusions to the w.k. dancer who wrote to Bernard Shaw that, as he had the finest brain in the world and she the most beautiful body, it was their duty to posterity to have a child. Whereupon Mr. Shaw is said to have replied:

"I quite agree that I have the finest brain in the world and that you have the most beautiful body; but it might happen that our child would have my body and your brain, so I respectfully beg leave to decline."—*Delta Kappa Epsilon Quarterly*.

ILLINOIS' NEW HOME

PEIRCE VANDERCOOK, ΔΔ '14

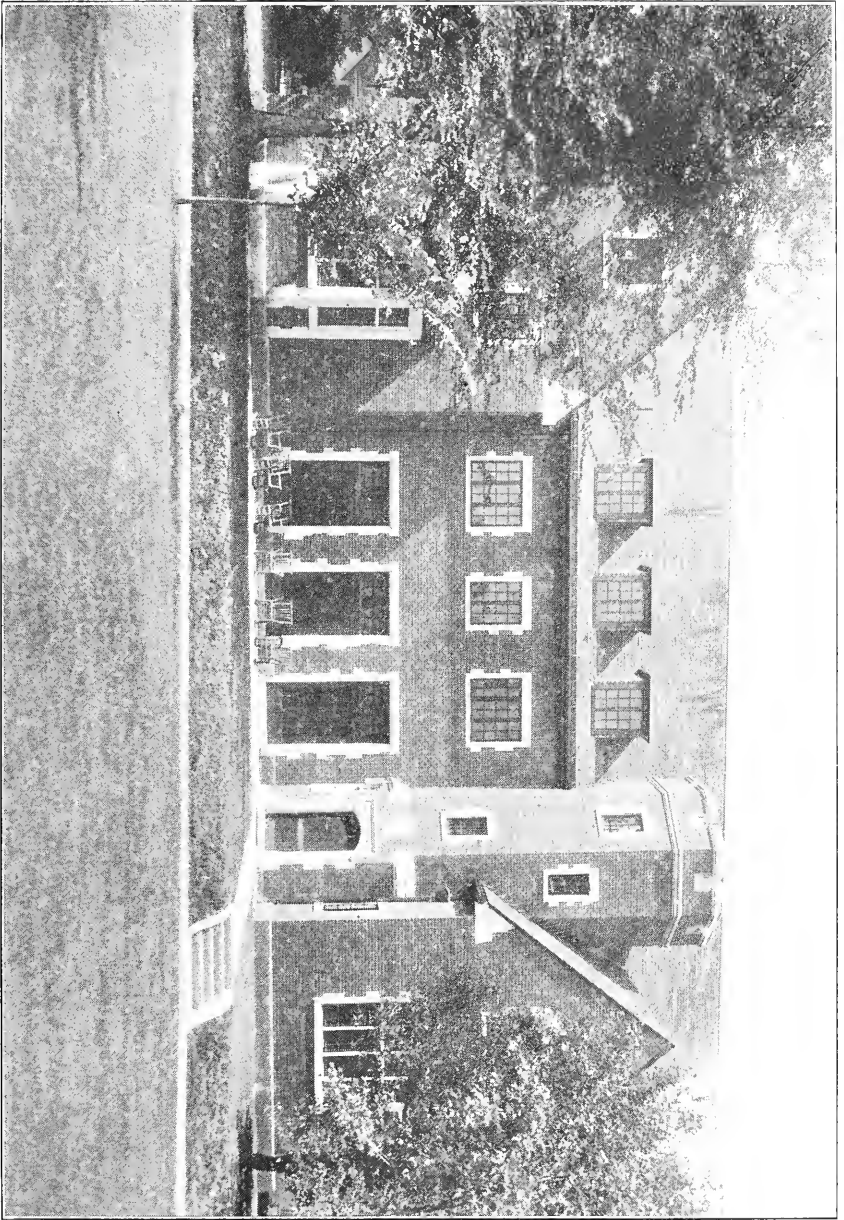
The new permanent home for Alpha Deuteron is the consummation of a dream that first came to the minds of the members of the Argos Club on May 9, 1910, the day that the Club became a Chapter of Phi Sigma Kappa. The pioneers of that time said that some day the fraternity at Illinois must have a chapter house that would rank with the best. The home that the active chapter moved into with the beginning of the college year September 15th is the fruition of that dream of sixteen years ago.

Alpha Deuteron's new home is 100% a Phi Sig product. The five Directors of the Building Association are, of course, all brothers. Your humble servant has served as president for the past two years and the untiring assistance and coöperation that he has received from the other Directors and the brothers who have helped, has made the many long hours devoted to the task pleasant ones. Brother C. H. Ruedi, '17, as first Vice-President, in addition to his many other fraternity duties, has ably assisted with particular reference to finances. Brother L. E. Stark, '14, a contractor, has directed and supervised the construction. Brother R. G. Crammond, '21, after bringing the Association out of the doldrums after the war as president, has served as secretary and kept the brothers reminded of the payments due on their notes. Brother Burrows, on top of his cares as National President of the fraternity, has served as treasurer of the Association almost since it was founded. Lambda claims "Chappie" as her son, but Alpha Deuteron claims him by adoption and can never repay the debt it owes him.

The architects are both members of the Chapter: Brother J. W. Teasdale, '17, and L. J. Reis, '21. The home they have designed for Alpha Deuteron would do credit to architects of many more years' experience. The house was constructed by Brother E. G. Hoepfner, '12, and it will be a monument for many years to the care which he used in building. Brother G. A. Simons, '12, furnished the millwork, and Brother H. V. Freeman, '15, some of the fireproofing material. Other brothers who gave of their time and experience were P. C. Crowell, '10, C. B. Anthony, '14, H. L. Morehead, '16, and L. J. Selzer, '18.

The financing of the new home was arranged through the efforts of Brothers Burrows and Ruedi through the Urbana Banking Company, of which John H. Thornburn is president. His son, John N., is a senior in the Active Chapter this year.

Architecturally the new home is a rather free interpretation of English Tudor Collegiate Gothic style. The plan is roughly H shaped, the top of the H facing Second Street and the bottom



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Washington Park. The length of the house is 119 feet and the sides 52 and 51 feet. The connecting web is 33 feet wide and open terraces fill the hollows of the H. The building is three stories high with Chapter Room in the basement under the north end, and service rooms, heating plant and servants' quarters under the south end.

The most distinctive exterior feature is the hexagonal stair tower in the northeast hollow of the H. This contains the circular stairway leading from the Chapter Room to the third floor. The exterior is of rich colored brick in autumn shades, trimmed with cut Indiana limestone. The shingles are "copper clad" in a rich green, and all exterior metal work is copper. The construction is fireproof throughout, with the exception of the roof, which is wood framed. Floor slabs are concrete and windows are all steel casement type.

The house may be entered either through the tower entrance on the Park or the formal entrance on Second Street. Three steps lead up to the reception hall, around which are grouped the library in the northeast corner, a clothes closet, card room, telephone booths and the guest, or Alumni, suite, in the northwest corner. This consists of a bedroom, a sitting room with inadoor bed, and a tiled bath. The south side of the reception hall is open with arches and three steps lead down into the large lounge. The stair tower, with wrought iron rail, swings up into the lounge and then upstairs. The lounge is large with high plaster beamed ceiling and three French doors open onto the east terrace. A large cut stone fireplace graces the west wall and to the sides arched openings lead into the solarium, which has a fireplace on the east side. The solarium is lined with brick and a French door and two French windows open out onto the west terrace.

At the south end of the lounge three steps, with sliding doors, lead to the dining room. A bay in the east end of the room, as well as the windows in the library, are ornamented with leaded cathedral glass and colored fraternity inserts. To the west of the dining room is the pantry and well-appointed kitchen. The service entrance consists of a fireproofed stair well from the basement to the dormitory on the third floor, doing away with the necessity of an unsightly fire escape. The floors on the first floor are generally terrazzo and the plaster a rough craftex finished in a rich brown.

The second floor contains eleven well-shaped study rooms, with ample closets, to accommodate two men each. Between each two study rooms is a bedroom for four men. One room has an office for the chapter secretary and treasurer. The toilet room on the second floor has five lavatories, three showers and two water closets. A slop sink, janitor's closet, and two linen closets are in the wide hall.

The third floor has seven study rooms, but no bedrooms. A

large dormitory, ample for these men and for overflow crowds, such as at Homecoming, Rushing, etc., takes up the south end. The toilet room has one less lavatory and shower than the one on the second floor. An attic above the third floor provides ample storage space for trunks.

The Chapter Room in the basement has an anteroom and robing room. Special lighting effects have been worked out and a circular magenta curtain with silvered ceiling will give the colors and the form of the fraternity to the initiated.

The house has been completely and newly furnished throughout under the supervision of Brothers E. S. Schoening, '21, and H. A. Talbert, '15, with Brother Teasdale advising. Massive red leather furniture is used in the lounge and library, together with walnut tables and benches and wrought iron lamps. The drapes in these rooms are red velour and the rugs are imported wool chenille in taupe shades. The solarium contains reed furniture and hickory chairs and benches are provided for the terraces. The guest suite is furnished with twin beds, dresser, tables, chairs and a love seat. The dining room has a capacity for 48, 8 each at 6 square tables. The drapes are blue velour. The study rooms are all equipped with desks, steel chest of drawers, chairs and rugs. Each bedroom contains two double-deck beds and a rug. The house has a capacity for 37 in the Active Chapter and overflow sleeping capacity up to 52.

The new house represents an actual investment of \$90,000.00. When it is considered that Brother Hoepfner built the house at actual cost, Brothers Teasdale and Reis received about a third of the standard architects' fee, much furniture has been purchased at cost, and the time that the directors and other brothers have put in without compensation, it is not boastful to say that Alpha Deuteron has a \$100,000.00 home. It ranks with the best at Illinois, being exceeded in cost by only two others. The sons of Alpha Deuteron believe they have a home that Phi Sigma Kappa can be proud of for many years to come.

During the past two years 1241 names have been added to the roll of Phi Sigma Kappa. The charter members of the chapters inducted in 1925 numbered 263. The total number of those initiated to date is 9,047, and it is estimated that there are 8,600 living members.—*From The Secretary's Report.*

“THE HOMELY THINGS OF LIFE”

THOMAS HUDSON MCKEE, A '22

While life has become more complex and interrelated, and while on every hand we are witnessing changes that indicate the world generally is demanding more conveniences and better facilities, as well as added luxuries, yet at the same time we believe that underlying all our so-called modern demands, there is a persistent cry for more simplicity.

We have a revival of the old-fashioned furnishings of the Colonial days. Indeed, our architecture is in large part an attempt to reproduce in exterior and interior the New England home. The writers who affect us most deeply are the writers who tell of the homely, simple things of life. This is why Charles Dickens continues to be in many respects the most popular of novelists. Balzac, the great French writer, successfully attempted to interpret “The Human Comedy,” and holds his unchallenged place in the French school. The poets who touch us most deeply are not those who obscure their meaning in fine phrases, but those who express the simple yearnings of the human heart, as do Robert Burns and our own splendid Whittier. Henry Ward Beecher, judged by class-room standards, might have been regarded as lacking form and style in his preaching. He was simple, homely, and illustrated his discourses from the common things of life, with the result that he was the greatest preacher of his age.

We sometimes think our musicians make a mistake in trying to over-cultivate us. We believe in the classics and we study them, but we should hate to be fed on them forever. It is an interesting thing to observe that a sweet Irish singer of international fame, with his old-fashioned melodies, can attract nightly, audiences that equal those of the grand opera, and why? Because he appeals to the finer emotions: in other words, he touches the heart and he does it in a song language that the people understand. Whether our wisecracks in literature, music or art will do so or not, the people are willing to go just about so far, and then they demand, for relaxation, the homely and the simple things.

What is true of these other things is preëminently true of the things pertaining to our college and fraternal life to-day. The members of our brotherhood, now active in their respective walks of life, or soon to be, may well bear witness to a life of simplicity. They stand before the coming generation as a living example to "all sorts and conditions of men" of those homely traits of character, conduct and ideals which appeal to the human heart.

Why cannot we be more simple, less affected, less superficial? Why cannot we bring up our children to realize that the best things in the world and the only ones really worth while are the simple, homely things of life? Even beauty itself appeals to us more strongly where it is unaffected and unconscious beauty. Let us all try to get back some of the old graces and simplicities of life, and even if we must live in an age of infinite change and variety, let us not lose out of our lives those elements that make for real happiness.

WAGNER FOR THE SENATE

Robert F. Wagner, Z '98, was nominated on September 28 as the Democratic candidate of New York State for the United States Senate. The nomination was made by Lieutenant-Governor Harry C. Walker, who said in part:

This man, whose public career has made his name known and honored throughout the State, came to this country about forty years ago, then a lad of eight years, an immigrant in the steerage.

He had to face a life of hardship and sacrifice in a constant struggle against poverty itself. His father became a janitor of a tenement in the congested upper east side of New York City. This boy, who has climbed from the obscurity of the basement of a tenement to the bench of the Appellate Division of the Supreme Court, Democracy proudly hails to-day as the next United States Senator from this State of New York, the Hon. Robert F. Wagner.

BETWEEN OURSELVES

THE granting of five new charters at Philadelphia would indicate that the Expansion Steam Roller, or Traction Harvester, is working smoothly. Fifteen new chapters in five years, representing a growth of fifty per cent, would seem to stamp us as aggressive, if not indeed greedy. It may be well, therefore, to call attention to the fact that the current five were carefully selected from twenty-nine petitioners and were exceedingly attractive. We bid them welcome to our spreading circle, and hope they will feel at home.

Looking toward the future, however, we suggest, with great humility, that our constitution be amended, if necessary, to the effect that hereafter petitions may be entertained only from societies which have been established for at least five years. Would that seem too reactionary?

AN alumnus writing from Washington, D. C., anent the prohibition question, says, "I have attended banquets of Phi Sigs in 'the good old days' and in more recent times, and it is a higher order of entertainment, by and large, that we have now." To which we say Amen.

TOO much praise cannot be given to McIntyre, Zimmerman, Ferguson and the rest of the Convention Committee. They set a new level of convention idealism and efficiency. The idea of making the business sessions secret and formal was a happy one, and if its realization was not quite up to expectations, it was still a marked improvement and will be even more successful another time. The Swarthmore exemplification of the ritual was an impressive and inspiring feature: Brother Watts' mastery of the exchequer was a comfort. The presence of Cousin Shepardson, editor of *Baird's Manual* and president of Beta Theta Pi, was a challenge; that of our beloved Founders was a benediction.

WE are printing Dr. Shepardson's address almost in full. It is an eloquent epitome of fraternalism by the greatest living authority on the subject. It ought to be read aloud to every chapter in meeting assembled. Why not?

THIS issue of THE SIGNET will be sent, by special arrangement, to the Omicron House Building mailing list. Such brothers are advised that if they desire further numbers they must apply to the Editor.

THE BOOKSHELF

CO-ED. *By Olive Deane Hormel. Scribner's. \$2.00.*

It is a relief to pick up a college novel that does not wallow in muck. *Co-ed* is the story of a clean girl who finds herself, as so many of her sisters have done, in the microcosm of the campus. The atmosphere of the Middle Western University is fairly presented. The seamy side of college life is indicated,—not glossed over nor gloated over. *TNE* comes in for a certain amount of panning, which seems a little unfortunate in view of that society's recent metamorphosis. The fever of sorority life is successfully suggested. This reader became a little tired of the word "intrigue." Underneath the story there is a sense of life, generally wholesome, imperious, multifarious, with which every sanguine senior must eventually make terms. It is an entertaining book, and a book that may be recommended to the general reader.

CHIMES. *By Robert Herrick. MacMillan. \$2.00.*

One wonders to what extent this book is autobiographical. Obviously it is the history of the University of Chicago, as seen through the somewhat bilious lights of its distinguished professor of English. Alice Freeman Palmer and Jane Addams appear with very little disguise. Would a Chicago man recognize all the others as well? It is a faculty story; the undergraduate never gets into it. That is, it starts out nicely to be a story; but eventually the story gets lost in historical realism. The professors, although not presented in a heroic or enviable light, are nevertheless recognizable as types, and one type seems to be quite as objectively treated as another. Undergraduates will get considerable fun classifying their favorite "profs" according to the Herrick formulae, but they should bear in mind that the Herrick formulae always depend upon an acid test.

FRATERNITY ROW. *By Lynn and Lois Montross. George H. Doran Company. \$2.00.*

The collegiate Valentino, the varsity Don Juan, "the most popular . . . the most fastidious . . . the best looking—the most eloquent, the laziest, the worldliest, and most good-for-nothing perpetual senior who had ever haunted a State University,"—this is Andy Protheroe, the hero of *Fraternity Row*. His experiences are fantastic, but always amatory; his personality is contemptible, but, to *The Sex* at least, irresistible. The faculty are shown as doddering old fools, but this degradation is due not so much to their being faculty as to their having been graduated. As for Andy, after six years of trial he knew that "college was his profession," and the authors seem to agree. Is it true to life? Well, as true as Valentino; as true as Don Juan.

THE CHAPTER AUTHORIAL

by Gilbert S. Vernam, EA '14—an article, *Cipher Printing Telegraph Systems*, in *The American Institute of Electrical Engineering* for February.

by Merrill K. Bennett, Y '20—an article, *A Method of Measuring Managerial Ability in Farming*, in *The Journal of Farm Economics* for July.

an article, *The Development and Purposes of Farm Cost Investigation in the United States*, in *The Quarterly Journal of Economics* for February.

by W. B. S. Woodward, II Δ '27—an article, *Importance of Judging Market Milk*, in *The Milk Dealer* for April.

by Nelson Antrim Crawford, I Δ Hon., in collaboration with Charles E. Rogers, a book, *Agricultural Journalism*, 336 pages, \$2.50. Alfred A. Knopf, New York.

an article, *The New England Farm Comes Back*, in *The Nation* of August 25.

by Austin W. Morrill, A '00—an article, *Fighting Pests with Airplanes*, in *The California Cultivator* of July 17.

by Frank Packard, Z Hon.—an adventure story, *The Red Ledger*, Doran, New York. *The Bookman* review is in part as follows:

This book is written with vigor and charm. I picked it up one evening and read until the final page. Climax is piled on climax, and the interest never drops. So exceedingly rare is a first class adventure with a touch of mystery and an honestly interesting love story, that I recommend this one most heartily to you. Frank Packard has sometimes been called a "man's author"; but I cannot imagine anyone, man, woman or child, who likes a thrilling tale, failing to find enjoyment in "The Red Ledger."

by Henry Seidel Canby, E '99—an article, *Traveling Intelligently in America*, in *Scribner's*.

a book, *Better Writing*, Harcourt, Brace & Company, New York. This comment appears in *The Saturday Review of Literature*.

"Better Writing" is preëminently a friendly text. Friendly inasmuch as it is willing to take pains to interest us, friendly in its occasional sharpness of reproof, in its point-blank declaration of our unfitness if we are unfit, in its readiness to encourage. It is, indeed, an excellent model of what Dr. Canby calls good manners in writing. From the moment when we note that instead of handling the small stones of fossilized instruction it is going to tap skilfully such unusual specimens as Crooked Guideposts,

Beauty Rash, Faulty Brakes, and Rickets, to the final summarizing chapter we remain good-humoredly attentive. It does not flaunt novelty for novelty's sake, but it does recognize the pedagogic value of emptying new wine into old bottles. And—to suit our new figure—Dr. Canby's wine has a taking sparkle; his words are selected carefully, often inevitably, but with no taste of pedantry. Every page gives pleasure by its alert phrasing, its thrust of antiseptic epigram, its scrupulous avoidance of the *cliché*, its competent organization, and this, as all teachers and students know, is a rare experience to derive from a textbook.

by Paul M. Reed, A '22—an article, *Red Pine in Central New England*, in the Harvard Forest Bulletin No. 9.

by Edgar T. Fell, Σ '13—a paper, *State Responsibility*, read before the Pennsylvania Bar Association on June 30, and later published for distribution by that Association.

by Alvin T. Burrows, Λ '03—an editorial, *College Fraternities*, in Brother Burrows' daily newspaper *The Urbana Daily Courier*, under recent date.

by Fitzhugh Green, Λ '13—a biography, *Peary—The Man Who Refused to Fail*. G. P. Putnam's Sons, New York. \$6.00. *The Saturday Review of Literature* says of it:

Commander Green has admirably covered the important points in the life of Peary, the little sidelights that throw so much of understanding on the great unbending soul of the explorer. The book is highly recommended to all interested in the Arctic or in biography. A book well and faithfully done.

It is gratifying to note that since the 1924 convention five chapters have acquired homes for the first time and that two other alumni owned houses have been replaced by more attractive structures. Thirty-one of our forty-three chapters now occupy houses controlled by their alumni. The valuation of these houses, exclusive of furnishings, exceeds a million dollars.

—From *The Secretary's Report*.

THE CHAPTER HYMENEAL

PLEDGES

William S. Hearing, ΔΔ '25, and Elizabeth Stocking of Duluth.

INITIATES

Valentine P. Hattemer, M '23, and Virginia D. Weatherly, June 8, New Rochelle, N. Y.

Charles Gideon Mackintosh, A '21, and Norma G. Brown, June 8, Winston Salem, N. C.

Thomas Reid, OΔ '27, and Cameron Brame, June 30, Montgomery, Ala.

Orville Alfred Reed, OΔ '24, and Catherine Parker, June 9, Raymond G. Lafean, M '19, and Edna Mae Ledger, September 4, Wilksburg, Penn.

Thomas Hudson McKee, Λ '23, and Mary Ellen Blackman, October 5, 1925, Dallas, Texas.

BLESSED IN THE BOND

Donald K. Hudson, BΔ '14, May 26—Barbara Huntington.

Edgar T. Fell, Σ '13, June—son.

George P. Morse, I '20, January 17—Margery.

Paul M. Reed, A '22—Priscilla Mary.

William H. Martin, ΔΔ '24—Mary Jane.

Benjamin Franklin, Λ '22—daughter.

Willard C. Pease, Γ '19, August 17—Patricia.

Donald N. Swan, X '17, September—Harlow Newman.

THE ALUMNI CLUBS

DIRECTORY

CHARTERED CLUBS

New York—Secretary, Frederick Griswold, Z '21, 38 Park Row. Luncheon every Thursday, 12:30, Fraternity Clubs Building, Madison Ave. & 38th St.

Seattle—Secretary, Amos F. Olsen, AA '23, 7084 17 N. E. Luncheon every Friday, 12:15, Blanc's, 315 Marion St.

Baltimore—Secretary, Gilbert J. Morgan, H '07, 1806 Park Ave. Luncheon every Thursday, 12:30, Engineers Club, 6 W. Fayette St.

Pittsburgh—Secretary, Paul J. Guinther, A '22, 506 Keystone Bank Building. Luncheon 1st Wednesday of month, 7 P. M., Fort Pitt Hotel.

Detroit—Secretary, Ray Hitchcock, S. S. Kresge Co.

Philadelphia—Secretary, Wm. E. Zimmermann, A '22, Lansdale, Pa. Luncheon every Friday, 12:30, Kugler's, 35 S. 15th St.

Amherst—

Chicago—Secretary, Earl F. Schoening, AA '22, 7400 Crandon Ave. Luncheon every Tuesday, 12 N., Mandel Brothers Grill.

Minnesota—

Springfield—

Northern Ohio—

San Francisco—Secretary, Robert R. Porter, NA '22, 647 7th Ave. Luncheon 2d and 4th Wednesday of the month, noon, Commercial Club.

Milwaukee—

Washington—

Birmingham (Ala.)—Secretary, M. Stephens Merritt, 1000 S. 12th St. Luncheon first Tuesday of month, 7:30 P. M., Tutwiler Hotel.

Vermont—Secretary, Marcell Conway, A '22, Barre, Vt.

UNCHARTERED CLUBS

Portland (Ore.)—Secretary, Herbert Johnson, OA '25, Pacific Telephone Co.

Charleston—Secretary, Arthur G. Stone, Δ '18, 1538 Lee St. Luncheon last Friday of month, 12:30, Chamber of Commerce.

Eta Club of Washington—Secretary, G. Allen Wick, H '23, Rosslyn Steel & Cement Co. Luncheon first Tuesday of month, 6:30 P. M., Southern Club, Mass. Ave.

Harrisburg—Secretary R. R. Burtner, K '22, Agricultural Extension Association.

Dallas—Luncheon every Thursday, 1 P. M., Baker Hotel.

The Birmingham Club has been active all summer, entertaining at a House Party, a Swimming Party, a Dance, and a Pledge Dinner.

“On Saturday afternoon, June 26th, at the Forest Preserve, the Chicago Club held a rip-roaring picnic. Brothers, their families and friends, fifty in number were there. The married men cleaned up on the single men in a game of indoor baseball; the score being 23-2½. The Chicago White Sox have been after Brother Dave Patton, the married men's pitcher ever since but he refuses to sign because he wishes to devote his time exclusively to his “Nutrisal” campaign. He convinced the manager of the White Sox that his ability as a pitcher is due to his taking Nutrisal and in consequence thereof, all the White Sox players now take Nutrisal. Various races were run for the kiddies; yes, everyone of them won, and each received a prize. The feature race of the day was the married women's race; the winner is still much of an argument. Brother Holmes was the star broad jumper; for his skill he was awarded a make-up box.”

Hudson McKee writes:

“I am getting together the Phi Sigs of Dallas with a view to organizing a ‘Dallas Club of Phi Sigma Kappa.’ We will have the traditional weekly luncheon at one o'clock Thursday of each week in the main dining room of the Baker Hotel until further notice. I have recently learned that numerous Phi Sigs come through this unusual western city and it will be for their benefit, as well as for the Dallasites, that the Club is to be formed at once. In the absence of a private dining room at the Baker, the head waiter will point the way of visiting brothers to a reserved table for their use.”

PHI SIGS AFIELD

DR. CONLEY IN HEADLINES

The following is the opening paragraph of a news story in *The New York Times* of June 11:

New York City will regain its lost prestige as the medical center of the world when the two-year hospital construction and building program, costing \$15,732,275.81, is completed, Dr. Walter H. Conley, General Medical Superintendent of the Department of Public Welfare, told Mayor Walker and the members of the Board of Estimate yesterday after that body had ratified the hospital program formulated by a Special Committee composed of Controller Charles W. Berry, Aldermanic President Joseph V. McKee and Borough President Joseph A. Guider of Brooklyn. The work provides for an expenditure of \$8,662,272.81 this year and the rest of the money next year. Representatives of the Department of Health and the Board of Trustees of Bellevue and allied hospitals joined Dr. Conley in congratulating the board. They all declared themselves entirely satisfied.

FLYING FOR GYPSIES

This excerpt, taken from the *New Bedford Morning Mercury* of June 15, describes in part the work of Brother Alfred F. Burgess, A '95.

Boston, June 14.—An airplane is flying over sections of Cape Cod to-day, and will continue the operation for two or three weeks, to test the possibilities of a new method to overcome the ravages of the gypsy moths. The test is being carried out by the federal government, under the direction of A. F. Burgess of Melrose, who has charge of the local work of the Bureau of Entomology of the United States Department of Agriculture. The airplane has a special equipment for this kind of work, and is flying a few feet above the tree tops, blowing powdered arsenate of lead into the foliage.

The supply of powdered arsenate of lead is kept in a large container, from which tubular chambers extend to a point below the aviator. By means of a lever the aviator releases the powder from the supply tank, and as this powder drops down into the chambers below it is blown out by a wind created in part by the motion of the airplane. It develops that the prevailing wind velocity is an important factor in this method of spraying, five miles an hour being the best. To find such a slow wind motion over the Cape district the plane has to be out about four o'clock in the morning. After daybreak the wind increases, as a rule, and is too swift during the middle of the day. It dies down toward evening, and by eight o'clock is likely to be back to the five-mile rate. That limits the operations of the plane to a few hours of daylight early in the morning, and perhaps a short time in the evening.

BILLY MAC TRANSFERRED

William A. McIntyre, better known in Phi Sigma Kappa as above, for several years located in Philadelphia as district manager of The Atlas Portland Cement Company, has been transferred to New York to fill a position of similar nature. As we understand it, this places Brother McIntyre within three rounds of the top of this particular ladder, and it is a long, long ladder at that.

ZETAS BECOME DOCTORS

Three classmates in Zeta recently received their doctorates almost simultaneously as follows: Julius Sendroy, Ph.D. from Columbia; Robert Craig, M.D. from Cornell; and Hugh McBrien, D.D.S. from New York University.

EDITS LOS ANGELES *DAILY NEWS*

Brother Elias M. Boddy, a member of our chapter at Montana, has recently been appointed editor and general manager of *The Daily News*, Los Angeles. In announcing this appointment under date of August 6, the paper has this to say:

Elias M. Boddy, managing director of the Commercial Board and formerly connected with the *New York Times* and other eastern publications, has been appointed by the board of directors as editor and general manager.

Mr. Boddy has been with the Commercial Board for more than six years as a director and for the last 12 months has guided its affairs. Prior to coming to California he was New York City Sales Manager for Encyclopaedia Britannica Corporation. In addition to his duties on the Commercial Board, he has acted as editor of the California Commercial Digest. He resigned this latter position when he came with the *News*, although he intends to retain his affiliation with the Commercial Board.

Mr. Boddy is 34, and an author of several books. He is a member of the American Legion, the Writers' Club of Hollywood, 233 Club, Phi Sigma Kappa fraternity and the California Country Club.

RIDDER MENTIONED

In the autobiography of Charles Stelzle, running serially in *The Outlook*, there appeared under date of June 30 a picture of Hermann Ridder, © '03, together with the following reference (Stelzle is writing of his experience as arbitrator of labor troubles):

After my first experience in this particular field, in which, by the way, the decision went against the labor union, Hermann Ridder, publisher of the New York "Staats-Zeitung," remarked to me that he was mighty glad to have found an "impartial" arbitrator who actually knew the printing business, because, he said, "on a number of occasions we have had decisions rendered by perfectly honest men whose rulings we, as employers, could not accept because they did not give workingmen a fair deal." He quoted a famous bishop of the Protestant Episcopal Church, who went out of his way ordinarily to express his sympathy for workingmen, and actually did much in New York City to further their cause, but who in an arbitration case gave them a decidedly raw deal simply because he did not understand the technical aspects of the newspaper printing business.

KNOWS MILK

William B. S. Woodward, who won the gold medal awarded by the International Association of Milk Dealers at the 1925 Dairy Show, is an overseas veteran of the World War, and after taking certain short courses and spending three years in extension work, he enrolled at Ohio as a candidate for a degree. He will

be graduated in December. Meanwhile he is a letter man on the rifle team, a member of the glee club, president of the Zero Hour Club, and member of the Ohio Union Board of Overseers. He will go into market milk for his life-work.

PETERS RUNS WELL

Frederick C. Peters, A '07, running for Assembly from the 1st Legislative District of Pennsylvania this summer, led his nearest competitor by about 3,500 votes. He defeated his rival even in the latter's home town.

PLAY THEIR WAY ABROAD

The five-piece Alpha Deuteron Orchestra went to Europe this summer, sailing on S.S. Montroyal from Quebec on July 16 and getting home in time for the convention at Philadelphia. They earned their passage both ways by playing for dancing on the boat, and had three weeks in which to see the Old World between trips.

WELCOME WATTS WEST

The Chicago Club, through their representatives, Jacobson, Ruedi, Schoening and Theisen, officially welcomed Brother Watts and family, at the Northwestern Station, W. C., en route to Appleton, where Brother Watts has become financial manager of Lawrence College. Lawrence College, by the way, gets its name from a near relative of Brother R. Rossman Lawrence, lately of the Council.

WOMEN TO BEAR CASKET

Clarksburg, W. Va., Sept. 6—(AP) Women will act as bearers at the funeral of Mrs. Marietta T. Gore, mother of Gov. Howard M. Gore.

Fulfilling a wish Mrs. Gore had expressed some time before her death, members of the Clarksburg Central Women's Christian Temperance Union, of which Mrs. Gore was a member, will serve as casket bearers at the services to-morrow.

Governor Gore is Δ '00.

FOCH SEES HIS OWN STATUE UNVEILED

From the *New York Times*, July 5;

Arras, France, July 4.—Marshal Foch had a unique and moving experience to-day, being the chief living figure at an impressive ceremony of the unveiling of a statue of himself.

Setting aside precedent, which has always prompted Frenchmen to wait until great men die before erecting statues to their memory, the French Army united to-day in a stirring tribute at the little town of Bouchavesnes, near here, where ten years ago was fought the deciding phase of the famous Battle of the Somme. The Marshal, in the uniform which he wore as

Commander-in-Chief of the Allied Armies, stood with bowed head, visibly touched by the unusual honor.

General Debeney, Chief of Staff of the French Army, and scores of high officers surrounded the gray-haired Marshal. In an address by the Minister of War, read at the ceremony, Marshal Foch was pictured as "a man to whom the greater part of the world owed a lasting debt of gratitude for leading the Allied Armies to victory."

The statue is intended as a symbol of confidence of the French nation in Marshal Foch and as a place of pilgrimage to which those who lost relatives or friends in the war may go to recall their dead and pay homage to the man who led the Allied Armies to victory.

BECOMES DIRECTOR OF EXTENSION SERVICE

Willard A. Munson, A '05, has been appointed director of the extension work at the Massachusetts Agricultural College. This is one of the three or four most important administrative jobs in the institution. Brother Munson comes to it from the directorship of the Division of Markets, Massachusetts Department of Agriculture, and is eminently fitted for his work. Incidentally he has purchased the former residence of Brother Watts; so returning Alpha men will presumably climb the hill as usual.

CONCERT PIANIST RETURNS

Brother Hudson McKee contributes the following interesting item:

George Dixon Thompson, A '20, without a doubt is the leading concert pianist in Washington, D. C. A year ago he went to Austria for a year's study with the last great master of the Liszt School, von Sauer. Now that his stay abroad is over, Brother Thompson is back home with a view to entering the field of concert. It is even hinted he may soon be chosen as the White House pianist, though this is not official as yet. Thompson hails from Indiana but came to Washington about ten years ago. I am sure a word pertaining to his accomplishments would be appreciated by SIGNET readers.

FRANKLIN MAKES GOOD IN THE ARMY

Brother Benjamin Franklin, A '22, 1st Lieutenant, Tank Corps, Camp Meade, Maryland, has been chosen by Army officials to go abroad for a two-year period of instruction and inspection in connection with his army work.

DRUID INITIATED AT U. OF WASHINGTON

Samuel P. Weaver, "regarded as the finest civil attorney in Spokane," formerly a Druid at Gettysburg, has been initiated into Phi Sigma Kappa by our chapter at the University of Washington, and may be found by touring friends in the Paulsen Building, Spokane.

TWO COUNCILORS ILL

Brother Barnes, until recently regional vice-president for the Atlantic District, has been recuperating from a run-down condition in the wilds of Maine, and was therefore unable to be present at Philadelphia. Brother Dunham, regional vice-president of New England, experienced an automobile accident just prior to the convention and was so severely shaken up that he too was obliged to miss the "sociable." Even Doctor Root, *mirabile dictu*, was forced last spring to give up going to Europe, with the various military organizations of Connecticut, because of a temporary ptomaine poisoning.

 DAVIES STILL WITH GIANTS

"Chick" Davies, A '14, whose incursion into major league baseball last spring was described in the April SIGNET, has stuck with the Giants throughout the season and has been used frequently, usually as a replacement pitcher.

 CORTYLOU RAZES ACADEMY OF MUSIC

The following excerpt from *The New York Sun* of May 17 is self-explanatory. Brother Cortylou is Lambda '96.

Until the formation of the Metropolitan Opera Company in 1880 the Academy was the center of musical America. Italian, French and German operas regularly played there. It carried on through successive transitions, stock, melodrama, drama and opera, coming to its end with the silver screen. Such triumphs as "The Old Homestead," Mrs. Leslie Carter in "The Heart of Maryland," David Warfield in "The Music Master," Rose Coghlan in "White Heather," and "The Black Crook" won their greatest acclaim there.

Work will be started directly upon the twenty-five story building which the Consolidated Gas Company will place in its stead. Appearing at the final program will be Mme. Frances Alda of the Metropolitan Opera, who will sing "Home, Sweet Home"; Otis Skinner, who will speak, and Mrs. Emma Juch Wollman, who made her debut as a singer at the Academy when she was 18. Fifty pieces of the New York Symphony Orchestra will play. In the audience, by invitation of George B. Cortelyou, president of the gas company, will be those who knew the Academy in its heyday.

 FROM GEOGRAPHY TO GEOLOGY

Brother Richard Joel Russell, Ω '19, for six years a member of the Department of Geography at the University of California, has accepted an associate-professorship of Geology in Texas Technological College at Lubbock.

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FOR UNDERGRADUATES

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The password is "Study!"

On a gloomy afternoon last February a big boy sank into a chair in the Freshman Office and said, "The whole trouble is, I never learned how to study in high school." He meant, I think, that he had never learned to study independently. One great difference between preparatory schooling and the educational process in college is the difference between coercion and invitation. In the high school, the teachers drive the pupil up to the fountain of knowledge, push his nose into the overflowing basin, and thus compel him to absorb some of the genial moisture. In college, the undergraduate is set free in comfortable pasturage beside clear waters, and he may drink or not, as he pleases.

These remarks of mine I am addressing to you, undergraduate Phi Sigma Kappa, in the hope that they may assist some of you in dealing with the perennial problem of "How to study." I know that when you receive this number of the SIGNET, you will probably be on the muddy plateau of discouragement which sincere students always reach after the strenuous uphill climb of the first six weeks in college. Because you feel that you have ceased to make rapid progress, you are unreasonably melancholy. You should realize that after a burst of speed at the start you will inevitably settle down, like a distance runner, to a slower pace for the early laps of the long grind.

If you as college men are confronted with a special and peculiar problem of study, it is primarily a problem of self-control. You are meeting a need for will power. In the struggle to focus your mind upon facts that you must endeavor to remember and under-

stand, your will may be supported by the instinct of curiosity and aided by various tricks and artifices for making learning seem easy. But, however interesting and even amusing the subject of your investigation, you can in no wise study except by an exertion of voluntary attention. The will to win is as essential for victory in the fight for wisdom as in a football game.

The first requirement, then, for success as a student is the determination to learn. This means a conscious effort at intellectual concentration. You must get the habit of paying attention.

Habitual concentration is not easy. Do not expect to be able to-morrow night to forget yourself for two unbroken hours over your Spanish lesson. Your attention will certainly be imperfect at first. Indeed, even the profound scholar who seems to center his whole mind upon the subject of his thought merely has the habit of drawing his attention back to that one matter after every momentary distraction. That is the habit which you must endeavor to acquire.

But can you form the habit of attending to your studies? You can, if you will. You must consciously choose to study systematically. Make a vow now, that you will regularly devote at least an hour and a half to preparation for each hour in the classroom. Make a vow, too, that you will sit down to study at eight o'clock each week-night, willy-nilly, rain or shine. You cannot do all of your studying in the evening, but you must do some of it then. And in order to make your evening study profitable you must set about it regularly and at the appointed time. You must begin the new custom carefully. After twenty days of a rigid system, it may be safe to allow yourself to vary from your fixed custom once, but not until then. If you say, "I don't count this time,"—if you allow an exception to your rule,—you weaken the habit. Allow no exceptions. Rather, go out of your way to compel yourself to exercise your new power of mental concentration. Instead of postponing the hardest lesson to the end of the evening, find fifteen minutes to devote to it in the middle of the afternoon, and give it your best energy in the first of the regular study hours.

Thus you can will yourself into good habits. The task will not be impossibly difficult, for your good intentions have powerful allies. Your conscious effort is encouraged by means of several devices for making study seem important to even the dullest drone.

You force your attention upon, let us say, Chinese grammar, not because you are eager to hoard the celestial facts for future use but because you wish to earn a high grade. You wish the grade so that you may be eligible—magic word!—to engage in some organized mock combat or trial of skill as an authentic representative of your college, or so that you may become a member of a society or a club, or so that you may enjoy your superiority over people whose grades your grades surpass. Thus the will to study is supported in savage, competitive fashion by immediate small rewards rather than by the prospect of future benefits.

None of the motives that I have suggested is base. It is not immoral to make yourself study so that you can get good grades, so that you can be initiated or play a game or taste the joy of victory in the competition for academic honors. None of these motives is base. They all are childish. They sugar-coat the pill of education.

The will to study is often backed by an elementary force, the instinct of curiosity. Some people can make themselves attend to books because they want to know.

An inquiring mind is a great blessing, for curiosity is the handmaid of education. To make study easy, arouse in yourself a certain inquisitiveness about the lessons you must learn. You can do this by discovering the connection between the new ideas before you and some interesting facts with which you are already familiar, your deepest enthusiasm or your latest fad or hobby. I know a man who detected the breath of life in the cold science of statistics because he saw a relation between that science and the baseball averages. If you aspire to be a physician, you can find interest in the humblest test-tube of general chemistry because of its connection with your ambition. If you will only believe,—what is profoundly true,—that each subject of study in college is somehow linked to the subject that interests you most, you can bolster up your determination more effectively and more respectably than by the immediate hope for high grades.

The will to know is the first essential. Now that you have that determination, you may profit by practical suggestion about how to economize energy and attention. The hints that I can give you have to do with getting ready for study and with the process itself.

A few artless preparations may considerably simplify your problem of attention. Before you settle yourself for study, try to shut out distracting noises; locking the door is a practical means to this end. If you are in a library, seat yourself as far as possible from the loan desk and from newsmongers. If you are in your own room, make sure that it is well ventilated and not too warm. Make yourself comfortable in a not too easy chair. If you must work by artificial light, place the lamp so that its rays come over your left shoulder upon the page you are reading.

One obvious way to economize attention is to rest when you are weary. In particular, you will find that resting your eyes for five minutes in fifty will help you to study efficiently. After you have attended to your book for three-quarters of an hour, rest for five or ten minutes,—daydream, or look out of the window, or walk about the room, stepping gently in order not to disturb your equally industrious roommate. Study by daylight or early in the evening, rather than an hour after bedtime when the blood is heavy with impurities and the brain processes are consequently slow and muddled.

You may accomplish a further economy of attention by carefully distributing your time. Often it is better to set aside three half-hours for a lesson, at intervals of an hour or more, than to give two solid hours to the subject. As I have already suggested, a few afternoon minutes of preliminary work on your most perplexing assignment will considerably increase the value of the evening hour you devote to the same difficult task. You will find, too, that fifteen minutes of review in the morning, preferably just before the recitation hour, will greatly strengthen your grasp of the assigned lesson. You will see that in the intervening time, given over apparently to other affairs, your mind has quietly begun to assort and assimilate the ideas which you thrust upon it during the period of specific concentration.

Although memorizing is not all of study, nor even the best part, it is the first element. Whatever may be the disciplinary value of mental application, it is obvious that we attend to sources of information in order that we may acquire facts.

True study, to be sure, vitalizes the new facts by setting them into relation with those we already possess. It involves thinking. And memorizing bears somewhat the relation to studying that putting gasoline into the tank bears to motoring.

Therefore devices for remembering easily and permanently are important aids to scholarship. The great secret of memorizing is: "Study with all your senses!" Impressions are made upon your brain by sounds, odors, tastes, as well as by color and line. If you read with your eyes only, your subject of study approaches the brain by only one avenue, and the other broad ways are open to distractions. If you read aloud, or observe what you read in terms of sound as well as of sight, you double the power of the impression. The more senses you can employ in studying, the more effective will your effort be. For this reason, if for no other, it is important to take full and intelligent notes as you read. The complicated process of writing helps to make an impression on your mind.

To insure efficiency in memorizing, begin with complete accuracy. It is all very well to repeat the words to be remembered. But begin slowly, making certain that the first impression is true. Your observation must be exact. If, for example, you are learning the forms of a French verb, make your first scrutiny with great care, seeing, hearing, and writing the word truly. Then you may safely try to fix the correct forms in your mind by a process of repetitions. After an initial series of twenty you should separate the repetitions by considerable intervals. Be careful, however, not to introduce into your mind during the intervening time anything that may disturb or confuse the impression. For instance, it might be unwise to study French and Spanish verbs alternately on the same evening.

One final piece of advice I have to give you about the memorizing process,—*Overlearn the ideas you would retain.* I can illustrate by a simple example: Repeat the letters of the word *accommodate* until you are sure you know them in order: a-c-c-o-m-m-o-d-a-t-e. You have them to-day; but shall you know them to-morrow? Not unless you overlearn them now. After you are sure you have stowed the fact away in your memory,—repeat it twenty times more, and call it up to the center of your attention just before you go to sleep, so that your mind may seize upon it in your absence. Then you will have the fact not for one day only but for a long time to come.

Constant reviewing is important for real understanding of any subject. The quickest way to establish associations for the ideas of a new lesson is to begin your preparation by making a rapid review of the material dealt with in the previous lessons. This

linking of assignments will help you to gain an impression of the course as a symmetrically organized unit.

The scholar analyzes the text before him to find what are its essential ideas. He tries to discover the central thought and the interrelations of the notions that surround and support it. And he does this most readily by jotting down notes of the most important points and reorganizing them in outline form. He is not passively receptive but actively curious, seeking and testing new ideas that he may discover truth.

The "grind" knows ideas by sight and by name. The scholar embraces them as bosom friends. For the one, it is enough to know that the value of Pi is 3.14159209+. For the other, the value of Pi is one of a related series of ideas leading far into the infinities of engineering, abstract mathematics, and metaphysics.

One cannot will one's way instantly into lively intelligence. Yet here too the endeavor counts for much. Try constantly to associate old ideas with new, not merely for the sake of remembering the new but for the sake of understanding both new and old.

There is a slang phrase, "Be yourself!" a mere variant of the Greek maxim, "Know thyself!" Whichever version you prefer, that I hope you will take as the key to these comments about the undergraduate problem of "How to study." For if you are to acquire true education, you must rely upon yourself, your own strong will, which alone can drive you to attend to the business of college before you amuse yourself with its pleasant distractions.

CHRISTMAS

Fifteen of our chapters celebrate Christmas. Stevens, Penn, Franklin & Marshall, Worcester, Cornell, Mass. Aggie, Nebraska, Kansas, have a Christmas party; Williams, Ohio and Penn State hold a banquet; Union, M. I. T., Maryland and Nevada send cards; and Gettysburg has a dance.

AFTER THE FEAST

ANON E. MUSS, Φ Σ Κ '26

Scene: Chapter house, Initiation banquet night.

Smoke hangs low over the scene. A few mangled duck corpses, and some crimson stains, suggest the ferocity with which the dinner has been annihilated. "The tumult and the shouting dies; the waiters and the chefs depart." The toastmaster clinks on his glass and introduces Jim Baldwin, faculty and alumni adviser all rolled into one.

"He'd look distinguished even in his pajamas!" whispers one freshman to another. His gleaming shirt-front and high forehead were certainly impressive, but the candles and the blue smoke and the warmth of his voice mellowed the general effect.

His theme was the inevitable one for the occasion—the old thought that what you get you lose and what you give you get. He concluded: "Now love for a fraternity takes many forms, and is a growing thing. The first and simplest form, the kind of love which characterizes freshman year, is nine-tenths pride. It is the feeling you get when you show off to your family or your girl the cosy corners and the smooth-looking youths that lend 'atmosphere' to the house. There are some whose love never goes deeper than this.

"But there are others who build up a different sort of love. By developing their better selves they develop the fraternity, and to this process known as 'education' they bend all their efforts. They are sometimes criticized for unsociability, for 'not spending enough time around the house.' But in the end they give to the chapter a good name, plus a key, a letter, or whatever other symbol the campus chooses as a reward for well-directed purpose.

"You have four years in which to make your choice between these two groups in the fraternity. It is my hope that you will grow beyond mere pride, and singing songs, into devotion, and the sweating of your blood. As you do this, you will truly fulfill the spirit of the vows you have taken to-night—to be true to the best that is in you and in the fraternity."

Alma Mater and the chapter song boomed out across the tranquil campus, and knots of fellows went off and talked late into the night. Jim Baldwin relit his cigar and sank into an easy chair. The freshman who had remarked Jim's dignity sauntered

over. The professor, cutting off the freshman's polite remarks, motioned to a nearby chair.

"I'd never done much thinking about fraternities until to-night," began the freshman.

"That so? I've thought a lot more myself recently than I ever had before. One of my classmates refused to let his son join a fraternity."

"On what grounds?"

"Said they breed snobbery. The younger generation is pampered enough as it is. His boy isn't going to have a luxurious club-house to idle in while he ought to be working for an education."

"Someone else shooting his air-gun at the younger generation."

"Yes, but I broke his little gun in two."

"How did you do it? I'd like to know!"

"I told him I was riding in the Rockies one night when darkness overtook me near a ranger's cabin. All evening he held me with tales of devastation, and heroism, and deaths in flaming woods. I dreamed the mountain was a seething fire about our cabin and awoke with a start to see the sky in flames. My cries of 'Fire' roused the ranger. 'It is no fire, it is the dawn.'"

The freshman checked an impulsive "Gee!" and fell silent.

"Did you ever stop to think about friendship?" said the professor through a ring of smoke.

"Why, I rather like the idea," said the freshman.

"I used to think that friends were people to go to lunch with and bum ink from. But do you know Yeats'

'When you are old, and grey, and full of sleep
And nodding by the fire, take down this book
And slowly read, and dream of the soft look
Your eyes had once, and of their shadows deep;

How many loved your moments of glad grace
And loved your beauty, with love false and true,
But one man loved the pilgrim soul in you,
And loved the sorrows of your changing face,

And bending down beside the glowing bars
Murmur, a little sadly, how love fled
And paced among the mountains overhead
And hid his face among a crowd of stars.'"

The professor rose and stepped to the fireplace; the fire spluttered and the ashes sifted into the grate.

"People are pilgrim souls,—and the world exists for personality. But I suppose I'm just a blamed idealist."

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THE CARNEGIE INDUCTION

RAYMOND G. LAFEAN, *Council*

The new constitutional provisions adopted by the Detroit Convention and improved somewhat by the Philadelphia Convention are in full operation now. Accordingly the new Chapter at Carnegie Institute of Technology, Pittsburgh, Penna., was installed by the Regional Vice-President as Deputy Inductor in charge. The present incumbent takes this opportunity to tell the Phi Sigma Kappa world, if not indeed the entire Greek Letter world, about this wonderful celebration.

The program which was presented to the many visitors looked like this:

Friday, November 12th

- 10:00 A. M. Initiation of Candidates—Chapter House—1408 Wightman St.
- 12:30 P. M. Luncheon—Chapter House—1408 Wightman St.
- 2:00 P. M. Initiation of Candidates—Chapter House—1408 Wightman St.
- 9:00 P. M. Formal Installation Ball—Hotel Rittenhouse.

Saturday, November 13th

- 10:00 A. M. Installation of Chapter—Chapter House—1408 Wightman St.
- 12:30 P. M. Luncheon—Chapter House—1408 Wightman St.
- 1:30 P. M. Induction Picture—Chapter House—1408 Wightman St.
- 1:45 P. M. Flag Raising—Chapter House—1408 Wightman St.
- 2:00 P. M. Sight Seeing—All around.
- 7:00 P. M. Formal Installation Banquet—Pittsburgh Athletic Association.

This made a two day ceremony with the time equally divided among labor, society and recreation. A full program to be sure and one which did honor to its sponsor—The Pittsburgh Club. This Alumni Club certainly knows the art of entertaining and is master of fraternal greeting de luxe.

The initiatory work was staged largely by alumni. The team was composed of: James Milholland, K '11, Marshal and C. R. Jones, Δ '94, R. L. Morris, Δ '95, C. M. Bomberger, Π '08, George M. Swan, Π '05, Paul J. Guinther, Λ '21, James A. Barger, Δ '20, Joseph H. Batt, Λ '16, Dr. Edgar T. Fell, Σ '13, L. B. Walker, Δ '21, and active chapter members Ruby of Kappa and Wise and Neeley of Delta. This team performed marvelously. The deputy-inductor takes this occasion to thank them individually and collectively for their time and service.

The installation meeting of the Chapter was held Saturday morning with Brothers Batt, Watts, Fell, Barger and Schumacher filling the stations of the several officers. A complete explanation of the secret and ritualistic work was delivered by the deputy-inductor and the following members of the new Chapter installed as the first officers: President, Edward R. Jones, Vice-President, Harry J. Williams, Secretary, Milton R. Brice, Treasurer, William L. Bell, Auditor, Eugene T. Warner, Marshal, Guy L. Starr. Brother Burrows attended the meetings and formally installed Tau Deuteron Chapter.

The Ball was a gala affair. The Hotel Rittenhouse Ball Room was elaborately finished in magenta and silver, a large Phi Sigma Kappa banner conspicuously ornamented the end of the room and a fourteen piece orchestra gave the proper setting for a most enjoyable evening. The bevy of beauties who graced the Ball will go down in history as preëminent. One wonders why Pittsburgh has not already produced Miss America. The patronesses gave the very necessary touch of Pittsburgh's social life. One hundred and fifty couples attended.

The Banquet held in the Ball Room of the city's finest Athletic Club was the closing event on the calendar. Dr. Thomas S. Baker, President of the Carnegie Institute of Technology, was the Guest of Honor. All of the Officers of Administration of the Institute were there including: Dean Arthur W. Tarbell, William E. Mott, Director of the College of Engineering, Glendinning Keeble, Director of the College of Arts, and Arthur C. Jewett, Director of the College of Industries, all to do honor to this youngest of Phi Sigma Kappa's Chapters and they did it in no mistakable terms. As a body of college executives they are proud of this group—praise for the past and confident of the future. Representatives from eleven other national fraternities came to

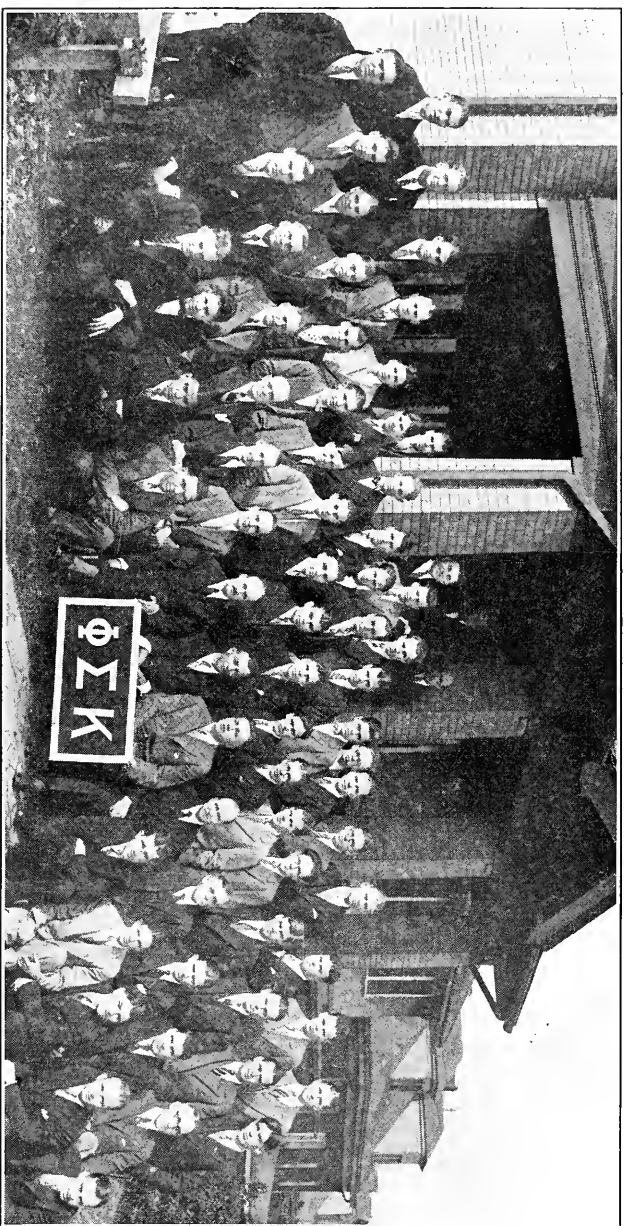
give the glad hand, Kappa Sigma, Pi Kappa Alpha, Delta Upsilon, Acacia, Beta Theta Pi, Beta Sigma Rho, Alpha Tau Omega, Sigma Phi Epsilon, Delta Tau Delta, Alpha Sigma Phi and Phi Kappa. They came in a body to join in this feast of fraternalism, refreshment and brotherhood. Phi Sigma Kappa had representatives from eighteen chapters and two alumni clubs present, Alpha, Gamma, Delta, Eta, Theta, Kappa, Lambda, Mu, Nu, Xi, Omicron, Pi, Sigma, Tau, Phi, Delta Deuteron, Pi Deuteron, Rho Deuteron and the Detroit and New York Clubs. One hundred and eleven were served. This was truly a genuine fraternal welcome.

The standardized equipment which the Council now furnishes for the Chapters is complete in every respect. There is not one item omitted. This plan puts a Chapter on a solid business basis from the start and incidentally provides the inductor with all regalia and instruments for a thorough and effective exemplification of our principles.

As a member of the Pittsburgh Alumni Club, I refrain from repeating here the many compliments paid to them for the manner in which this celebration was handled. However, I must express in some measure the gratitude of the visitors. I have received many letters of congratulations and to pass the good word on to the Pittsburgh Alumni is proper. Here is a body of altruistic brothers. They financed this induction, costing several thousand dollars, without the twinkle of an eye. To them is the glory and the honor. They have functioned from the mind and heart for the good of their Fraternity and now that a Chapter is located there let them be happy and rejoice. Tau Deuteron has a trustworthy parent.

OTHER INDUCTION DATES

The other four inductions have taken place as follows: North Carolina, November 20; Kentucky, November 27; Washington State, December 18; and Oregon, December 21.



THE CARNEGIE INDUCTION GROUP

Sitting (left to right) : Ruby, Morris, Matis, Love, Guinther, Fell, Batt, Burrows, Lafean, Watts, Jones, Barger, Sheean, Snyder.



SENATOR WAGNER

THE NEW SENATOR FROM NEW YORK

FREDERICK GRISWOLD, JR., Z '21

Robert F. Wagner, Senator-elect from the State of New York, and a distinguished son of Zeta Chapter, was initiated into the Phi Sigma Kappa, June 14, 1897.

The life story of the immigrant boy, who has received the greatest gift within the power of the people of the Empire State, reads like one of Horatio Alger's tales. It is another example of what this democratic country may hold in store for its sons, native and adopted.

Sometime Lieutenant Governor, sometime Justice of the Supreme Court of the State of New York, Robert F. Wagner arrived in this country with his father and mother and older brother, from Weisbaden, Germany, forty-one years ago. Of the early struggles of that immigrant family in the New World, not one of them speaking a word of English, even the family traditions are silent. "My father had hoped," says Brother Wagner, "to find dollars used as street paving materials, and when he found plain stones that were hard to walk on he must have been disappointed. I was, I know, even though I was only eight years old."

The father soon appears with a few broken English expressions, as the janitor of an apartment house in uptown New York, and bringing his family with him, housed them in the basement of the building. But the father's income was all too meager for his family's needs and Robert soon found it necessary to earn something for himself. By this time he, too, had picked up a little English, mostly in arguments with the sons of the janitor next door. It is said that every time they used a word he couldn't understand he thrashed them until they made its meaning clear. He fought frequently and his vocabulary kept pace with his pugilistic prowess.

So Bob Wagner sold newspapers, and was errand boy for the neighborhood grocer at such times as he was not helping his father in the care of the apartment house. All this, however, after school hours, for he did not neglect his education. In spite of this, he found time to play with the children in the neighborhood, children of wealthy parents, who lived not far away in the fashionable region of Upper Madison and Lexington Avenues. He availed

himself of every opportunity to be with them. "I wanted to learn what these young chaps talked about," he explains. "What they did and how they did it. I perhaps gained a great deal of inspiration from them. Nowadays, I always advise young people to seek out the kind of company that will give them profit, for that is what I did unconsciously."

Some of these youngsters found it more difficult to learn their daily lessons than the janitor's son. They proposed that he help them. He agreed promptly and devoted several evenings a week to tutoring. In this way he added considerably to the family treasury. Later he was a hall boy in the New York Athletic Club.

When the hall boy graduated from school he at once proposed to enter college. The father demurred. "But the College of the City of New York is free," the young man pleaded. There was a family council, sacrifices were decided upon, and young Wagner was allowed to attend college. The college student added to his income by tutoring, but he found time to play quarterback on the football team, join Phi Sigma Kappa, enter college politics, debate, work with committees and win two college prizes. The first year he stood first in his class and the second year, second. He was president of his class, made Phi Beta Kappa and was Valedictorian of his class on graduation in 1898.

Then Wagner wanted to be a lawyer. This time his way was made easy for him. Impressed by his ability and ambition, a wealthy acquaintance provided the necessary funds for a law course at New York University. Upon graduation and admission to the bar in 1900 Wagner opened an office for the practice of the law. At the same time he presented himself at a political organization in his district and entered a campaign then under way as a speaker.

Thus he started his political career. In 1905 he was elected to the State Assembly and in 1908 to the State Senate. Before he was thirty he was minority leader in the Senate. His career there was marked by some of the most constructive and progressive legislation New York State has had. When just past thirty he was elected Lieutenant Governor. He refused a nomination for the Governorship. In 1916 President Wilson designated him to be postmaster of New York, but this honor he declined also. "I want to be free to work my way to the bench," he exclaimed.

Not long after, in 1918, his ambition was realized. He sacrificed, it is said, a law practice earning him something like \$50,000 a year to accept the silken robes of a Supreme Court Justice. He was later appointed to the Appellate Division of the Supreme Court.

Judge Wagner is a widower and has one son, Robert F. Wagner, Jr., who is sixteen years of age. He is a member of the State, City and County Bar Association, the Elks, the Manhattan Club and the City Club.

He now replaces James Wadsworth in the United States Senate and becomes Phi Sigma Kappa's second Senator in Washington.

PRESIDENTS

Frost	Nevada	Student Body
Maniero	St. Lawrence	Student Body
Richards	Swarthmore	Senior Class
Harris	Worcester	Senior Class
Pond	California	Senior Class
Rex	Gettysburg	Senior Class
Morrow	Montana	Senior Class
Davies	Gettysburg	Junior Class
Robertson	Mass. Aggie	Sophomore Class
Patterson	Kansas Aggie	Sophomore Class
Gardner	Franklin and Marshall	Freshman Class

PEN PRINTS

Your Editor recently received a request for personal and intimate data on our officers. Undergraduates, it was intimated, would like to know a little more about these eminent Phi Sigma Kappa than they do. And inasmuch as that seemed to your Editor a proper and indeed commendable desire, he is undertaking to present in this SIGNET a little *Who's Who in Phi Sigma Kappa* for the current year.

THE COURT

GILBERT J. MORGAN, Chancellor, Maryland '07, engaged in the insurance and investment business, has a wife, is a Democrat politically, attends the Protestant Episcopal Church; he designates his favorite sport as horseback riding, his hobby as a rose garden, his favorite author as your Editor; he is forty-seven years old; he has been treasurer for one term, vice-president for one term, and four terms on the Court; he drives a Chrysler; he is not in favor of 100 chapters by 1950, believes in the League of Nations, and is opposed to legislation that would bring back the saloon; his home is in Baltimore.

ARNOLD C. OTTO, Recorder, George Washington '11, thirty-nine years old, unmarried, a lawyer in Milwaukee; is a Republican and belongs to the Evangelical Church; his favorite sport is golf; he has no hobby or favorite author; was on the Council six years as auditor; drives a Packard and a Buick; is opposed to 100 chapters by 1950 and to prohibition, but would favor "the right kind" of a league of nations.

DR. JOSEPH E. ROOT, Massachusetts Agricultural College '76, an orthopedic surgeon, practicing in Hartford, Conn.; has a wife and daughter; is a Republican and a Congregationalist; his favorite sport is hunting big game, his favorite author Theodore Roosevelt, his hobby woodcraft; he is seventy-two years young; has been a member of the Council for two terms and of the Supreme Court for ten, during two of which he served as chancellor; he drives, in turn, a Packard and a Cadillac; he doesn't care to wait until 1950 for 100 chapters and is in favor of the World Court and prohibition.

GEORGE J. VOGEL, Cornell '91, is superintendent of schools in Torrington, Conn.; he is a Republican in politics and an Episcopalian in creed; his favorite sport is walking although he drives a Nash big six sedan; his favorite author is Joseph C. Lincoln; his hobby is Rotary and at present he is a president in the same; fifty-six years of age, he has served as an officer of Phi Sigma Kappa for thirty, two terms as secretary, five terms as president, and eight terms on the Court; he is familiarly known as "The Czar"; his family consists of a wife and a Boston terrier; he skilfully avoids committing himself on the questions of growth, League of Nations and prohibition.

WILLIAM A. MCINTYRE, "Billy Mac," Pennsylvania '04, sales manager of the Atlas Portland Cement Company, located in New York City; he is forty-two years old and has two daughters; he is Republican (nationally) and Episcopalian; he admits no favorite author (saying that his reading is wholly in economics) but makes up for this deficiency with two favorite sports, golf and football; no hobby (we suggest that Phi Sigma Kappa is Billy's hobby); he has held office for twenty-two years: two terms as treasurer, two as secretary, one as president, two as chancellor; one as recorder, and two as member of the Court; he is opposed to the League of Nations and prohibition; as to the growth of the Order he says, "We should not deny membership to any worthy petitioners in any good college."

DR. WALTER H. CONLEY, Union '91, General Medical Superintendent of the Department of Public Welfare of New York City; has a wife; is a Democrat and a Protestant; his favorite sport is tennis and his favorite author is your Editor (we rejoice in your friendliness, Doctor and Gilbert, even if we cannot commend your judgment); he is fifty-seven years of age, has been auditor for one term, president for four and chancellor of the Court for two; he has also been chairman of the Inter-Fraternity Conference; he drives a Buick seven passenger sedan; he is in favor of the League of Nations but is opposed to 100 chapters by 1950 and to prohibition.

THE COUNCIL

ALVIN T. BURROWS, president, George Washington '03, generally known as "Chappie," is the editor and publisher of the daily *Courier* of Urbana, Ill.; he is forty-nine years old and has a wife and two daughters; in politics Republican; in religion a member of the Church of Christ; his favorite sport is golf, his favorite author Victor Hugo, his hobby Phi Sigma Kappa; he has been for three terms vice-president, one term on the Court,

and is serving his second term as president; he drives a Marmon; he takes exception to the chapter query but does not expect 100 chapters by 1950; he is against the League of Nations for the United States; and relative to prohibition he makes this interesting comment: "theoretically no; practically yes."

HOWARD F. DUNHAM, vice-president, Dartmouth '11, age 39, is a teacher of modern language at Dartmouth College; he is an independent in politics and attends the Episcopal Church; his favorite sport is football from the bleachers, his favorite authors are Azorin and Daudet, his hobby is gardening; he has been on the Council since 1924; he has a wife and a ten year old boy; he is against prohibition and the 100 chapter goal but is in favor of the League of Nations.

WILLIAM FLACK WOOD, vice-president, St. Lawrence '10, everywhere known as "Billy," is in the fire insurance business on the Coast; he is a Republican and a Universalist; his favorite sport is hunting, his favorite author is Kipling, and his hobby is radio; he is forty-one years of age and has three girls and a boy; he drives a Buick; this is his third year on the Council; he is "agin everything": 100 chapters by 1950, the League of Nations, prohibition.

RAYMOND G. LAFEAN, vice-president, Pennsylvania '19, is engaged in fraternal life insurance in Pittsburgh; he is recently married, votes the Republican ticket, attends the Lutheran Church; his favorite sport is baseball; like Billy Mac he has no favorite author (what's the matter with the English department at Pennsylvania anyway?); his hobby is "organization and systematizing," to which, by the way, we undoubtedly owe that incomparable Pittsburgh Club; he is thirty years old and is serving his first term on the Council; drives a Packard; he is doubtful about 100 chapters, against the League of Nations, and in favor of prohibition; his nickname is "Duke."

JOSEPH H. BATT, vice-president, George Washington '16, is thirty-six years old and a mortgage broker in Washington, D. C.; he describes himself as "a voteless Washingtonian with Republican leanings"; he is a Methodist; his favorite sport is golf; embarrassment forbids our mentioning his favorite author—clearly the officers are kidding your Editor along; his hobby is the Fraternity; he has a wife and drives a Buick; he has been a regional vice-president since 1922; he is against the League of Nations and in favor of prohibition "for others."

JAMES A. BARGER, vice-president, Michigan '20,
CHARLES H. RUEDI, Illinois '17.

These two men are twins. Barger is a sales engineer in Detroit and Ruedi is a bank examiner in Chicago. Ruedi is a few months older. Otherwise they are just alike. Both of them are single; both are Republicans; both are Presbyterians; both designate as their favorite sports football and golf; both give their favorite author as Kipling; both declare that their hobby is the Fraternity; Ruedi has been longer on the Council and his last car was a Buick as against a Chrysler; but both of them decline to be quoted in favor of any of the fool ideas presented. Jim and Charlie! Charlie and Jim! Take your choice.

RALPH J. WATTS, secretary-treasurer, Massachusetts Agricultural College '07, is business manager of Lawrence College at Appleton, Wisconsin; he is forty-one years old and has a wife and two boys; he is a Republican in politics and a Baptist in faith; his favorite sport is bowling, his favorite authors Kipling and Stevenson; his hobby Phi Sigma Kappa; he has been filling his important position on the Council since 1923; he is opposed to the 100 chapter proposition but in favor of prohibition and the League of Nations.

EDGAR T. FELL, St. John's '13, is a member of the law firm Coleman, Fell, Morgan & Brune in Baltimore; he is thirty-one years old and the father of one boy; he is a Democrat and attends the Episcopal Church; water sports delight him and Stevenson is his literary favorite; as a hobby he designates public service; he drives a Stutz; this is his first year on the Council; he is against prohibition and 100 chapters, but favors the League of Nations.

A SUMMARY

Among parties the G. O. P. prevails; among churches, the Episcopal; among sports, golf; among hobbies, the Fraternity; among authors, Kipling; among cars, the Buick. The preponderant judgment seems against 100 chapters by 1950, against the League of Nations, and against prohibition.

THAT FRATERNITY BID

(Reprinted from *The Rainbow* of Delta Tau Delta)

Sit down there, Jim; I want to tell you the God's truth about this fraternity business. I don't want you to think that the other fellows are lying to you. They aren't—as they see it. But I want to hand it to you straight. Principally I want to give you the inside about some of the arguments you'll hear, and then I'm going to try to show you which ones of 'em are worth a two-penny damn, and why. I'm going to be honest. Partisanship, Jim, is now going on a long journey, and hard-boiled common sense is about to spend the evening at home.

All right, then. To start with, look out for the distinguished alumni argument. It's as empty as a sophomore's pocket. It might be fairly good stuff if a considerable proportion of the distinguished alumni hadn't forgotten what fraternity they belonged to, if any. They have even been known to belong to two. Neither is it any howling asset if they were initiated as honorary members, though I'm frank to say that sort of thing isn't done very much any more. Still, actual or honorary, with good memories or not, they aren't likely to be very much ham between your slices of bread. I don't believe you'll be very safe if you count on their getting you anything. The president of the United States Blah Corporation isn't going to give you an easy job just because you and he are fraternity brothers. The world's champion poker player isn't going to stop to give you lessons just because you and he wear the same shaped fraternity pin. One of these days, Jim, you're going out into a cold world to make your own seat for your own bottom. Of course it speaks well for a fraternity to have a lot of big men, as well as strong alumni associations over the country—most of them do. And it will be a fine thing for you to join one of these associations some day—if old man Fate drops you into the right town. But the truth is, Jim, that most of the older fraternities, naturally, have their fair share of men in the public eye, maybe as presidents, maybe as bootleggers. The value of any of these chaps to a fraternity is how much it still means to them—and any honest fraternity man will tell you that that's another thing yet, Mawriss; and as for how much their membership is worth to you, personally, you might as well speculate on what's it to you when King George changes his socks.

Then there's the size of the chapter list. Jim, looking at it through either end of the opera glass, I'm not sure that this isn't the biggest piece of bunk in the basket. I heard a man say some months ago that he wished his fraternity had the nerve to pull one-fourth of the chapter list. He got right enthusiastic about it as he thought it over. He swore he'd belong to a wonderful fraternity then! I'm not saying that every member of every

governing board of every fraternity would agree with him, but I'll tell you this: if the Greek world could get rid of one-fourth of its chapters over night, we'd take a mighty step towards the Hellenic millennium. And then what's the advantage of unpty-steen chapters, anyway, if you, as a man, might not be willing to belong to seven-tenths of 'em unless you were suffering from paresis, and even then you'd hate like the devil to invite most of your horde of brethren home to dinner? Jim, did you ever hear of a team going away and leaving its fraternity pins at home? I have. So look out for the "how-big-we-are" bunk. Size is all right if you've got something to go with it. Better find out what does go with it. Of course, there's the "how-small-we-are" bunk, too. The select-and-exclusive argument is some more of the same kind—a little cleverer, a little more subtle, a little more likely to get under the skin of just such a fellow as you. For my part, I admit that if I have to choose between the snobs and the proletariat, I'd rather take the proletariat. There's some chance for them, anyway. God's got to help the snobs; there's no hope for them at home.

A third piece of bunk is the "Look-how-old-we-are" argument. So's your old man. So's a piece of cheese. Maybe if some of our institutions weren't so ancient there'd be less moss on 'em. There's all sorts of old age. Some men reach an honorable maturity, Jim, getting to be finer all the time; for the sake of humanity others ought to have been strangled in childhood. I'm not saying that any fraternities ought to have been strangled, you know. In the first place, I know too little about the inside of other organizations to be an authority. Neither do any of the rest of these boys know anything, really. I know what impressions I get, but my impressions are nothing in your young life. You'll get them too before you get through. I don't know but that, generally speaking, you'll be pretty safe in dismissing the dead past. If you have the stuff in you, you yourself can help to mould the future of whatever fraternity you join. It's the NOW you are vitally concerned with. So I wouldn't take too much stock in this "what-we-were-so-many-years-ago" bunk. People used to play mah-jong.

Then, Jim, I want you to keep your eye open on this "what-good-fellows-we-are" line. I guess "good fellows" have sent more kids like you to the devil than any other one thing in college—maybe more than any other fourteen things. Now don't get me wrong. I shouldn't expect you to line up with a bunch of grinds pure and simple. I don't expect you to be a plaster of Paris saint. What I mean is that you should look out for this "Hurrah for the care-free life" stuff. It listens fine. Of course it does—especially for you, just out of prep school and away from home, ready to be a big man. But look out for any crowd the majority of whom carry around the "What-the-hell" atmosphere. For

God's sake don't hitch with a bunch of triflers, or a bunch that's always fighting the faculty, or a bunch that knows no higher thought collectively than booze and necking. I don't want you to grow any wings; but believe me, boy, these four years are going to come pretty near making you or breaking you. There are certain things deep down in you that you think a lot of, that you have an admiration for, that you entertain a respect for. Go where these things are going to be stimulated. Every crowd stands for something. It may not know what it is it stands for, but you can tell if you sit up and take notice. And I'll tell you another thing; if our bunch doesn't strike you that way, turn us down—even if Harry has been a pal of yours for three years.

I wouldn't let father and relatives have too much to do with it, either. Joining your uncle's fraternity isn't going to make him any more your uncle. It's pleasant, of course, to go along with your folks, and it's worth some real consideration; but you see Dad isn't in college just now.

So that brings me to the real point, Jim. This is the place you're going to live in for four years; these are the fellows you're going to be most intimate with. All these other considerations that I've mentioned get away over on the far side of the decimal point compared with this one. They are worth something, yes; and they aren't worth any more than that. Is the bunch all right? Do they appeal to the best in you? Can you warm up to them? I don't know that I mean, necessarily, to every man. I mean as a whole. You must remember that you're still a kid. You don't know as much as you think you do. Many a really fine man you won't make at all—just now. You judge everything by externals. Take the fraternity house, for example. That doesn't really cut much ice, either—the size and cost of it. You don't choose your best girl on account of a front door. Maybe the principal anxiety is to let you help pay for it—all right, too, if you know what's what. But don't get dazzled by two oil paintings and a parlor rug. Then I'm not sure that this "what-big-men-we-have-in-the-chapter" stuff is worth such a whole lot. It means something, of course. But being a fraternity brother of the captain of the football team isn't such warm potatoes when you come down to cases. What about this fellow when he isn't captaining? No, Jim, the crowd's the thing, and what it's standing for in brains and character and decency and breeding.

Pretty near every fraternity is trying to get together a really first-class undergraduate membership. Some of them, I think, are trying harder than others. Some of them, I think, are honestly more concerned than others. Many a fraternity chapter, to be straight with you, is a disgrace to its fraternity, and most of the time the fraternity knows it. The trouble is that you aren't in a position to get at this inside stuff, no matter how much you have it shot at you. But you can size up the crowd here at

college. Most chapters take on a sort of personality, and your job is to keep your eye skinned for the chapter personality that's going to help you to develop the way you know you really want to develop.

Well, I guess you've got me, Jim. I've tried to be honest, even if what I've said has sort of put the rollers under what some of our own fellows told you. Never mind. They were honest. We just get mightily warmed up sometimes. You will, too, next year. I'm just seeing the situation from a little older point of view.

The one big thing is, what do you owe to yourself? All right, old man, think it over. Do your thinking off by yourself—and I hope I'll hear that you have taken the right pledge button.

THE INTER-FRATERNITY CONFERENCE

The eighteenth annual session of the Inter-Fraternity Conference was held in the Pennsylvania Hotel, New York, November 26 and 27. There were present 165 delegates representing fifty-five national fraternities, 10 invited educators, and 40 visitors. There were also 57 undergraduates representing as many local inter-fraternity councils. Phi Sigma Kappa was represented by Dr. Conley, who presented to the conference a report for the Committee on Expansion, by Vice-President Lafean, your Editor and by Brother Savage in the undergraduate group, delegate from the conference at the University of Maryland.

There were splendid addresses by President Lewis of George Washington University, Boyd Edwards, Principal of Hill School, Dean Field of Georgia Tech, Dean Clark of University of Illinois, and Dr. Shepardson, formerly dean of Chicago. The new chairman of the conference is Judge William R. Bayes, Phi Delta Theta, of New York City.

HEARD AT THE INTER-FRATERNITY CONFERENCE

The analogy between fraternities and marriage persistently prevails.—Dean Clark of Illinois.

The thing that has interested me most as dean is the pledging gangs on the campus.—Dean Field of Georgia Tech.

Since 1923 five national fraternities have been created by the union of locals under the auspices of this Conference.—Chairman Johnston.

There is no virtue in holding of things in our hands unless we lift.—Headmaster Edwards of Hill.

Lincoln's address has made Gettysburg not a place nor a battle but a voice.—Dr. Shepardson.

The favorite indoor sport of chapters is to overspend their resources to make a show for a house-party.—Secretary Philips of Sigma Phi Epsilon.

Fraternity historians need to make a special study of attic Greek.—Dr. Nate of Sigma Chi.

The dean of a great Western university has told me that without the fraternities it would take five men to do his work.—Col. Sharp of Sigma Chi.

Secretary Hughes once said to me that what the Department of State primarily needs are men of culture.—President Lewis of George Washington.

Early pledging means better scholarship.—Colonel Sharp.

The inter-fraternity movement had its origin directly in religion.—Dr. Shepardson.

230,000 out of 600,000 American college boys are helping themselves through college financially.—President Lewis.

Show me the chapter that does not run true to type and it is a strong chapter.—Colonel Sharp.

The major sports are those which lead to postgraduate indulgence as players, by alumni.—President Lewis.

We must lead the boys back to the altar.—Dr. Shepardson.

BETWEEN OURSELVES

TO the growing number of brothers who in sending in their SIGNET application for 1928 enclosed a check for the support of the magazine, we again express our thanks. As business manager we rejoice in the cash, and as editor we take comfort in the compliment.

WE sat in at a Greek editors' dinner a few nights ago and listened to some very entertaining and enlightening talk. The dominant note of the evening was photography. The editors apparently agreed with the several speakers who declared that the future of Greek editing is to be found in the camera. One editor said that it was his policy to run a picture for every page. It seemed necessary, too, to carry a cut on the cover. "Say it with half-tones" was the slogan of the occasion.

Naturally as we sat there realizing how very archaic we are become, we were very sad. We were sad, too, at the thought of the reflection which this unanimity cast back upon our college graduates. "We must compete," said speaker after speaker, "with the other magazines, and in order to compete with them successfully, we must have pictures." What magazines, we pondered, are the ones we are competing against? Obviously not the *Atlantic*, the *Nation*, the *Mercury*. Presumably the tabloids of one sort or another. We admit that the gentlemen are doubtless right in what they say. But we cannot see why they should be so cheerful about it.

INDUCTIONS of the chapters at North Carolina and Kentucky have taken place, but too late for inclusion in this issue. Those who had the privilege of attending the induction at Pittsburgh report that it was a very dignified and impressive affair. "Duke" Lafean and his Pittsburgh Club score again.

SOME of our readers may recall Brother Martin's article, *The Power of Random Majorities*, in the July SIGNET. Naturally it caused some comment; we hope a good deal. On our desk are two letters. The first one reads: "Brother Martin's article was as fine an example of rationalizing as I have ever seen, skillfully wrought and well written." The second one reads: "Here we have dogma parading without any armor at all One does not attack such a puppet I see in the article a thought worthy only of the shafts of ridicule." This is usually the fate of the written word.

GREEKLETS

Phi Gamma Delta is perfecting plans to have a fraternity headquarters established in Washington, D. C. They plan to have a building erected on the design of a Grecian temple to be used for national offices and as a club for alumni.—*Carnation* ($\Delta\Sigma\Phi$).

Zeta Psi has announced plans for a \$500,000 endowment fund campaign to finance activities of the fraternity. The man who conducted Cornell's \$10,000,000 campaign will supervise the drive.—*Purple, Green and Gold* ($\Delta X A$).

At Columbia University with a total of thirty-six competing chapters the published scholarship ratings for 1924-25 showed that fourteen of fifteen fraternities taking the highest rank were Jewish.—*Palm* ($\Delta T \Omega$).

There is nobody quite so intolerant as an old foggy—unless it is a young fogy.—*Palm*.

The first of our greater universities that has the courage to cut its numbers down to a thousand students will put itself in the way of becoming an important cultural institution.—*The General Magazine and Historical Chronicle*.

To paddle or not to paddle, that is the question. The paddle is a relic of the day when "licken and larnen" went together. To-day it is as much of a disgrace to the fraternity or to the school which allows it as the old-fashioned methods of punishment in the days of Dickens.—*Theta News* ($\Theta K N$).

We met one of Indianapolis' older and more outstanding Sigs recently. He is one of those misguided alumni who have the impression that they can keep in touch with the fraternity without subscribing to our magazine. "By the way, Cleveland," he said, "how is the chapter at Hanover?" We didn't have the heart to tell him that it had been dead since 1919.—*Magazine of Sigma Chi*.

Replying to the inquiry (in a recent University of Buffalo questionnaire to alumni), "What activities have been most valuable to you in your present occupation?" more than half of the men placed first emphasis upon the social contacts that are afforded by the college fraternity.—*Phi Gamma Delta*.

One hundred and eighty-nine men were recommended this fall to twenty-four chapters of Delta Tau Delta through the rush committee of the Chicago Alumni Chapter.—*Rainbow* ($\Delta T \Delta$).

The first of the Greek letter women's fraternities was Kappa Alpha Theta, founded at DePauw University in 1870.—*Magazine of Sigma Chi*.

THE FOOTBALL TEAM

right end	Schreck	Cornell
right tackle	Holleran	Dartmouth
right guard	Squires	Michigan
center	Ostrum	Montana
left guard	Clack	Swarthmore
left tackle	Newton	Nevada
left end	Fusonie	Dartmouth
quarterback	Pincura	Penn State
right halfback	Kelly	Montana
fullback	Dangerfield	Penn State
left halfback	Ryan	West Virginia

The first position in this team is center. LaPlatney of St. Lawrence is the regular center on a rather weak team and his understudy is also Phi Sigma Kappa. Ewalt of Iowa State is reported as a center but so far as our Eastern papers indicate has not been playing as a regular. Morrison and Ostrum are the best candidates in the field. Nebraska has a crack team this year having won six of its seven games to date, and the Eastern line-ups show Morrison playing in at least three of them. And Ostrum is a regular of undoubted merit.

Among ends it is a little hard to choose. Schreck is the regular end for Cornell's excellent aggregation and certainly rates one of the positions. The other placement is a toss-up between Fusonie of Dartmouth and Vascheresse of West Virginia. Dartmouth has had a disappointing season, having lost four important games by close scores, and West Virginia has dropped two or three games as well; but both teams are excellent machines. Fusonie has probably played a longer total period for the season than the Mountaineer and gets the placement. Maniero, apparently St. Lawrence's star player, is also an end and there are two or three others of less notable merit.

Holleran of Dartmouth is unquestionably our first choice for tackle, with some doubt about the second. Nevada offers us a choice of three men and we have given the preference to the one who started the game in the one Nevada game reported in the *New York Times*. Michigan has had a highly successful season, having lost only to the Navy, and two Phi Sigs have been playing fairly regularly. One of them we have placed on our first team as guard and the other on the second as fullback. The other guard position is a toss-up among three regulars: Clack of Swarthmore, Anderson of Williams, and Hartman of Franklin and Marshall. Swarthmore has the best team of the three, which seems to give Clack the preference.

Pincura of Penn State is the obvious man for quarterback, but the other placements in the backfield are difficult enough. Ryan of West Virginia certainly rates one place, being probably the most spectacular player on a crack team. Dangerfield has been playing fairly regularly for Penn State and in the Syracuse game was designated for ground-gaining. Whether he is actually a better back than Hughes of Michigan, or Frost of Nevada, or Fisher of Iowa State it would be hard to say. He looks better than Cook of Mass. Aggie, or Crider of Gettysburg. Question, too, might be raised about Converse of Worcester Tech. Playing upon a comparatively weak team against teams of its own class, he has really little basis for comparison with Ryan, Dangerfield, Hughes and presumably Frost. But the fact remains that for three years now he has been the sensation of every game he has played in, both as a kicker and a broken field runner, and it seems likely that behind a Michigan line and interference he would still bear watching from the stands.

And then there is Kelly, captain of Montana and twice selected on the all Pacific Coast team. Surrounded by Phi Sigs, Kelly has been a spectacular player for three years. The *New York Times* had this to say in reporting a game in which Montana was badly beaten:

Montana fought a losing battle from the start despite the brilliant efforts of its star back, Bill Kelly, who tossed one 40-yard forward pass and figured in three others as long. He also made big gains through the line but his mates could not aid him and his efforts were in vain.

The following are our suggestions for a second team:

right end	Vascheresse	West Virginia
right tackle	Vierhus	Montana
right guard	Hartman	Franklin and Marshall
center	Morrison	Nebraska
left guard	Anderson	Williams
left tackle	Finney	Worcester
left end	Maniero	St. Lawrence
quarterback	Converse	Worcester
right halfback	Fisher	Iowa State
fullback	Hughes	Michigan
left halfback	Frost	Nevada



RYAN OF WEST VIRGINIA



XI'S ELEVEN

XI'S FOOTBALL SQUAD

Out of thirty-six men on the St. Lawrence team this year, fifteen were Phi Sigs. Of this number twelve played in regular games with the varsity. Brother Maneiro, a veteran of three seasons, was shifted from end to fullback and showed much ability in that position. He was also one of the four acting captains. Barrett, playing his first season as a regular, proved a tower of strength at tackle. Brother Robinson, another letter man, had trouble with his legs all year and only played in a few games. Brother Smith played a strong game at tackle and guard until the next to last game when he fractured a bone in his knee. Brother LaPlatney was the regular center and Brother McAndrews, his understudy. Brother Jamison was second-string end and turned in several good games. Brother Dobbs proved to be one of the best line-plungers on the squad and will be one of the regulars next season. Brothers Cunningham and Quinn were ill the first few weeks of practice, but after they got started, the regulars had to fight hard to keep their positions. Brother Thurber played a tackle position on the third team. Pledges Galvin and Connick started two games at halfback and end respectively and showed that they had the stuff for next year. Pledge Capello, who never played football prior to this season, played with the third team at tackle and learned very rapidly. He should furnish good material for next season. Pledge Mathews played the other tackle on the third team and was seen at the bottom of every pile during scrimmage. The varsity had a tough time going through him. Brother Schrader was a competitor for assistant manager and has a good chance for the position.

Three of the above are letter men and six more are expected to get theirs this year. A team lining up as follows would give any team a good battle.

Maneiro, R. E.	Jamison, L. E.
Barrett, R. T.	Galvin,* Q. B.
Robinson, R. G.	Quinn, R. H. B.
LaPlatney, C.	Cunningham, L. H. B.
Smith, L. G.	Dobbs, F. B.
McAndrews, L. G.	

Substitutes: Capello,* G.; Mathews,* T.; Thurber, T.; and Connick,* end.

(* indicates pledge.)

MONTANA'S FOOTBALL CHAPTER

WILFRED FEHLHABER, MA '27

With nine Phi Sigs on the first squad, Mu Deuteron practically controls the gridiron power at the University of Montana. No less than six of this group start every Grizzly game, while the other three are among the first choice subs. The Copper, Silver and Gold warriors are led by none other than our "Wild Bill" Kelly. He is captain of the Grizzlies and barks signals to them. For two years he has been chosen All-Pacific Coast Conference halfback, and on several occasions he has been given All-American mention. "Wild Bill," probably the steadiest, coolest Grizzly ever to sink cleats into a gridiron turf, specializes in long, electrifying dashes, dangerously accurate passes and deadly tackles. He is among the first three high scorers in the conference.

On Kelly's right hand side is Eddie Chinske, yet a pledge, but, oh, what a football performer! Eddie looms as next fall's Grizzly quarterback, Kelly having completed his three years of competition this season. Chinske has an uncanny ability for picking the course of opponents' plays. He runs neat interference and tackles with kayo vigor.

Brother Milton Ritter is the other Phi Sig on the team who will not be eligible for further competition next year. Milt handled the duties of full and half at Montana in his debut, and is one of the best line smashers in the Montana backfield.

Louis "Big Six" Vierhus, the giant tackle in the forward wall, is like a woman's tongue and a Ford car when it comes to giving and taking abuse. "Big Six" is one of those few 60-minute per game tackles that you read about. He is going to make a serious bid for an All-Conference tackle berth in 1927. Emil Ostrom has worked so smoothly at center that Montana hardly knows what it is to have a weak spot in the center of the line. He is best on the defense, busting up play after play started by the opposition. Clarence Coyle, although a junior and having starred on the Frosh championship team of 1923, came out for the varsity the first time this fall. He swept all wing position competition aside to land a regular job. He's the fastest man in moleskins at this institution and makes a fine combination for Wild Bill's heaves. This Kelly-to-Coyle combination has been a thorn in the paths of all foes.

Now for the three brothers who get Coach Milburn's first call for subs. They're all good footballers, but, oddly enough, haven't made the first string eleven because six of their brothers have taken so many berths. Gerald Fogerty is the best end that came up from the frosh team of last year. He has played enough

to win a letter, and will be one of the regulars before he gets through. Lester Tarbet had to buck two of the best tackles in the conference this fall, which is his first season on the Grizzly squad. He does, however, make all of the big trips of the Montanans. Bill Rafferty can hardly play center regularly with Brother Ostrom in there, but he does all the ball snapping when Ostrom is out. "Raff" will make his letter this fall.

It is significant to note that when Montana's 24-man traveling squad went south this fall for an invasion of California nine tickets had to be purchased for Phi Sigs from Mu Deuteron. Next year, with several good pledges coming up from the frosh team, we may have enough brothers on the Grizzly squad to start temporary chapters wherever they go for gridiron clashes.

MORE ABOUT KELLY

In speaking of Kelly's placement on the Second All-American Football Team, Ed Hughes, writing in the *San Francisco Chronicle* for December 5, says as follows:

Bill Kelly of Montana is one of the greatest individual players in the country—East or West, North or South. It was his tough luck to do all of his playing for a small college, where he had to be a one-man team. He has scored on nearly every team he has played against for the last three years, and he has had but very little help.

Kelly can do just about everything well. He is short and stocky and when he is backing up a line he hits the other fellows mighty hard. I saw him meet George Bogue shoulder to shoulder once and bounce big George back on his haunches. He throws a football just as he would a baseball, and as he catches for his baseball team in the summer, he shoots a football like he makes a throw to second base.

He does not just throw the ball and trust to luck but he spots his man and hits him with the ball. He can work on the other end of the pass just as well, and once he gets in the open he is about as hard to catch as Hyland. What a player like Kelly would have been for Notre Dame. He would have been ranked with the truly greats of football.

Maxwell Stiles, writing in *The Los Angeles Examiner*, says:

A whole team in himself, this Bill Kelly. Without him this Montana team just simply wouldn't do. It doesn't do much anyway, taking the season's record on the whole, but it does bring Mr. Kelly with it and that fact is sufficient to guarantee the crowd plenty of entertainment. For Mr. Kelly has been All-Pacific Coast Conference quarterback for two seasons now, and although his team is not quite what it used to be in years gone by, there is no reason to believe that the young Irishman in question has gone back any.

THE BOOKSHELF

WHICH WAY PARNASSUS? *By Percy Marks. Harcourt, Brace & Company.*

Whatever the reader may have been led to expect from Mr. Marks' well known *The Plastic Age*, this book of essays concerning the American college is written not only with charm and brilliance but with restraint. The book may be impressionistic rather than profound, which in dealing with a subject like this would seem to be a merit. Anyway this reader had a thoroughly good time with it and recommends it to his collegiate friends. The chapter dealing with fraternities is of particular interest to us, and is typical. Mr. Marks brushes aside most of the criticisms we have become accustomed to hear and brings pressure to bear on just one point: the trouble with fraternities begins the moment they forget that they are social groups and think that they are honor groups; as social groups they are natural and useful, but as honor groups they are intolerable. Let me quote his concluding sentences:

"The fraternities are, I believe, both necessary and valuable. It would be futile and unwise to attempt to do away with them. Rather let us have more of them, many more of them, more than enough to go around. And let them cease fooling themselves. Let them recognize themselves for what they are, social organizations. They gain nothing by masquerading as honor societies, and they lose much. Finally let them look to their ideals. They are rich in tradition, they are great in numbers, they are powerful in college councils. They have every reason to be fine. The men who created the first fraternities raised the standard high; their dreams were splendid, their ideals noble. The fraternities can do no better than to look back to their first brothers for guidance and light. If they will dream once more those dreams which gave birth to the fraternities, and if they will strive to reach the ideals with which they were founded, they may—who knows?—become what they now so hypocritically pretend to be, honor societies. They may become brotherhoods in fact as well as in name, truly fraternal, truly fine."

THE CHOICE OF A COLLEGE. *By W. W. Comfort. Macmillan.*

As its title may indicate, this little booklet is of little interest to college men; it is intended to call some proper inquiries to the mind of the novice with a child to educate. This reader was impressed, however, by the fact that even in the chapter advising the freshman how to orient himself the fraternity was ignored. In fact there was but one reference to fraternities, and that most casual, in the entire book. Perhaps the answer lies in the fact that the author is the president of a college where no fraternities exist. Out of sight, out of mind.

THE CHAPTER AUTHORIAL

- by Edwin O. Perrin, X '12, a humorous sketch entitled *How to Tell a Man from a Deer*, in *Life*, October 15.
- by Roy E. Campbell, Ω '15, an article, *The Pea Aphid in California*, in the *Journal of Agricultural Research* for May, 1926.
- by Samuel P. Weaver, PΔ '04, a textbook, *Business Law*, 437 pp., Allyn and Bacon Publishing Company. The preface begins: "This book presents the fundamental principles of business law. First, the general rules of law are discussed and illustrated. Next, type cases and problems are presented to exemplify the subordinate rules underlying the general rule. At the end of each subject are found laboratory exercises." The material seems to be effectively massed and topiced under various chapter heads, and a certain inspirational element is introduced in the way of illustrations, with brief biographical notice, of America's most famous lawyers.
- by Melville Davison Post, Δ '91, a book *The Man Hunters*, illustrated by W. D. I. Arnold, 348 pp., J. H. Sears & Co., New York. \$3.00. This is an exposition of the scientific methods in following up crime in the various countries where such methods prevail. The *New York Times* says that it is "as fascinating as a detective romance and offers far more variety."
- by Gov. Howard M. Gore, Δ '00, an article entitled *West Virginia Invites You* in the November number of *The Transmitter*, the official magazine of the Bell System for employees.
- by Frank Prentice Rand, X '12, a sketch, *Phi Sigma Kappa at Williams*, in *The Williams Alumni Review* for December.
- by Nelson Antrim Crawford, IΔ, —, the editing of the *Borzoi Handbooks in Journalism* for the Alfred A. Knopf Publishing House.
- by W. LeRoy Apland, ΓΔ '26,—a sketch *A Trip Through the South* in *The Carnation* of Phi Lambda Epsilon.

IN THE DEAN'S BOOKS

Are you interested in scholarship, Brother Alumnus? If you are, examine this record. Chapters standing in the upper quarter of the fraternity group are distinguished by capitals; those in the lower quarter by five-point. If your chapter isn't represented that may mean that it failed to send in a chapter letter, or that it suppressed the scholarship information, or that the college is one of a very few which do not compile comparative standings. If your chapter rates high, why not send it a line of commendation? If it rates low, you might possibly remark to the boys that you noticed that.

Chapter	Number of fraternities	Our placement
Alabama	20	6
BROWN	19	4
MICHIGAN	72	8
STEVENS	9	2
Williams	15	6
Franklin and Marshall	10	8
Union	21	6
Virginia	31	27
OHIO	26	4
M. I. T.	27	7
Nevada	8	6
Worcester	7	6
West Virginia	16	9
Mass. Aggie	13	9
Nebraska	36	26
California	66	63
Illinois	40	34
Washington	33	17
Wisconsin	43	30
Oregon	22	14
Minnesota	29	24
Georgia Tech	22	16
GETTYSBURG	10	1
Montana	9	3
Stanford	22	20
Maryland	9	9

THE SECRETARY'S PAGE

R. J. W.

PITTSBURGH A notable and memorable event was the installation of Tau Deuteron Chapter at the Carnegie
INDUCTION Institute of Technology November 12 and 13.

There were present to participate in the secret and official ceremonies, undergraduate delegates from Morgantown, State College, Gettysburg, Lancaster, Philadelphia, and Swarthmore; the Chapter Adviser from Morgantown and Gettysburg; six or eight members of the Pittsburgh Club; several alumni from surrounding cities; and six members of the Council. Congratulatory messages were received from the Founders, absent members of the Court and Council, and from Clubs and Chapters located at too great a distance from Pittsburgh to be personally represented. Eighteen Chapters of Phi Sigma Kappa (exclusive of Tau Deuteron) were represented at the banquet; the President, Dean, and other members of the faculty of the Institute honored the occasion by their presence, and approximately fifteen national fraternities having chapters at Carnegie each sent a delegate. Every detail necessary to make the two days' program move along smoothly and successfully, had been arranged by the efficient Vice-President, Raymond G. Lafean, Mu '19, to whom credit must be given for inducing this Chapter with the highest degree of dignity and effectiveness.

DIRECTORY Nearly 1100 alumni have subscribed for the 1927 edition of the Directory of Phi Sigma Kappa, now being edited. It is hoped that this publication will be ready for the printer by January 15th, and that it will be distributed early in March.

SIGNET To every alumnus whose address is available, has been extended personally the opportunity to have his name placed on the mailing list for the SIGNET for 1927. Approximately 1800 have returned their request for this excellent publication; several have expressed their appreciation of the Editor's achievements by voluntarily contributing to the SIGNET account.

THE CHAPTER INVISIBLE

DR. THOMAS F. GAREY, H '07

Dr. Garey, headmaster of the Army-Navy Preparatory School, died very suddenly from a heart attack, while he was preparing to retire, on November 8. He was born forty-five years ago in Denton, Md., and acquired three degrees, bachelor's, master's and doctor's, at Washington College. He studied law at the University of Maryland, where he joined Phi Sigma Kappa. For several years he was professor of mathematics at the Baltimore Polytechnic Institute. In 1916 he founded the school of which he was the head at the time of his death. He is survived by a wife and three children.

RICHARD G. LUDWIG, N '26

Brother Ludwig died on May 7. Details are lacking.

GERALD M. HUNTER, ΔΔ '14

The following obituary notice is taken from the monthly publication of the Rocky Mountain District (District No. 2) of the United States Forest Service. The district contains about one and a half million acres. Myron W. Thompson, A '09, who sent the notice in, adds, "Hunter was a first class fellow, and a very able forest officer. He is greatly missed."

On May 5, District Two lost in Gerald M. Hunter a Supervisor whose death clearly demonstrated his devotion to the Service and the work allotted to him in it. Injured in carrying out his ordinary work one and a half years ago, he placed his duty to his own work above his personal welfare to an extent which ultimately led to his death. He had been a member of District Two for approximately ten years, working in that time on a number of western forests and taking the position of Supervisor on the San Juan National Forest about a year before his death. In our bereavement our keenest and deepest sympathy goes out to Mrs. Hunter in her immeasurably greater loss.

DR. WALTER H. SOUTH, Δ '98

Dr. South died on Thanksgiving Day as the following item from the *New York Tribune* of December 1 will indicate: "The body of Dr. Walter H. South, fifty-one years old, former star football player of the University of West Virginia, was recovered from the Monongahela River to-night, a short distance from the point where his automobile was found in the stream on Thanksgiving Day." Brother South was very active in the early days of Delta Chapter.

THE CHAPTER HYMENEAL

PLEDGES

Albert F. Hunt, Y '26, and Allison MacRae, Bridgewater, Mass.

INITIATES

Ralph Langdon Parker, K '21, and Agnes Newton, October 19, Philadelphia.

Gregg McBride, ΣΔ '23, and Evelyn Leach, "last summer."

Adelberto Smithers, Λ '14, and Concepcion Weatherston, October 1, Mexico City.

Thomas Strong, H '28, and Jean Beall, October 2, Frederick, Md.

William H. Sargeant, Y '24, and Helen Faulkner, East Orange, N. J.

Robert K. Bard, Y '20, and Barbara Leavens, Brooklyn, N. Y.

Herbert W. Secor, B '25, and Florence Quivey, Scotia, N. Y.

Wildey Lukens, Φ, and Ruth Bruninger.

Herbert R. Talmage, N '23, and Elizabeth B. McNamara, August 7, New York.

Thomas Moffit, Ω, and (?).

Arthur G. Prangley, H '25, and Andrina R. Nesbit, November 16, Washington.

BLESSED IN THE BOND

Russell F. Clark, ΣΔ '15, September 5—a son.

C. W. Leiby, K '20, September 19—Charles W., Jr.

Frank W. Seelbinder, B '21—Eleanor Pruddom.

Harold Fraser, B '23—daughter.

Reuben D. Head, B '25—son.

Walter Lang, Φ—Nancy Harding.

Edmund Hoffman, Jr., M '13, June 25—Walter Firth.

Donald N. Swain, X '17, August 23—Harlow Newman.

Robert D. Hawley, A '18—daughter.

Thomas R. Montgomery, T '18, July 6—Ruth.

Gilbert J. Morgan, H '07, December 6—Catherine Baker.

THE ALUMNI CLUBS

DIRECTORY

CHARTERED CLUBS

New York—Secretary, Frederick Griswold, Z '21, 15 Park Row. Luncheon every Thursday, 12:30, Fraternity Clubs Building, Madison Ave. & 38th St.

Seattle—Secretary, Amos F. Olsen, AA '23, 7084 17 N. E. Luncheon every Friday, 12:15, Blanc's, 315 Marion St.

Baltimore—Secretary, W. C. Baxter, S '23, 4301 Fernhill Ave. Luncheon every Thursday, 12:30, Engineers Club, 6 W. Fayette St.

Pittsburgh—Secretary, Paul J. Guinther, A '22, 506 Keystone Bank Building. Luncheon 1st Wednesday of month, 7 P. M., Fort Pitt Hotel.

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Philadelphia—Secretary, Wm. E. Zimmermann, A '22, Lansdale, Pa. Luncheon every Friday, 12:30, Kugler's, 35 S. 15th St.

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Chicago—Secretary, Earl F. Schoening, AA '22, 7400 Crandon Ave. Luncheon every Tuesday, 12 N., Mandel Brothers Grill.

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UNCHARTERED CLUBS

Spokane—Secretary, Eugene Cullen, AA '26, Altadena Apts. Luncheon every Wednesday noon, Dessert Hotel.

Eta Club of Washington—Secretary, G. Allen Wick, H '23, Rosslyn Steel & Cement Co. Luncheon first Tuesday of month, 6:30 P. M., Southern Club, Mass. Ave.

Harrisburg—Secretary R. R. Burtner, K '22, Agricultural Extension Association.

Dallas—Luncheon every Thursday, 1 P. M., Baker Hotel.

Georgia—Secretary, R. G. Geitzen, KA '26, 263 Tenth St., N. E., Atlanta. Meeting last Friday of month, 6:30, Athletic Club.

The Washington Eta Club had a moonlight wiener roast on October 19, in the woods near the Maryland campus.

Attention is called to the Spokane Club, unchartered, which is this month added to our list of alumni groups. Note the weekly luncheon to which all Phi Sigs are urgently invited.

Note also a new club in Atlanta, Georgia, with a meeting, presumably for dinner, the last Friday of every month.

On September 9 the Chicago Club held a rushing party dinner at which they entertained twenty guests, sub-freshmen at Phi Sigma Kappa colleges. On September 26 the club held a golf tournament at Grand Beach. On November 18 it entertained the ladies at a dinner at the Engineers' Club, followed by "The Poor Nut" in the theatre.

The three year lease, under which the New York Club occupied quarters in the Clubs Building, has expired, and has not been renewed. Instead a new and entirely different lease has been negotiated.

The nineteen Fraternities which have heretofore occupied this building will continue to do so, under a uniform agreement, and with a strong probability of other acceptable Fraternities joining with us later. All these participating Fraternities have worked together in complete harmony from the beginning of our association, members of each Club have at all times been made welcome in the quarters of every other club, so that the exclusiveness of the separate quarters has practically disappeared. And for this reason it has been deemed advisable to discard the idea of separate rooms for each Club in favor of fewer and larger general purpose rooms open to all alike.

In the future there will be one card room, one billiard and pool room, one writing room, and a restaurant on the second floor, adjoining the new club rooms and open to members and their guests only. The complete exclusion of all persons not members or guests will be secured by the installation of a door-man for this purpose. Each Fraternity Club will keep its identity and meet as a unit whenever desirable, for a few of the smaller rooms are to be left as at present, and will be available for meetings and entertainments of the individual Fraternities.

PHI SIGS AFIELD

ELECTED COUNTY TREASURER

Kenneth Cornish, ΣΔ '21, was elected county treasurer of Polk County, Nebraska, at the last election.

TAYLOR SHIFTS

Harold M. Taylor, Υ '15, remembered by many brothers as one of the pioneers in radio broadcasting, is now associated with the Frost Advertising Agency of Boston, but adds that he has not forsaken radio as completely as this note might indicate.

MEXICO'S PRESIDENT WITNESSES HIS WEDDING

Interest attaches to the marriage of Adelberto Smithers, Δ '14, of Mexico City, in that one of the witnesses for the groom was President Calles.

RETURNED TO CONGRESS

Among the West Virginia Congressmen returned to Washington in the recent elections were Brother C. G. Bachmann, Δ '12, from the first district, and Brother F. L. Bowman, Δ '02, from the second.

MORGAN ILL

Brother Gilbert J. Morgan, Chancellor of the Court, has been ill for six weeks at this writing (November 20). No details are available, but the inference is that he is now convalescent.

AT THE PHI BETA KAPPA SESQUICENTENNIAL

Prof. H. E. Jordan of the University of Virginia was the appointed delegate of Phi Sigma Kappa at the one hundred fiftieth anniversary of Phi Beta Kappa, celebrated at the College of William and Mary on November 27.

CAPTAIN OF RED GRANGE'S TEAM

Brother Paul Goebel, ΔΔ '22, is reported as captain of the famous "Red" Grange professional football team.

MAKES GOOD IN ART

The following excerpt is taken from the *Oakland Tribune* for November 5:

PARIS, Nov. 4.—Six years ago Buckley MacGurrin was regarded by his fraternity at the University of California as "one of those poet fellows." He was a sort of a dreamer who was suspected of attending an art academy in secret, when not editing the *Occident*, the college literary magazine.

To-day the secretary of *Phi Sigma Kappa* addresses Brother Buck as "Cher Maitre" when he writes to Paris to thank for a painting MacGurrin has sent the chapter. For Buckley MacGurrin is rapidly making a name for himself in the European art world. He has exposed in two major Paris salons this year, not to mention numerous lesser exhibits.

MacGurrin came to Paris four years ago, and has been studying with Naudin and Morrisset, both well-known artists. This spring he broke into the Salon des Humoristes, the exposition of illustrators founded by Willett, the creator of the Pierrot. A few months later he was invited to expose in the Salon des Tuileries, the great Besnard's organization, regarded as the most representative of the unorthodox art exhibits of Paris. His six canvases won praise from many critics.

Since then he has taken part in the art show of the American Women's Club in Paris, the Salon de l'Escalier at the Comedie des Champs Elysees, and the Exposition Patriotique.

MacGurrin visited California in 1924, shortly after his marriage to Marguerite Godding in Paris and gave an exhibition in Berkeley. He is the nephew of F. E. MacGurrin of Oakland.

OTTO IN HOSPITAL

Brother Otto, Recorder of the Court, went into the Hospital on December 12 for a second operation for hernia.

PHI SIGMA KAPPA WAGNER COMMITTEE

Incident to the election of Robert F. Wagner, United States Senator from New York, the Phi Sigs of the state were canvassed by a Phi Sig committee, calling attention to the candidacy of a brother. The committee which functioned in this way: Brothers Conley, McIntyre, Marchmont, Griswold, G. A. K. Shields, James W. Donoghue, James E. McDonald, Harold C. Rockett, and Lloyd E. Lowe.

PHI SIGS AND KING'S CROWN

King's Crown is the Columbia organization for campus activities other than athletics. One Phi Sig, Victor W. Cutting, © '08, is now giving way as chairman of this organization to another Phi Sig, Kenneth W. Plumb, © '22. The following excerpt from the *Columbia Alumni News* may be of interest:

Cutting, who had been chairman of the board of governors, resigned that position and became the first treasurer of this reorganized body. On that office fell most of the work of getting under way. He held this position for two years and was then elected chairman of King's Crown, where he has remained for the past eleven years.

In his undergraduate days Cutting was most active. He was stage manager for several Varsity Shows and was president of the Players Club in 1910-1911. His interest in Columbia has in no way lagged since his graduation. During the War Cutting was connected with the legal department of the Transportation Service of the War Department, at Washington, D. C. He is in partnership with the law firm of George W. Phillips and Walter B. Hall, 25 Broadway. As a lawyer he has been of great service to King's Crown.

Cutting held the position of chairman of the board of governors until the press of outside affairs compelled him to resign. Although no longer chairman he is still supporting Columbia with all of his old time spirit.

Plumb, Cutting's successor, has been a member of the King's Crown Board of Governors for the past few years and has been a most active alumni. In his undergraduate days he was editor-in-chief of the *Columbian* for two years. It was in the transitional period of the *Columbian* in 1912 when it changed from a junior to a senior class publication. He was the junior editor-in-chief and continued in that capacity when it changed.

DUGGAN HAS FAITH IN OUR YOUTH

Speaking before the College Woman's Club of Montclair on October 30, Dr. Stephen T. Duggan, director of the Institute of International Education, analyzed the so-called Youth Movement of the present day and found it largely good.

"Although the older generation may think this upheaval is going too far," went on the speaker, "it is wise for them to have patience and sympathy. It is useless to lay down the law; a more rational view must be taken. These young people are serious in their ideas, and they are to be applauded. If the older people have patience, the excesses will decrease, and good will result."

BRUCE BARTON WRITES OF ERNST

Brother Lucian Lyall, Δ '26, has sent in an editorial by Bruce Barton, in the October *Red Book*, entitled *Velvet*, in which Mr. Barton tells the story of Brother Howard Mark Ernst, whose tragic death was noted in the SIGNET some months ago. Mr. Barton has assured Brother Lyall that the Kentucky Ernst and our Delta brother were the same. We will quote that part of the editorial that refers to Brother Ernst.

There were two brothers in the Kentucky college where I had my freshman year; we called them "Big Ernst" and "Little Ernst."

Big Ernst was fullback on the football team; he also ran the college store. You could hear his laughter clear across the campus.

He studied engineering, and after he was graduated, I lost track of him until I heard that he was superintendent of a coal mine in Kentucky. Yesterday somebody mailed me a newspaper with a black pencil-mark around his picture.

The paper said that an explosion had entombed a dozen of his miners. Big Ernst, at the head of volunteers, had rushed gayly into the shaft just as he used to charge down the football field. His volunteers came sputtering back, but next day when the gas had disappeared they found *him*—still facing forward; and they carried him out.

His death was quick and painless and grand, and so I do not sorrow for Big Ernst. But it gave me a solemn minute to think that I, who certainly deserve no more of Fate than he, should be allowed to travel on, while his traveling is done.

HELPS TO START A NEW COLLEGE

Among the faculty of the newly created Brooklyn College there is one Phi Sigma Kappa man, Mr. Alfred N. Appleby, Z '19, in the Art Department.

BARSTOW HONORED

In conferring upon the Rev. Robbins W. Barstow, T '11, the degree of doctor of divinity, Ripon College characterized him as follows: "A Dartmouth man of the third generation, a Congregational minister of the third generation, a teacher in the schools of Turkey, a pastor of two New England churches, and now the beloved and successful pastor of the First Congregational Church of Madison, gathering hundreds of students under his ministrations, and having given to the college and city of Ripon in an extended sojourn the inspiration of his intellectual honesty and spiritual vitality."

THE "REV." JOE ROOT

Dr. Root has recently been paying his annual pilgrimage to the grave of Theodore Roosevelt with the Boy Scouts of America and as usual has been conspicuous in the metropolitan photogravures in consequence. He is shown in the pictures impressively costumed as one of our early pioneers. It was the caption in the *New York Times* that has excited the most interest: "Imparting the blessing of an old scout—the Rev. Dr. Joseph Root of Hartford, who read an invocation written by Uncle Dan Beard at the gathering of the Boy Scouts at the grave of Theodore Roosevelt in Oyster Bay."

SPEAKS AT NATIONAL STUDENT FEDERATION CONFERENCE

Dr. Stephen P. Duggan, director of the Institute of International Education, gave one of the principal addresses at the N. S. F. A. convention at Ann Arbor on December 1. He suggested the reorganization of the educational system along the lines adopted by Germany and France in their gymnasium and lycee.

WRITES A JAZZ SYMPHONY

Ernie Golden, leader of the Hotel McAlpin orchestra, has written a symphony in jazz which he threatens to introduce at the Hippodrome, New York, when he takes his orchestra there for a week's engagement in vaudeville this month. He has an orchestra of twenty-two pieces, including two tuba soloists recently imported from abroad.

LAWRENCE BACK IN NEW YORK

Among the visitors at the Inter-fraternity Conference was Ross Lawrence, formerly of the Council. Brother Lawrence is with the Pender & Ryan Advertising Agency of New York and is living at the Williams Club.

MERRICK DIES

As we go to press word has come through of the death of Prof. Howard B. Merrick, ΔΔ '98, alumni adviser of the Michigan Chapter and loyal brother. His obituary will appear in the April SIGNET.

ALUMNI ONLY

Confidential

With this issue the 1926 mailing list goes into the discard. You have undoubtedly responded to Brother Watts' canvass and sent in your application for the SIGNET in 1927. The 1927 mailing list will be made up *de novo* from those applications. If, however, Brother Watts' letter failed to reach you or if for any reason you did not send in the application he provided, drop a postal card with your name and address to the Editor, Frank Prentice Rand, Amherst, Mass. Remember that the 1927 mailing list is a new mailing list and requires a new application from every brother interested.

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Z—Dec. 19, 1896. C. C. N. Y. 473 West 140th St., New York City.

H—Jan. 8, 1897. Maryland. Princeton and Dartmouth Sts., College Park, Md.

Θ—Dec. 16, 1897. Columbia. 550 W. 114th St., New York City.

I—March 15, 1899. Stevens. 810 Hudson St., Hoboken, N. J.

K—June 7, 1899. Penn State. State College, Pa.

Λ—Oct. 7, 1899. George Washington. 1822 Eye St., N. W., Washington, D. C.

M—March 10, 1900. Pennsylvania. 3618 Locust St., Philadelphia.

N—March 9, 1901. Lehigh. 3d and Cherokee Sts., South Bethlehem, Pa.

Ξ—April 12, 1902. St. Lawrence. 78 Park St., Canton, N. Y.

O—May 24, 1902. M. I. T. 487 Commonwealth Ave., Boston, Mass.

Π—April 18, 1903. Franklin & Marshall. 437 W. James St., Lancaster, Pa.

Σ—May 16, 1903. St. John's. Campus, Annapolis, Md.

T—March 25, 1905. Dartmouth. Hanover, N. H.

Υ—Feb. 10, 1906. Brown. 406 Brook St., Providence, R. I.

Φ—March 24, 1906. Swarthmore. Swarthmore, Pa.

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- KΔ—April 7, 1923. Georgia Tech. 90 W. North Ave., Atlanta, Ga.
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- NΔ—May 2, 1923. Stanford University. Lomita Drive and Mayfield Ave., Stanford, Calif.
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- OΔ—Feb. 7, 1925. Alabama. 1705 University Ave., Tuscaloosa, Ala.
- ΠΔ—Feb. 21, 1925. Ohio State. 325 15th Ave., Columbus, Ohio.
- ΡΔ—March 13, 1925. Gettysburg. Gettysburg, Pa.
- ΣΔ—April 11, 1925. Nebraska. 348 N. 14th St., Lincoln, Neb.
- TΔ—Nov. 13, 1926. Carnegie. 1408 Wightman St., Pittsburgh, Pa.
- ΥΔ—Nov. 20, 1926. North Carolina. Chapel Hill, N. C.
- ΦΔ—Nov. 27, 1926. Kentucky. 211 East Maxwell St., Lexington, Ky.
- ΧΔ—Dec. 18, 1926. Washington State. Pullman, Wash.
- ΨΔ—Dec. 21, 1926. Oregon. Eugene, Ore.

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THE WASHINGTON STATE INDUCTION

GEORGE H. GREENWOOD, T '05

The State College of Washington is located in the extreme eastern part of the State in the center of the great Palouse country, one of the richest wheat sections in the United States. The College is situated at Pullman, about one-half way between the north and south borders of the State.

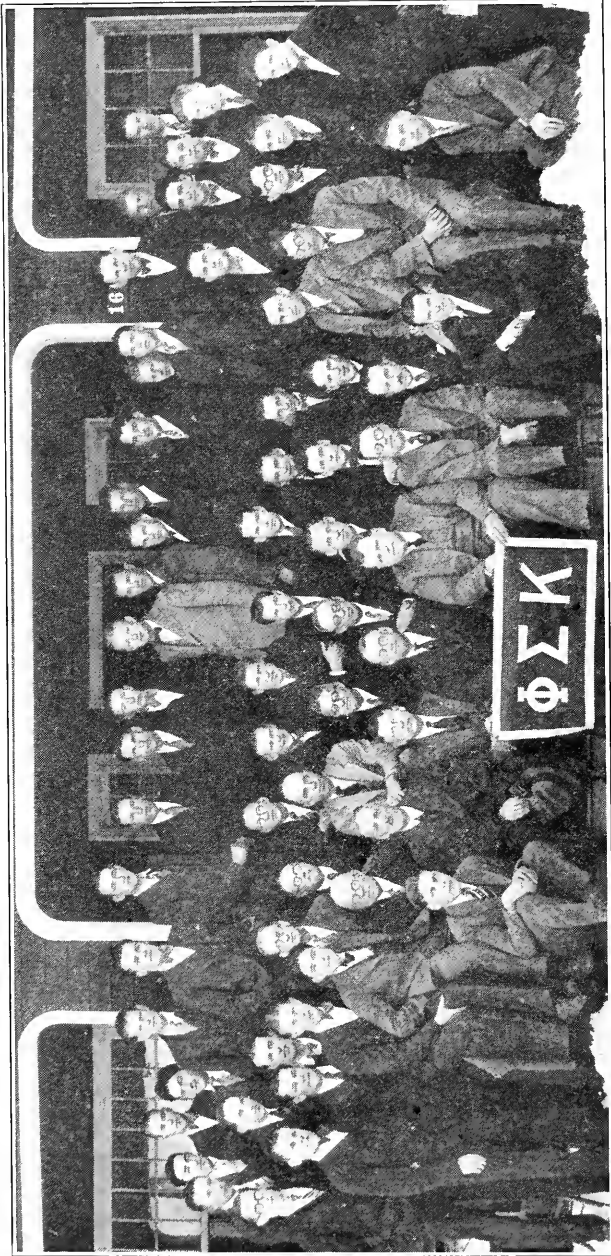
The State of Washington was admitted to the Union in 1889, and the charter of the College was granted in 1890. It was not, however, until 1892 that it was actually opened for the reception of students. At that time it consisted of a small brick building, with an enrollment of twenty-three students. At the present time the campus holds fourteen buildings, and the enrollment is about twenty-seven hundred, of which two-thirds are men.

The institution offers a wide range of courses, being organized into five Colleges and five Schools leading to the degree of A.B. or B.S. The Colleges are:

College of Arts and Sciences,
College of Engineering,
College of Agriculture,
College of Home Economics,
College of Veterinary Medicine.

The five Schools are:

School of Education,
School of Music and Fine Arts,
School of Mines and Geology,
School of Pharmacy,
The Graduate School.



THE WASHINGTON STATE INDUCTION PARTY

The requirements for admittance are the usual four-year high school course, or its equivalent.

The College is favorably known, both by reason of its excellent scholastic standards, and also on account of its fine record in all branches of athletics. All of the major collegiate sports are found, in addition to minor sports, such as tennis, handball and golf. A new gymnasium to meet the increasing needs of the student body is under course of construction at the present time.

There are at this time fourteen national fraternities maintaining chapters at Washington State College, of which Phi Sigma Kappa is the latest. There are, in addition, five local fraternities. Forty per cent of the men in attendance at the College are members of fraternities. Beta Chi Alpha, the local fraternity inducted into Phi Sigma Kappa as Chi Deuteron Chapter, was formed by fifteen men in the Fall of 1922. Before the formation of the organization, these men conferred with faculty members, and it was decided that there was room for another well-organized fraternity on the campus. The organization of the fraternity was completed in the Spring of 1923. It occupied rented quarters until May, 1924, when the present home was bought. The present house has a prominent and attractive location close to the campus. It conveniently cares for thirty men, and ever since purchase has been fully occupied.

The membership of the fraternity is representative of every department of the College and every section of the State. Practically all of the various student activities find some contact with the chapter. At the time of installation, there were sixty-two active members of Beta Chi Alpha.

The induction of the new chapter of Phi Sigma Kappa was in charge of William F. Wood of San Francisco, Regional Vice-President of Phi Sigma Kappa. Assisting Mr. Wood in the induction were the following men: Henry M. Hart, Cornell, 1896; H. O. Kent, Lehigh, 1906; George H. Greenwood, Dartmouth, 1905; Samuel P. Weaver, Gettysburg, 1904; Dr. A. A. Matthews, Maryland, 1900; Homer B. Morris, O. A. C., 1918; Fielding McClaine, Cornell, 1914; Charles N. Mann, Washington, 1925; Buford Sommers, Washington, 1926; B. K. Curry, Minnesota; H. R. Herman, Ohio State, 1918; Eugene Cullen, Washington, 1928; Wallace Brennan, Montana, 1925; William Martin, Mon-

tana, 1927; Frank Tierney, Montana, 1928; Jesse Lewellen, Montana, 1926; David Brannon, Washington, 1928.

The actual installation took place Friday afternoon and Saturday morning, December 17 and 18, 1926. Forty members were initiated. The other members of Beta Chi Alpha will be taken in as rapidly as circumstances permit.

On the evening of the 17th the installation ball was held, at which attractive souvenirs were presented to guests, in the form of beautifully decorated plaques bearing the picture of a caravel under full sail, with the Phi Sigma Kappa pin prominently featured. The ball was generally spoken of as one of the most attractive ever held on the campus.

On the evening of the 18th the formal banquet was held at the Commons, which was attended not only by the initiates and the induction team, but by the heads of the various Schools and Colleges and by representatives of other fraternities. One of the most notable features was the extremely friendly spirit exhibited by other fraternities in welcoming Phi Sigma Kappa to the College. Principal speakers at the banquet were, Dr. E. O. Holland, President of the College; William F. Wood; Samuel P. Weaver of Spokane; and Paul Helmer, President of Beta Chi Alpha. George H. Greenwood of Spokane acted as toastmaster.

Among the honorary members of Beta Chi Alpha were W. D. Vincent, President of The Old National Bank & Union Trust Company of Spokane; J. W. Burgan, of E. S. Burgan & Son, Spokane; and L. M. Davenport, President of the Davenport Hotel Company, Spokane. Mr. Burgan and Mr. Davenport were unable to make the trip to Pullman on account of pressing business, and accordingly they were initiated at a dinner tendered by Mr. Davenport at the Hotel on Sunday, December 19. More than thirty alumni and newly initiated members were present at the dinner, which came as a fitting and pleasing climax to the induction ceremonies.

Chi Deuteron Chapter begins its career under most favorable auspices, and those who are interested in it feel that it is bound to become one of the fraternity's most active and influential chapters.

OREGON INSTALLED

RANDOLPH T. KUHN, $\Psi\Delta$ '23

The outstanding collegiate event of Portland's (Oregon) 1926 holiday season was the installation of Psi Deuteron Chapter of Phi Sigma Kappa at the University Club, December 20 and 21.

Twenty-four University of Oregon men, members of Lambda Psi fraternity, were initiated into the brotherhood by William F. Wood, of San Francisco, regional vice-president of Phi Sigma Kappa. He was assisted by members of Theta Deuteron chapter of the Oregon Agricultural College. Of this number eighteen were active members of Lambda Psi, six graduate members.

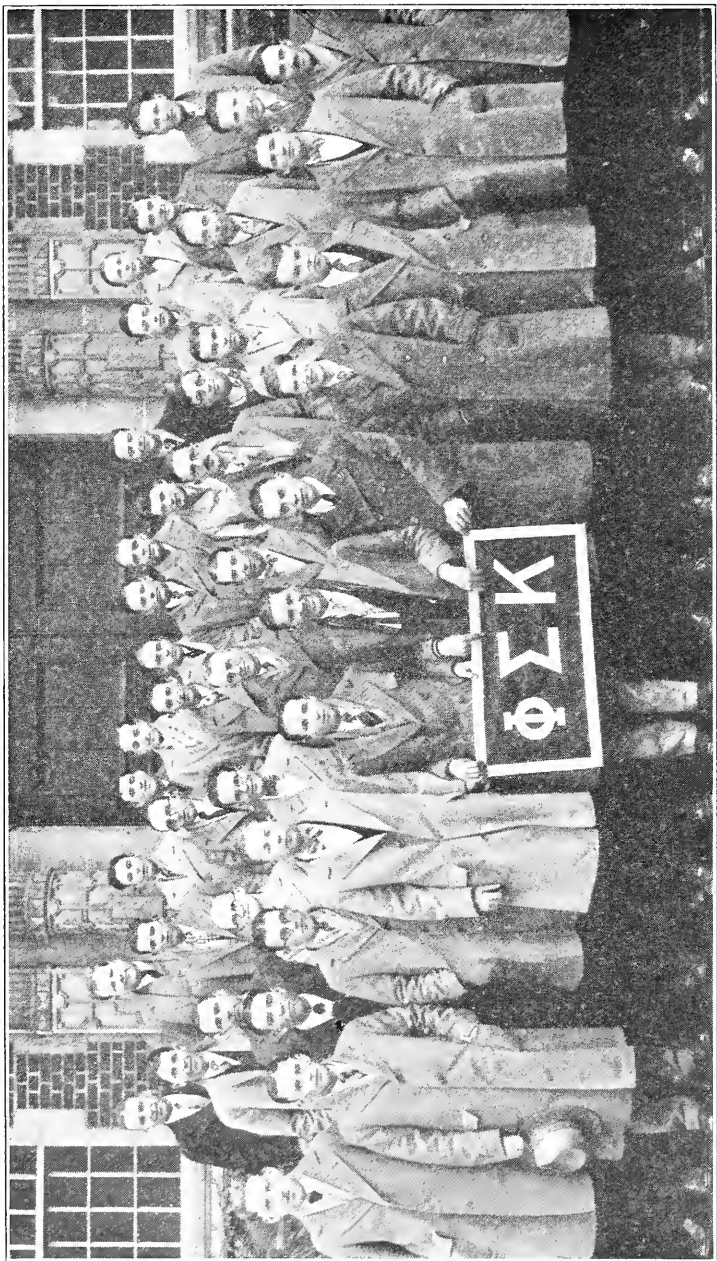
Dean Carl Morrow, $X\Delta$, Dean of Men at the Washington State College, accompanied Wood to Portland and assisted with the ceremonies. Willem van Hoogstraten, conductor of the Portland Symphony Orchestra and widely known throughout Eastern music circles, and Louis Artau, member of the University of Oregon School of Music faculty, were initiated as honorary members of Lambda Psi.

The graduate members initiated were Harold Hoflich, Portland, Harry Hulac, Portland, Paul Ager, Bend, Everette Ogle, Portland, John R. Lowe, San Francisco, Randolph T. Kuhn, Portland, Herschel Kidwell, Portland, David Husted, Portland.

The active members were Leland Shaw, Portland, president of Lambda Psi, John Kuykendall, Klamath Falls, Peter Ermler, Portland, Clifford Kuhn, Lebanon, Lawrence Osterman, McMinnville, Marcus and Harvey Woods, Ashland, Walter Durgan, Eugene, George Barron, Ashland, Paul Wagner, Ashland, William Kidwell, Portland, Earnest McKitrick, Hood River, Edward Erdner, San Francisco, Delbert Robinette, Eugene, Norton Graham, Prineville, Lawrence Ogle, Lakeview, John Black, McMinnville, Ronald Robnet, Albany.

The installation program opened with the initiation of the active members of Lambda Psi Monday morning, December 20, at the University Club. This was followed by the initiation of graduate and honorary members in the afternoon.

Tuesday evening was given over to chapter dinners. At the chapter dinner of the members of Psi Deuteron, a building com-



THE OREGON INDUCTION PARTY

pany was organized and plans were laid for the building of a chapter house in the near future. It was reported that a site has already been purchased and a financial plan broad enough to guarantee a house in the near future was outlined. Paul Ager was elected president of the holding company, Harold Hofflich, treasurer, and Norton Graham, vice-president.

Tuesday, December 21, was given over to the installation of the officers of the new chapter. This was followed by a banquet at the University Club to which all members of Phi Sigma Kappa in the Northwest had been invited. Fifty-six members attended. The program of the evening consisted of three talks: "We of Oregon," by Randolph T. Kuhn, $\Psi\Delta$, "Coöperation with Oregon," Prof. J. E. Simmons, $\Theta\Delta$, and "Point of View," by William F. Wood, Council.

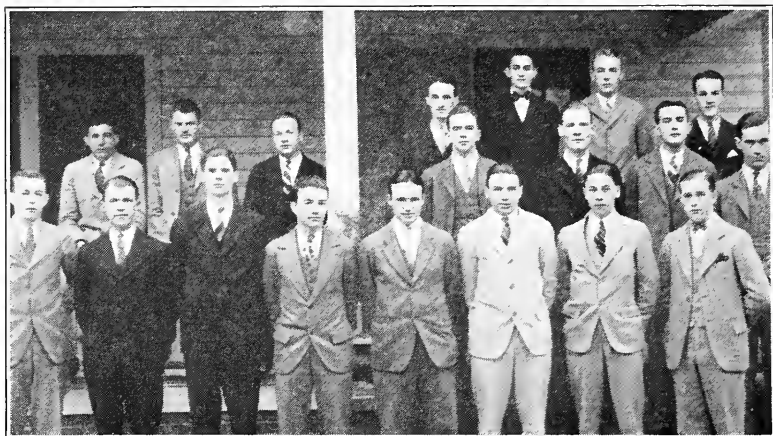
Short talks were given by L. R. Hussa, Lehigh and Michigan, Glen E. Husted, Columbian, John D. Hough, Yale, Stanley Kimball, Stanford, George Hilstrom, University of Washington, Gregg Millett, Nebraska, M. P. Maddox, St. John's, R. A. Smith, University of Pennsylvania.

Following the banquet the annual Phi Sigma Kappa ball was held in the Heathman Hotel.

Brother Billy Wood, regional vice-president, at present in the fraternal eye in connection with the two Western inductions described in this issue, is a tower of strength on the Pacific Coast. St. Lawrence presented him (metaphors are becoming precarious) to the National Order, and placed it under a lasting obligation. On the Coast Billy has been a leaven among alumni, a pioneer for new chapters, and a comfort to your Editor. (Metaphors are now thoroughly mixed; so turn to the picture.)



VICE PRESIDENT WOOD



THE NORTH CAROLINA CHAPTER

THE SOUTHERN INDUCTIONS

There are two other new chapters that should be mentioned. We are very sorry, but we have been unable to secure a story of the induction of either of them. Upsilon Deuteron was inducted, presumably by Brother Batt, regional vice-president, at the University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill, November 20. Phi Deuteron was inducted in the University of Kentucky, Lexington, November 27.

CLASS PRESIDENTS

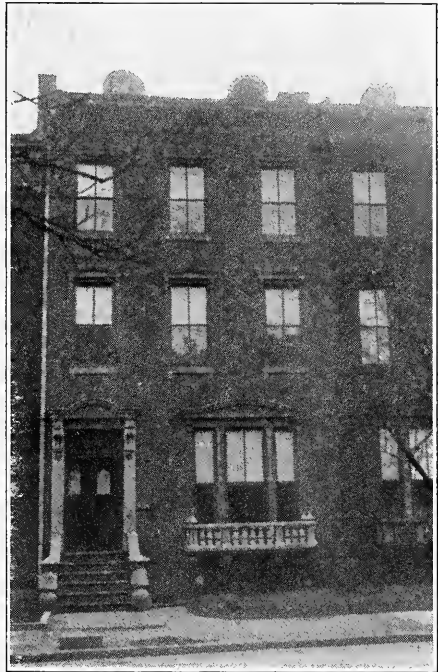
Rickards	Swarthmore	1927
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Brown	Columbia	1928
Joyce	Columbia	1930
Seikman	St. Lawrence	1927
Robertson	Mass. Aggie	1929
Jones	Tennessee	1928 Law
Smith	St. John's	1927
W. W. Philips	St. John's	1929
W. S. Philips	St. John's	1930
Morrow	Montana	1927

GEORGE WASHINGTON'S NEW HOME

HAROLD MAXWELL YOUNG, A '26

Lambda Chapter is now among those Chapters that are proud home owners. For almost 27 years we have had to contend with the problem of renting, which in the Capital of the Nation is a real one.

In 1923 some interested alumni held a meeting and formed a committee which incorporated as the Lambda House Association. This body was given custody of the then existing permanent house fund of the Chapter together with that part of the initiation fee which is allotted to the permanent fund. The present members of the incorporated body are Brothers Batt, Wenderoth, DePrez, Estes, and Zacharias.



Until 1924 the permanent location of George Washington University was not known, but with the decision reached at that time building operations started and at present Corcoran Hall and Stockton Hall are evidence that the University is to be permanently located in the vicinity of 21st and G Streets, Northwest.

During the past spring the Active Chapter in cooperation with the Association members combed the section of town surrounding the University and after a most careful study of the proposition from all angles, the Lambda House Association decided to purchase our present house at 1822 Eye Street, Northwest, as the permanent home for Lambda Chapter. This house seemed to be the one most adaptable to fraternity uses in the vicinity of the

school. The purchase price was \$38,000.00 and since property in this section is increasing rapidly the investment seems a good one.

The house is located less than three blocks from the University grounds and about the same distance from the White House. It is seven blocks nearer the University than any other fraternity except Theta Delta Chi, which rents the house next door to us. Sigma Chi and Kappa Sigma are the only other fraternities at George Washington that own their own home.

In the same block are the Washington Medical Building, several apartment houses, Friends School (a private secondary school of excellent standing), American Legion National Headquarters, and several residences. Our new house was occupied formerly by the College Women's Club.

The financing has been accomplished by the money raised for the permanent fund from initiation fees and by \$100.00 memberships in the Lambda House Association. All the financial matters are in the hands of the Association and the Chapter pays \$325.00 per month to the Association together with \$35.00 from the initiation fee of each initiate.

The undergraduates as well as alumni may become members of the Association on payment of \$100.00. Most of those in the Active Chapter are paying this \$100.00 on the installment plan and upon completion of payment will receive their membership certificate.

It was necessary to purchase new furniture and furnishings



when we moved into the new house, and these expenditures are to be paid from the treasury of the Active Chapter. The living room, dining room, reception hall, and dormitory are all newly furnished.

The house itself has three stories, a large attic (which is to be converted into a fourth story in the

spring of 1927) and basement. The structure is of brick and is substantially built. In the basement is a long hall with storage rooms, furnace room, laundry (which we plan to make into a

pool room), and a large kitchen equipped with two large gas ranges and one large coal range.

The first floor has a reception hall, three large rooms with large sliding doors between them. In the front room and dining room are open fireplaces. The three large crystal chandeliers give a beautiful effect. The floor is natural finished oak, doors are finished in mahogany, and the other woodwork is in white. To the rear of the back hall is the butler's pantry and dumb waiter. The second and third floors contain the office, living and study rooms with ample closet space and large bathroom. The attic has been made into a dormitory and is newly equipped with 30 single beds and bedding of excellent quality. There are well-designed front and back stairways on all floors except the basement and attic which have only back stairways. Furnishings on the second and third floors are in oak and walnut.

All of us are proud of our new home and we can justly say that we are better situated than any other fraternity at G. W. U. both in house and furnishings. Furniture in the living room is in mohair and tapestry while the piano and small pieces are in mahogany. Pieces in the reception hall are also of mahogany. The middle room is in leather and oak, and the dining room with walnut of Italian Renaissance design. The single table, made up of six small tables, seats forty-two people and permits dinner parties such as the one held on November 21st, when the President of the University and Mrs. Lewis; Director of Men's Organizations and Mrs. Doyle; Head of the School of Commerce and Mrs. Donaldson; President Burrows; Vice-Presidents Batt and Fell; Dr. and Mrs. Rhodes, eight young ladies, and twenty-three Active Members were present. Every Sunday is the scene of a big dinner at Lambda.

Both the Active Chapter and Alumni of Lambda invite you to see the new house. They extend a most cordial welcome to all Phi Sigs who may be in Washington at any time. It is conveniently located for visiting brothers as it is only three blocks from the White House.



TWENTY-FIVE YEARS AGO

1902! It was a different Phi Sigma Kappa then. Our most distant outpost was in West Virginia. We started the year with thirteen chapters on the roll, and during the year added St. Lawrence and M. I. T. But the chapter at Yale was reported to the 1902 convention as "de facto dead," the chapter at West Virginia was bitterly and apparently hopelessly disrupted, and the chapter at Stevens so anaemic that the Council took over its books. Later, due to the activities of officers and alumni, all three of these chapters were reestablished.

The Cornell chapter, however, thirteen years of age, was luxuriating in the buoyant strength of youth, and building its present house at what was then the audacious cost of \$26,000—the first chapter to buy or build a home, she did it in the grand manner.

The president of the fraternity during 1902 was Dr. John Ashburton Cutter of New York. For twenty years Dr. Cutter had been the moving spirit in the Order. It was he who had nationalized the fraternity by the colonization in Albany and he had inducted every chapter since. His indefatigable zeal had, almost without assistance, built up the national fraternity as we find it in 1902. His work, however, was now drawing to a close, and the Council elected at Washington that year contained not a single man who had ever held a national office before. Other members of the retiring Council were George Vogel, known to all conventionites of the past quarter-century, and Joe Barrett, "The Big Chief," whose droll urbanity lingers lovingly in the memory.

It was in 1902 that the Supreme Court was created, partly to take care of such defections as had been wracking the chapter at West Virginia, and partly to provide an official seat of honor for Councilors no longer needed, or perhaps desired, as active officers. If the Court has become more and more honorary as the years have passed, that too is a reason for gratification. It's a much more orderly fraternity than it was in 1902.

Among the relics of this earlier day may still be seen the *Year Book*, which Dr. Cutter and Ira Ackerman published in 1902. It is a cloth-bound book of 220 pages, containing the constitution, pictures of the Founders, induction and enrollment of chapters, conventions and clubs and songs, necrology and geographical directory. The *Year Book* was a fitting memorial to the period that was closing in 1902.

TWENTY-FIVE YEARS HENCE

1952! What then?

The chapter roll is approximately one hundred. For a quarter of a century national officers and conclaves have passed resolutions in favor of a more conservative expansion policy and within an hour's time have authorized the customary five grants per administration. Two of the present chapters have become inactive. Guess which. The 1952 convention, held in El Paso, Texas, accepts an elaborate "guide for gradual growth," with the tacit understanding that it is to be spread upon the minutes and thereafter ignored.

Of the 1927 official personnel one or two individuals still linger on, somewhat in what Theodore Roosevelt, the real one, used to call "innocuous desuetude." Ralph Watts is the paterfamilias at conventions, and given to reminiscence of the giants of an earlier era: Conley, and Burrows, and McIntyre. Dr. Root is still alive, but doesn't get around much now. Occasionally Ralph conducts a delegation of pilgrims to Hartford to pay a quiet and reverent tribute to the indomitable figure huddled up in his urban log cabin and among his innumerable trophies from the woods.

The national president is a graduate of Oregon Aggie in 1930. At present he is a Senator from California, but every one knows that he has higher aspirations. The fraternity headquarters are located at Amherst, Massachusetts, where there stands a noble granite building overlooking the campus where the Founders trod. In it presides the secretary of the fraternity, a very expert woman, surrounded by stenographers. There is a memorial room, beautifully furnished and rich with mementoes of the past among which is a very amusing picture of Charlie Ruedi in knickers. There are also a lounging room for guests and a committee room of generous proportions. There is also a Phi Sigma Kappa library of great interest, and the secretary is even to-day seeking for duplicate copies of *THE SIGNET* for April, 1927.

THE SIGNET, by the way, is a monthly affair of one hundred pages, edited by the son of Bob Whitford (we have an uneasy feeling that all of Bob's present sons are girls). The current

number features Japanese "rabos" and contains a scholarly and illuminating article on "The Real Joe Barrett." The endowment fund is proving adequate for one scholarship per chapter and for loans to the many chapters engaged in adding freshman annexes to their houses. The problems of discipline are laziness and women and wine. A committee to the El Paso convention reports "a very grave disquietude at the general disregard for scholarship and the universal laxity in morals."

The password is guess, if you don't know.

The year, as mentioned before, is 1952.

NEXT CONVENTION ON THE PACIFIC COAST

The Council voted at its last meeting, February 12, to hold the next national convention of the fraternity during the latter part of August, 1928, at or near San Francisco. This will be the first time that a regular convention has been held on the Coast. It marks our de facto occupation of the West. It will offer an alluring opportunity for three dozen Eastern delegates. All in all it is a significant event in the life of Phi Sigma Kappa.

SONG PRIZE DIVIDED

The Song Committee, acting with the consent of the Council, has split the special prize of \$100 for the best new Phi Sigma Kappa song, and has awarded \$50 to Brother D. R. Merriam, Jr., of Dartmouth and to Brother E. H. Rorick of Oregon Aggie.

LIKED OUR BANQUET

Phi Sigma Kappa readers may be interested in the following clipping from an article by Dr. Francis W. Shepardson in *Beta Theta Pi*, referring to our convention in Philadelphia last summer:

On Saturday, August 28th, I was in Philadelphia, the guest of the Phi Sigma Kappa fraternity at its convention banquet. The occasion was a notable one, two of the founders of the fraternity being present to inspire a fine gathering of earnest and thoughtful young men who seemed to appreciate a privilege which we in Beta Theta Pi can no longer share, now that our founders are all dead. The convention received graciously what I had to say and honored me by publishing the address in full in the October issue of *The Signet*, the fraternity magazine.

TO FOUR HUNDRED FRESHMEN

THE EDITOR

Now that the shouting and the tumult are over, just what is this fraternity anyway, that you have been so eager, and proud, and perhaps apprehensive, to enter? As Socrates was habitually saying, "Define your terms."

Well, it isn't the horseplay to which you have been subjected during the past few weeks, be assured of that. It isn't paddling. It isn't burlesque, either public or private. It isn't nerve tests, not in the undergraduate sense of the word. It isn't fatiguing and inconsequential pilgrimages to spots of no significance. It isn't any of these things. These are relics of a more primitive, if not indeed barbarous, age, which all responsible fraternity leaders deprecate and detest and which are rapidly being minimized and even eliminated from the better chapters all over the country. They are not properly a part of fraternity. Certainly they are not an expression of it. And they are bound to disappear. Your fraternity is something other than these.

Nor is it the trophy-shelf, although here perhaps the distinction is not quite so clear. It is inevitable and proper that the brothers should take pride in the successes of the men in the house. Without competition of some kind there is bound to be inertia, which leads to stagnation. So long as the competition is amateur in all the gracious meaning of that word, we ought to rejoice in it. The lounge-lizard is a pest to both himself and the lounge. And a chapter without a fair display of cups and trophies is likely to prove a dead chapter in other respects as well. Incidentally the chapter with an overloaded shelf also invites suspicion; one cannot help but assume an unfortunate specialization along rather trivial lines. The point is that these trophies and all that they stand for are after all incidental. The contests do not exist for the sake of the fraternities, and the fraternities do not exist for the sake of the contests. The two run along together, and occasionally cross each other's track. Fraternity is something other than this.

Nor is it a matter of jewelry. It is all right for you to cherish your pin. If you are given to flim-flams, possibly you may wear your coat-of-arms on your cuff links or your ring. There can be no very serious objection to banners. But don't get it into your

heads that these trinkets are the fraternity. Don't make an idol of your badge. It is possible that there are still misguided enthusiasts who carry their pin in their mouth when they go swimming. There may still be sensitive souls who resent an outsider's looking at their pin. It isn't the Ark of the Covenant, you know. It's rather easy to come to think of your fraternity in terms of jewelry. Don't do that. At its last meeting the Interfraternity Conferences declined to accept some very attractive souvenirs of the occasion. It said, "There's too much stress being laid on such bunk as it is." And by the way, don't come to think of your fraternity badge as a symbol of engagement to a sweet-faced girl. There is no particular point in the young man's giving his pin to his girl; and being always available, except when in the possession of another girl, and paid for, we hope, it offers too great a temptation to slip into the engagement state. Buy her a ring and you'll find it much more binding. The badge has its place in your fraternity experience, but it is only a symbol; it isn't fraternity.

Presumably the same should be said of the esoteric business to which you have been so recently initiated: the ritual, the grips, the passwords, the signs for identification, and the rest. These things are all excellent. The ritual is a vivid reminder of the underlying idealism of the Order. The secret paraphernalia quickens the imagination and serves in some of the processes of administration. It has its place. It must not be allowed to become slipshod. On the other hand it isn't fraternity; rather is it one of her comely handmaidens. Please observe. The alumnus who always insists upon giving you the grip is, in nine cases out of ten, a light-weight. He isn't adoring the goddess, as he thinks; he's merely flirting with the handmaiden. No, fraternity is something other than this.

What then is fraternity? Definitions, naturally, fail. Possibly description may suggest. Fraternity is your first great voluntary experiment in sociability.

Your boyhood home life doesn't count. You were born into that. Therefore you never accepted any responsibility for it. You have assumed consideration on the part of your parents. Not until they die do you experience any sweeping sense of gratitude. You are happy to go home for Thanksgiving and Christmas, but for the most part you are glad to be "on your own."

The exactions of family life have often exasperated you. The superimposed obligations have fretted you. You have lost your temper and talked back to your beloved ones in a way you would never have dared to talk back to any other person in the world, unless, perhaps, the teacher. Even at the best the home folks, you observe, get upon each other's nerves. There seem to have been too many of them under a single roof. Sociability so concentrated and so indissoluble seemed to you more of a problem than a privilege, and all in all you are glad to have broken away.

And now, within five months after that happy emancipation, what has happened? Voluntarily, deliberately, exuberantly you have taken upon yourself social bonds, almost exactly like those of your boyhood home, only "more so." Instead of four or five inmates of a single house, here are probably fifteen or twenty. You will not even have a room to yourself; you will probably share one with one, two or perhaps three others. You will find your interests and activities constantly clashing with theirs. When you are in the mood to study, your roommate will be eager to rough-house; when you are given to meditation in the night watches, there will be a group next door playing a demoniacal saxophone. You will have accepted any number of petty obligations relating to the care and management of the house. You have glibly and optimistically sworn to love your brothers, even up to the number of forty or fifty. You will soon find that that means not merely mutual admiration, and loyal support in elections and court-rooms, but lending them neckties and tuxedos and tooth paste. Incidentally you have sworn to extend this same glowing and serviceable affection to ten thousand other men whom you have never seen. And you have accepted this enormous order, not only for your four years in college, but for always, till death do you part.

And this is fraternity.

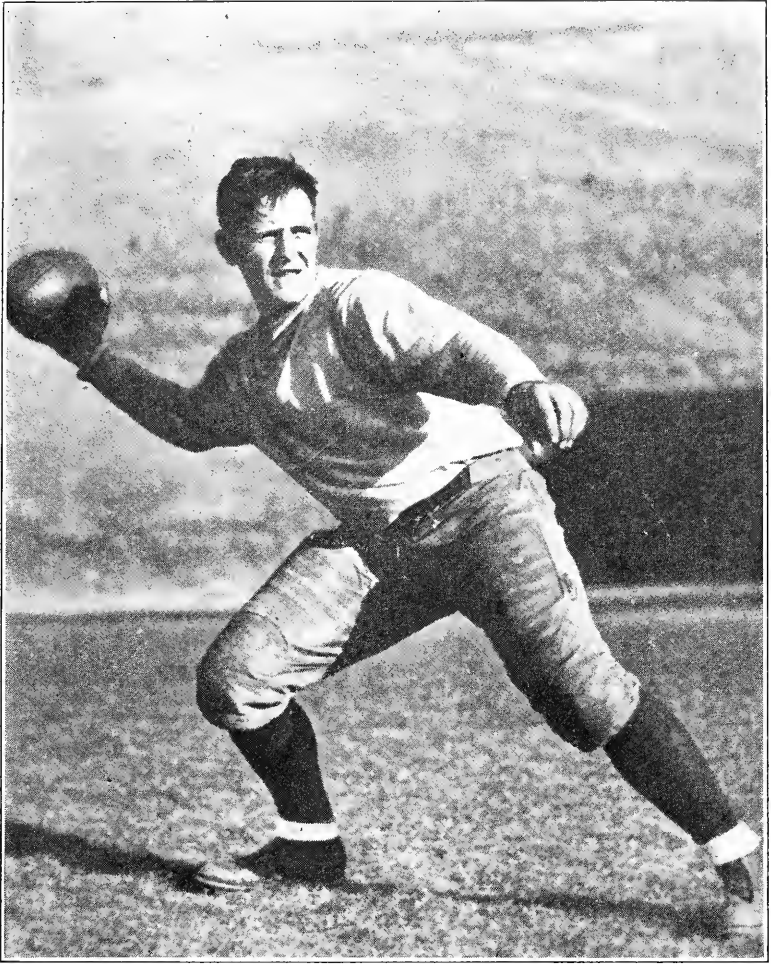
After all it isn't so bad. Of course it is bondage. But there is no escaping bondage anyway. Your body is bondage. Your profession will be bondage. Life itself is bondage. There is no liberty in the sense of freedom from law. Obedience to law is liberty. How do you feel about law?—that is the question. Is it restraint or protection; is it restriction or guidance? Does the No Trespassing sign deny to you the freedom to walk, or does it save you from unpleasant vagaries in walking? It's the state

of mind that matters. If you accept your boundaries as benign and possibly as self-determined, then you enjoy all of the freedom of doing what you wish to do together with an assurance of safety in the process. If you resent your boundaries and poke your nose against them, then you will have a sore nose, and more resentment, for your pains.

Fortunately the bondage into which you are now entering is a voluntary one. You rejoice in it, as generous souls have always rejoiced when pledging themselves to a noble and confining course. So far there are no restrictions in sight; there is only the goal. But how will it be when the goal becomes dim, hidden behind an intercepting hill, and when beyond the fences to your path alluring fields invite you to dally and delay? Then comes the test of your philosophy. If you can keep plodding along, happily aware of your destination and grateful for the fences which keep you on the track, then, permit me to assure you, life holds for you liberty, and achievement and love and an abiding satisfaction. But if you find yourself hanging over the fences and cursing the fact that they are there, you will know nothing of liberty, nor of any of the other amenities I mentioned.

The only voluntary social bondage comparable with this fraternity is marriage. Your success as a husband may be pretty accurately predicted by your success as a brother in Phi Sigma Kappa. I recall to mind a delightful and intelligent young man, who as a senior in college talked to me patronizingly about his fraternity life. He resented its obligations; they seemed to him petty. He wasn't living at the house that year; not even very regular in his attendance at meetings. The next year he married. The next year divorce rumors were in the air. There are thousands of instances, beyond doubt, almost identical with this.

The great thing about this fraternity experience, then, is this. It will give you the chance to test yourselves and train yourselves as bondmen. An incomparable chance! Probably, for these are the critical and impressionable years, your last great chance. If you rejoice in your bondage and use it for high and unselfish ends, if you glory in your lofty denial, self-imposed, if you establish intimate and lasting human contacts for common ends, then you are bondmen par excellence. Then you are bondmen at liberty. Then you are philosophers. Then you are God's servants of man. All this fraternity offers. This is fraternity.



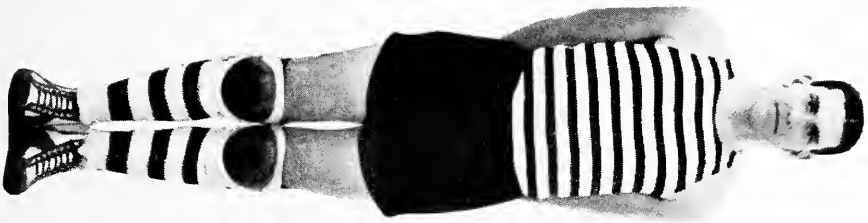
"WILD BILL" KELLY
Montana's Spectacular Back.

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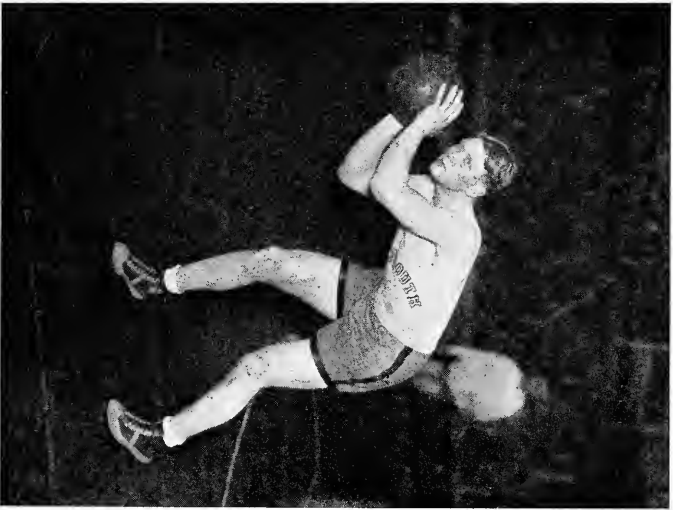
BASKETBALL

With captains at Pennsylvania, Montana, St. John's and Massachusetts Aggie, the task of picking a Phi Sigma Kappa basketball five would seem comparatively simple. Unfortunately your editor doesn't know very much about the quality of the teams represented. Paul Davenport is leading the Pennsylvania squad for the second year, having been elected captain for two years in succession, a very real compliment. There would seem to be no doubt but that he should be one of our guards. The other guard is obviously Captain Partenheimer of Massachusetts Aggie, whose team has been one of the very best in New England for several seasons. Partenheimer has been placed upon the third and the first all New England teams in other years, and will receive recognition again. There are lots of good centers: McCoy of Michigan, who scored fourteen points against Minnesota the other day, Allison of Brown, Hein of Dartmouth and Thomas of Massachusetts Aggie. Dartmouth has played off her tie with Princeton and won the championship of the League, in connection with which game Hein's name appears in the headlines in the *New York Times*. Michigan also proves to be a conference champion and McCoy has scored 63 points during the season. It would seem to be a toss-up between the two. There seem to be five forwards: Ketchum of Union, Andrews of Wisconsin, Ditman, captain of St. John's, Nichols of St. John's, and Coyle, captain of Montana. It looks as though Andrews and Coyle should be our forwards. Andrews was so placed a year ago; we know nothing of his work this year except that he is playing. Coyle runs the hundred in 9:9, which would seem to justify the correspondent's glowing tribute: "the fastest Grizzly that ever graced a Montana basketball court."

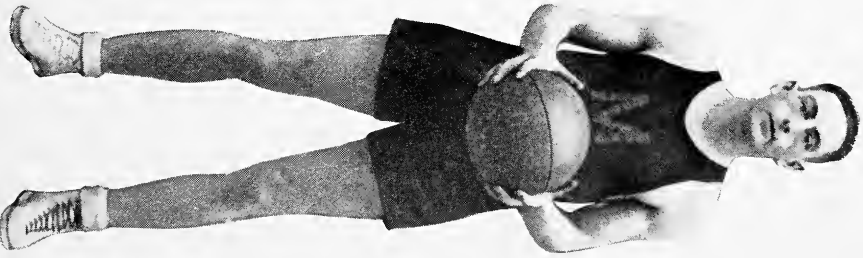
right forward	Coyle	Montana
left forward	Andrews	Wisconsin
center	Hein	Dartmouth
right guard	Partenheimer	Mass. Aggie
left guard	Davenport	Pennsylvania



CAPTAIN PARENTHIMER
of Massachusetts Assie



Courtesy of The Dartmouth Pictorial.
HEIN OF DARTMOUTH



CAPTAIN COVLE
of Montana

THE SECRETARY'S PAGE

R. J. W.

Council Meets at Columbus

The Council met in Columbus, Ohio, February 12, as guests of Pi Deuteron Chapter and the Columbus alumni. Following an all day business session, the Council, late in the afternoon, made a brief visit at the chapter house, and returned to its hotel headquarters to attend the dinner which had been arranged in its honor.

At this dinner Brother Watts presided, and brief responses were made by all members of the Council present, by Brother Reeder, Alumni Adviser for Pi Deuteron, and by Brother James E. McQuaid, of the local chapter. The dinner was attended by 65 members representing twelve chapters. Interest developed in the organization of an alumni club and of an alumni corporation for the purpose of holding property for the active chapter.

All members of the Council, with the exception of Brother Wood, were present.

Following is a summary of the more important business transacted by the Council:

1. The adoption of a budget for the ensuing two years, in which provision is made for financing the 1928 Convention to be held in California, and for paying the traveling expenses of Chapter Advisers to regional conclaves.

2. It was voted that the next General Convention be held at or near San Francisco, California, during the latter part of August, 1928.

3. The constitutional amendments passed by the 1926 Convention, having been ratified by over three-fourths of the chapters, were declared effective as of February 4, 1927.

4. The Secretary reported that the 1927 directory is now being printed, and that over 1,225 paid subscriptions have been received from alumni. The price of the directory will be \$1 for alumni. To chapters the price will be 50 cents a copy.

5. The following action was taken on the recommendations to the Council by the 1926 Convention:

- a. Brothers Fell and Lafean were appointed a committee to work out a uniform design and measurements for a Fraternity flag, and to report thereon to the Council.

- b. Brothers Fell and Lafean were appointed a committee to give further consideration to the design of a recognition pin, and to report thereon to the Council.

- c. It was voted to request Brother Horace R. Barnes, Endowment Trustee, to organize a campaign for the enlargement of the endowment fund, either by cash gifts or by bequests.

d. It was voted to lay on the table the recommendation that more careful thought be given to, and more constructive effort be directed towards the organization of additional alumni clubs, and the strengthening of those already chartered.

6. Telegrams of greeting were ordered sent to Alpha and Alpha Deuteron Chapters, who were holding initiation ceremonies on that day.

7. Communications were received from representatives of several institutions inquiring as to the policy of Phi Sigma Kappa with respect to placing chapters in their respective colleges. The question of expansion was discussed at length, and the following resolution was adopted:

Resolved: That the policy of further expansion into smaller institutions with well-established local fraternities having strong alumni support, and where the college authorities are in sympathy with national fraternities, be given serious consideration by Phi Sigma Kappa.

8. Brother Lafean reported on the further standardization and assembling of chapter equipment, and it was voted that a list of induction and other official equipment and insignia be prepared with the price of each article indicated, and distributed to the chapters.

9. The appointment of Chapter Advisers in the Southern and Atlantic Districts was approved in accordance with the recommendation of the respective Regional Vice-Presidents.

10. Because of the failure of several chapters to file regularly their quarterly reports with the Regional Vice-Presidents and with the Secretary, the Council voted that in the future certificates of membership be withheld from any chapter whose quarterly reports to date have not been submitted.

11. Brother Ruedi reported on the introduction of the Busey system of accounting into the various chapters.

12. Brother Ruedi reported on the award of prizes by the Song Committee of 1926.

13. It was further voted that both songs be published in an edition of 500 copies, that one copy be sent to each chapter and club, and that additional copies be offered at a price intended to cover the cost of publication.

14. Brother S. B. Maynard of Sigma Deuteron was appointed to the Song Committee in place of Brother E. M. Allen.

15. Brother Fell made a comprehensive report as Supervisor of Scholarship. In an examination of the scholastic standing of all the national fraternities it has been found that Phi Sigma Kappa is slightly under the average. The chapters in the West are in a particularly unfavorable condition. The New England

chapters have maintained a high position, but at present are declining. The chapters in the South have made a poor record, but are now improving.

16. It was agreed that recommendations from Conclaves for charters for new chapters to be brought before the 1928 Convention, should be received by the Council not later than January 1, 1928.

Evidence of the effective functioning of the Regional Vice-Presidents was again apparent in connection with the induction of the five chapters in the autumn of 1926. The chapters provided by the 1926 Convention were located in three of the five districts. Accordingly, upon three of the Vice Presidents rested the responsibility for all details of these inductions. The induction equipment for all chapters was assembled, packed, and shipped by Brother Lafean. The Council was so deeply impressed with the satisfactory installation of these chapters that it ordered the following resolution to be spread upon its records:

The Council of Phi Sigma Kappa, appreciative of the efficient, dignified, and impressive manner in which were installed the five chapters in the autumn of 1926, hereby expresses its sincere gratitude and sense of deep obligation to the Regional Vice-Presidents upon whom rested the responsibility for the success of these important exemplifications:

Brother Raymond G. Lafean for the induction of Tau Deuteron Chapter, and for his careful labor in assembling and preparing for each of the five chapters the necessary equipment and insignia for the ceremony of initiation and for the proper conduct of chapter meetings.

Brother Joseph H. Batt for the induction of Upsilon Deuteron and Phi Deuteron Chapters.

Brother William F. Wood for the induction of Chi Deuteron and Psi Deuteron Chapters.

THE DEBATERS

On the basis of recorded performance, our best debating team would seem to be Reinhardt of Dartmouth, McQuaid of Ohio and Keyser of M. I. T. McQuaid has defended Ohio against Northwestern, and Robnet and Durgan have defended Oregon against Idaho and Arizona respectively. Reinhardt of Dartmouth has debated against Harvard, Boston College, Princeton and Smith. Keyser of Boston Tech has debated against Boston College, Bates, Fordham, New York University, Maine and Pennsylvania. Debaters are reported from Swarthmore and Union, but no performance indicated.

Montana has so greatly distinguished herself as an athletic chapter that it is a peculiar pleasure to remind our readers that she cherishes the arts as well. And Brother Bloom, whose picture appears opposite, is a concert violinist in whom the brothers take pride. It may be in order to remark that the law of compensation keeps steadily at work, and he may still be giving pleasure with his fiddle after Kelly and Sweet have abandoned the gridiron for fresh woods and pastures less spectacular.



"MONTANA'S VIOLINIST"

EMINENT ARTISTS

Cowdrey	Ohio	Varsity quartet
Kistler	Swarthmore	leader of band
Gram	Swarthmore	baritone soloist
Studdiford	Swarthmore	tenor soloist
Stabler	Swarthmore	dramatics lead
Waterbury	Stevens	president dramatics
Merriam	Dartmouth	leader instrumental club
Andrews	Dartmouth	leader of band
Schrader	St. Lawrence	Varsity quartet
Robinson	Mass. Aggie	president dramatics
Barron	Oregon	piano soloist
Kidwell	Oregon	president glee club
Bloom	Montana	violin soloist

A PHI SIGMA KAPPA BROADCAST

So far as we know the first Phi Sigma Kappa broadcast took place last month, when a double quartet from Alpha Chapter sang before the microphone of WBZ, Springfield and Boston, giving a program of college and fraternity songs. Their program included among other numbers:

Phi Sigma Kappa Song
 Phi Sig Dream Girl
 Phi Sigma Kappa Fair.

PHI SIGMA KAPPA MANAGERS

Mack	Ohio	Assistant	Scarlet Masque
Tryon	Ohio	Manager	<i>Ohio State Lantern</i>
Dyer	Union	Assistant	baseball
Nicholas	Maryland	Assistant	tennis
Rickards	Swarthmore	Manager	basketball
McKeag	Swarthmore	Manager	football
Reynolds	Swarthmore	Manager	lacrosse
Smithers	Swarthmore	Assistant	basketball
Behr	Stevens	Manager	dramatics
Brekke	Stevens	Production	dramatics
Knecht	Stevens	Manager	<i>Link</i>
Reiss	Stevens	Circulation	<i>Link</i>
Malone	Pennsylvania	Assistant	baseball
Barnes	Pennsylvania	Assistant	football
Potter	Brown	Manager	dramatics
Brenton	Carnegie	Assistant	tennis
Starr	Carnegie	Assistant	lacrosse
Jaycox	Columbia	Manager	track
Brown	Columbia	Assistant	track
Schwartz	St. Lawrence	Manager	baseball
Gormley	St. Lawrence	Assistant	lacrosse
Miller	St. Lawrence	Stage	Mummers
Boogher	Virginia	Manager	wrestling
Dumbrille	Virginia	Manager	dramatics
Sherwood	Virginia	Production	dramatics
Davis	Mass. Aggie	Manager	baseball
Burgess	Mass. Aggie	Assistant	baseball
Robnet	Oregon	Manager	orchestra
Durgan	Oregon	Manager	debating
Cook	St. John's	Manager	basketball
Smith	St. John's	Manager	baseball
Bryant	St. John's	Manager	dramatics
Esley	St. John's	Manager	<i>Collegian</i>
Hoyle	St. John's	Manager	<i>Rat Tat</i>
Hanson	Montana	Manager	<i>Kaimin</i>

AN INTERFRATERNITY SING

The interfraternity sing is still enough of a novelty to bear a special emphasis. The Massachusetts Agricultural College held its second annual contest this year. Each fraternity took the platform as a group and sang two songs, one a college song and the other a fraternity song. The cup was won, for the second time, by Phi Sigma Kappa, under the leadership of Howard Thomas. Three wins entitle the holder to permanent possession.

GREEKLETS

Did you know that your fraternity, Kappa Gamma Theta, has become a million dollar corporation?—*Kappa Alpha Theta*.

The Kappa Alpha Order was the first fraternity, it is believed, which took steps to provide a specially-designed building of monumental type to house its central office. This . . . is now brought to the fore by the announcement of Phi Gamma Delta's plan to erect a magnificent \$200,000 classical temple.—*The P G & G Bimonthly* ($\Lambda X \Lambda$).

Big guns on the campus are acquisitions, but a grind secretary who can write a good letter and unknown treasurer who can add correctly are just as great assets.—*Tallahawik* ($\Lambda \Sigma \Phi$).

It costs you about a dollar an hour to carry on your college work, or, one might say, it costs you about three dollars every time you enter a classroom.—*Rattle of Theta Chi*.

Peggy Hopkins Joyce continues to add to her alumni, according to the latest newspaper reports.—*Magazine of Sigma Chi*.

The most abominable word that has attached itself to the fraternity idea is the corruption "irat."—*Carnation* ($\Delta \Sigma \Phi$).

The University of Florida has found it necessary to put a stop to the wholesale collection of cats by fraternity pledges, who are in the process of initiation.—*Rainbow* ($\Delta T \Delta$).

Sigma Nu has a new scholarship ruling. Not only do pledges have to make a required average, but the older men of the chapter have to come up to the standard or be suspended.—*Scroll* ($\Phi \Delta \Theta$).

Only five college graduates are included in the 13,012 convicts in Sing Sing.—*Banta's Greek Exchange*.

Chapters of Tau Kappa Epsilon that fail to send in their letters to the editor of their magazine on time, are fined \$15.—*Deltasig* ($\Delta \Sigma \Pi$).

Zeta Tau Alpha at Florida State College for Women has adopted a small girl to educate.—*Rattle of Theta Chi*.

Phi Gamma Delta expects to erect a rotunda at Bucknell in honor of the memory of Christy Mathewson.—*Palm* ($\Lambda T \Theta$).

If the alumnus must have an orgy let him go somewhere else to have it than at his chapter. As one graduate put it: "If we cannot go to the chapter, where can we go? If we go to a hotel, we will be arrested."

—*Garnet & White* ($\Lambda X P$).

THE BOOKSHELF

SPLIT SECONDS by Jackson Scholz, William Morrow & Company. \$2.00.

This reader enjoyed *Split Seconds* thoroughly. That the author was the Olympic champion in the 200 meter for 1924 means little to him. He just liked the stories, that's all.

In the first place, after all our novels which depict college as an intermittent petting party, it was a decided relief to read one which presents it merely in terms of sport. It certainly makes sport look pretty good. And after all the shouting and the tumult over football, it seemed good to have a little over track.

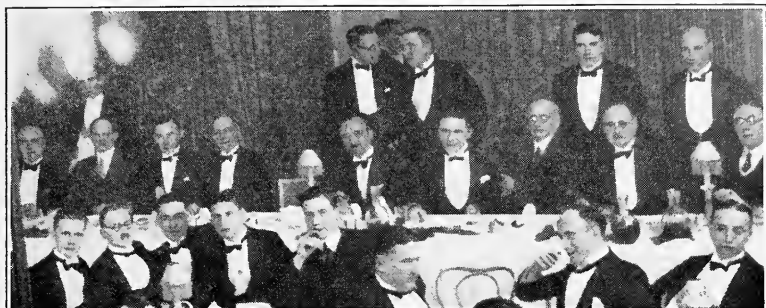
In the second place, Mr. Scholz is apparently primarily concerned with states of mind, so that each of these little track yarns hinges upon something abnormal in the thinking of the boy and upon the coach's attempts to puzzle out a remedy. So we have the boy with a win complex, or a sportsmanship complex, or a rabbit-foot complex, or a form complex, and so on. Interesting studies, at least from this reader's point of view.

In the third place, the stories are told from the standpoint, not of the participants, but of the coach. Most athletic stories heroize the central figures of their events; it is pleasant then, for a novelty, to have the rather paternal narration of the mentor.

And lastly, they're good yarns anyway. Of course the picked boy never loses. But he doesn't always win. There are a couple of ties. It is true, too, that sometimes villains have to be created out of rather innocuous clay: maniacal pedagogues and the like. But who objects to that? It is true that there are repetitions that suggest dictation rather than composition, and an occasional straining for atmosphere. But you won't notice these unless you're looking for them. Which you aren't.

BAIRD'S MANUAL OF AMERICAN COLLEGE FRATERNITIES edited by Francis W. Shepardson, Banta's Publishing Company, Menasha, Wisc. \$4.00.

First published in 1879 by William Raimond Baird, the eleventh edition is revised and enlarged so that it is complete and up-to-date. The page size is larger and the book is in better proportion than previous editions. It contains histories of all the fraternities, a general story of the Greek letter movement, constitutions of the various interfraternity organizations and many statistics and features of great interest. Every chapter should own this book. Order it now.



SPEAKERS' TABLE AT ZETA'S ANNIVERSARY DINNER

Zeta Dinner—30th Anniversary—was held at the Hotel Manhattan, New York, on Saturday evening, December 19, 1926.

Of the nine charter members all were present or accounted for. Everyone bought a ticket but Matty Elgas was sick in bed, Scheer was detained in Washington and couldn't get back and Sparks was also held up at the last moment.

As guests—John Ashburton Cutter and Billy MacIntyre had a three-cornered debate with Billy Elgas, the toastmaster, on Expansion—Cutter, the old original expansionist, wanted to raise the chapter initiation fee to \$10,000.

Harold Rockett, Mu '21, President New York Club, was also a guest.

Fifty-eight attended the dinner and the bond committee reported more funds raised for a house for Zeta.

ALBANY BETA BUYS

We have been unable to secure a picture of Beta's new home, but the following comment from the chapter news letter will be of general interest:

In September 1924, Beta Chapter of Albany decided to purchase our new home. It is situated in the best residential section of the city and away from the busy and noisy bustle which is characteristic of most of the Fraternity houses due to proximity to the professional schools which are situated in the business district of the city. Our present home is a modern stucco house providing ample room for the fifteen men which it accomodates. We have a double garage and large grass lawns in the front and rear of the house. We were fortunate in finding a private home so adaptable to our needs as our house has proved to be. We have automatic hot water system and refrigeration system. There are servants' quarters on the first floor in the rear of the dining room and kitchen.

HELPFUL ALUMNI

AS SEEN BY THE UNDERGRADUATES OF
PENN STATE

Perhaps the most logical man to suggest is George E. Hesselbacker, K '16, of Lancaster, Pa. He is chairman and an active member of Kappa's New House Building Committee, under whose guidance our new home, a three-story stone structure, is rapidly nearing completion.

OHIO

The helpful alumnus gives advice and money. This can be accomplished by overcoming his fear that the present members do not care to have him come around to see them. They, perhaps, seem less serious than his old pals, but they have their problems just as the older members had theirs. Some good advice from those who have been through the mill will most certainly be welcome. Don't wait for the undergrads to take the initiative. Once a little help is offered or interest shown, the chapter will strive to keep up the relationship. After all we are but fledglings. Then, too, if the chapter is building or buying a home, it is not adverse to accepting monetary gifts.

But all this will come if the alumnus will drop around at the chapter house whenever possible. At least twice a year: a football game and the annual dinner dance. The oftener the better. We had much rather see the older men than hear from them.

UNION

Beta is very fortunate in possessing as one of its alumni a brother who, although occupied daily by his own employment, is still putting both heart and soul into the life of the chapter. Brother Cregier has been our invaluable alumni adviser since he was graduated in 1923. He has been a most consistent attendant at our meetings. Invariably he "drops in" during the week and inquires for the "health" of the house. He has aided us immensely in selecting the type of men for which Phi Sigma Kappa is famous. He has steered the chapter through many difficult situations and it is mainly through his perseverance, untiring efforts, sound reasoning and love for Phi Sigma Kappa that Beta is what it is to-day.

MARYLAND

Brother Ed Russell, H '23, has been an exceedingly helpful alumnus. He was recently elected chapter adviser and already the results are manifest. He is an instructor in the Central High

School at Washington, where he is ever on the lookout for promising material for *Éta*. Ed has a unique and appreciated custom: he is constantly presenting the chapter with framed pictures of the various Phi Sigma Kappa houses and prominent men, also with bits of Phi Sigma Kappa history on the Maryland campus. As a result we have quite a collection at the house.

SWARTHMORE

A very recent example of "a helpful alumnus" was brought about by the need of new furniture for the lodge. It was decided that \$1,500 was the sum needed. This money was pledged, chiefly by alumni, who were given notes at 6% for five years' duration. One alumnus guaranteed the collection for payment of this money and as additional assurance took out a life insurance policy of \$1,500, payable to the chapter in the event of his death. This is just one example of the helpfulness of our alumni.

CARNEGIE TECH

In our chapter we have one who is surely a helpful alumnus. Since his graduation last June he has shown a very active interest in the chapter, has attended nearly every meeting, and furthermore, while never trying to "run" the chapter, has constantly acted as critic and is ever ready with helpful suggestions when a difficult problem is encountered. Without solicitation he always pays equal assessments with the actives for the social functions he attends, and we all know that if ever we are in financial straits he will be ready to offer all the monetary aid within his power.

COLUMBIA

Fraternities are as old as the Christian church. In fact the church was originally a fraternity. It had its grip and its password (the sign of the fish) and its fraternal meetings. It soon had its alumni—men like Peter and Paul. To the younger men they offered, then as always, advice.

Now. Our modern alumnus. My urgent plea is that he should realize, and make due allowance for, the impetuous active chapter man. Youth makes mistakes. Agreed. Age can best assist by admitting, not too caustically, these mistakes and showing us how to correct them. When our alumnus offers his advice, and there are varied ways of doing so, let him not take offense if the chapter does not respond immediately. They have their ideas. Let them try them out, if they do not go too far. If they fail, let him reoffer his suggestion. Then they will accept. That is the way of youth.

ST. LAWRENCE

"We can't get alumni coöperation," declared the Brother to a visiting brother the other night. "Letters don't seem to have any effect. Only five men came back for the banquet this year. True we don't lack financial support. The furnishings of this room were given by Brother Johnson. Brother Smith paid for the bathroom on the second floor. Every year, in fact, brings a substantial contribution. But why don't they come around? We want the benefit of their advice, their business experience."

This then, every chapter needs—counsel. That new annex could have been built for several thousand less, we find after construction has started. How valuable the advice of Brother Hartel of Hartel & Sweeney would have been! But no one knew him. No one remembered that John Hartel was a Phi Sig.

The guidance of the alumni can be gained by never letting them stray away from the chapter.

When a man graduates it is almost a certainty that within a year or so he will return to see his old friends. These friends in the course of a few years leave also. He comes back and knows no one. He begins to feel lost. He senses the lack of sympathy and understanding between himself and the chapter. The brothers address him respectfully. They answer "Yes, sir," and "No, sir," to his questions. Instead, include him in your bull sessions. Don't let him, after perfunctory introductions, wander around alone looking at the trophies and pictures, ending up finally with a book in the corner. Let the freshmen, particularly, act as hosts. Get him acquainted with the successive classes. When he feels he is one of the bunch, his coöperation and help are a matter of course. Know your returning alumni.

MASSACHUSETTS AGGIE

One of the most helpful of Alpha alumni is Austin W. Morrill. Though Brother Morrill has been out of college many years and a vast continent separates his California home from his Alma Mater, he is continually working for the good of Alpha Chapter. His latest effort is toward securing a leading professor of the University of California as an honorary member of Alpha Chapter.

OREGON

A helpful alumnus could be designated as one who has the interest of his fraternity at heart and is an honorable citizen. An alumnus sets a prestige to his successors. If he made exceptional grades while in school and a good name for himself after graduation, those following will point with pride to this fact, and out-

siders will judge the fraternity accordingly. Generally a member who has become a successful business man can be called up to contribute to building funds. The alumnus can also be of service in the business of rushing, for he can keep track of desirable men who are in prep schools in his vicinity.

WISCONSIN

This alumnus is of great assistance in securing pledges during the summer and in personally assisting during rushing season. He is active in the Milwaukee Alumni Association. He has rendered the chapter valuable assistance in reducing the number of financial delinquencies through correspondence with the delinquents. He is ever ready with constructive criticism, and refrains from expressing adverse opinions in any but the most helpful manner. Most of all he is interested in us and makes us cognizant of that fact by correspondence and visits. He is always eager for information from the chapter and by that eagerness inspires our efforts to have such information always available.

TENNESSEE

A helpful alumnus remains active in the sense that he keeps the interest of his chapter at heart. When he receives his degree he realizes that his opportunities for being an asset to the fraternity are increased. He offers constructive advice and follows up his advice with actions. He meets facts squarely, and tells the chapter wherein they are failing and wherein their actions merit praise.

MONTANA

In the opinion of Mu Deuteron a helpful alumnus can give the most aid to a chapter by finding prospective pledging material. He is in a local field where he comes in personal contact with good men daily. Other "alums" travel and meet many good men. It should be their duty to both persuade these men to come to college and to sell them on his Phi Sig chapter or that of any other school the prospect may be going to. An alumnus should keep in touch with his chapter. He should know its activities and problems. They are also interested in knowing what he is doing. He should not only work for his fraternity but for his Alma Mater. More moral than financial aid is expected from him. One member suggests that he may be of aid by giving any help that his own profession peculiarly fits him for.

THE ALUMNI CLUBS

DIRECTORY

CHARTERED CLUBS

New York—Secretary, Frederick Griswold, Z '21, 15 Park Row. Luncheon every Thursday, 12:30, Fraternity Clubs Building, Madison Ave. & 38th St.

Seattle—Secretary, Amos F. Olsen, AA '23, 7084 17 N. E. Luncheon every Friday, 12:15, Blanc's, 315 Marion St.

Baltimore—Secretary, W. C. Baxter, Σ '23, 4301 Fernhill Ave. Luncheon every Thursday, 12:30, Engineers Club, 6 W. Fayette St.

Pittsburgh—Secretary, Paul J. Guinther, Λ '22, 506 Keystone Bank Building. Luncheon 1st Wednesday of month, 7 P. M., Fort Pitt Hotel.

Detroit—

Philadelphia—Secretary, Wm. E. Zimmermann, Λ '22, Lansdale, Pa. Luncheon every Friday, 12:30, Kugler's, 35 S. 15th St.

Amherst—

Chicago—Secretary, Earl F. Schoening, AA '22, 7400 Crandon Ave. Luncheon every Tuesday, 12 N., Mandel Brothers Grill.

Minnesota—

Springfield—

Northern Ohio—

San Francisco—

Milwaukee—Secretary, Dr. W. W. Earle, ZA '19, 4055 Plankington Bldg.

Washington—Secretary, Charles R. Huff, 3800 14th St., N. W. Birmingham (Ala.)—

Vermont—Secretary, Marcell Conway, Λ '22, Barre, Vt.

UNCHARTERED CLUBS

Spokane—Secretary, Eugene Cullen, AA '26, Altadena Apts. Luncheon every Wednesday noon, Dessert Hotel.

Eta Club of Washington—Secretary, G. Allen Wick, H '23, Rosslyn Steel & Cement Co. Luncheon first Tuesday of month, 6:30 P. M., Southern Club, Mass. Ave.

Harrisburg—Secretary R. R. Burtner, K '22, Agricultural Extension Association.

Dallas—Luncheon every Thursday, 1 P. M., Baker Hotel.

Georgia—Secretary, R. G. Geitzen, KA '26, 263 Tenth St., N. E., Atlanta. Meeting last Friday of month, 6:30, Athletic Club.

The Chicago Club gave a dinner dance at the LaSalle Hotel on February 5. Thirty couples attended.

The Baltimore Club reports three dances, a banquet, a house party, and the weekly luncheons.

The new president of the New York Club, elected February 23, is Harold C. Rockett, Pennsylvania. On that same date the club sat in on an exemplification of ritual by a team from Stevens. The Founders' Day banquet is dated for March 12. The club is sharing the social life of the Interfraternity Clubs group: bridge, boxing, house warming, dinners, April Fool parties, etc.

Charles Woehler writes as follows:

We had a most successful Founders' Day Banquet at the Minneapolis Club on the 11th, being very fortunate in having Brother Watts with us to make the principal address. I believe that this is the first time the Brothers of Beta Deuteron have ever had the history of the fraternity presented to them in such a clear, concise manner, and I know that it made a deep and lasting impression upon those present.

The Amherst alumni and their families held a Christmas party for themselves in the chapter house, and a memorial supper with the boys on March 12.

For the annual Founders' Day celebration the members of the Milwaukee Phi Sigma Kappa Club gathered at the Milwaukee Athletic Club for a dinner dance on Saturday evening, March 12. The Club also had a dinner dance at the Wisconsin Club on Saturday evening, February 5.

A NEW STEP IN FRATERNITY LIFE

THOMAS D. LUCKENBILL, Φ '26

The New York Fraternity Clubs, an organization of twenty-one leading national college and university Greek Letter societies, officially opened their new quarters on December first in the Fraternity Clubs Building at Madison Avenue and Thirty-eighth Street.

Ray Perkins, whom radio fans remember as a headliner of Station WJZ, was master of ceremonies. He sang several songs as well as he kept everybody guessing as to whether his name was Abraham S. Cohn, Carrarra V. Fedora, Thomas Jefferson Washington White, or Ray Perkins. Edward Siep led the Delta Upsilon Glee Club in various college songs; Albert A. Wiederhold, Jacques Romano and a Harlem jazz band added to the cumulative enjoyment of the evening.

More than 750 fraternity men filled the lounge room, now one of the largest and most luxurious in New York, to capacity. The interior decorations are in the Spanish style and in harmony with the rest of the building. The general meeting room, occupying almost 3,000 square feet, is amply furnished with comfortable divans and deep chairs. Lamps, paintings and tapestries together with copies of the current popular periodicals on the racks, add life and color. Great French windows looking out upon 38th Street and Madison Avenue, since they are about ten feet above the sidewalk, give a view almost to Mr. J. P. Morgan's home one block south, and an unrestricted north, east and west view.

The dining room carries a real club atmosphere. Here also are the clubs under their own autonomy—and the excellent food is due to the selection and management of some of their able gourmets. Numbers of Club luncheons and dinners are held here daily.

There are also rooms for the private use of the several clubs, and a gymnasium, squash courts and other facilities add the final touch for complete club equipment.

Edward T. T. Williams, President of the Board of Governors, expressed the aim of the Club: to foster fraternal fellowship and to afford a University Club of selected college men. This has been the goal of the New York Fraternity Clubs Merger since its inception three years ago, which has not been attained to its full extent until now. It is "a new step in fraternity life, and the first of its form in this country, for cementing general activities, social and athletic, of twenty-one leading fraternities in New York." Under the new plan the partitions that had heretofore divided the separate clubs have been taken away, and lounge rooms, card rooms, billiard rooms, dining rooms and assembly hall thrown together. The entire second floor, including the new private dining room, are under the exclusive control of the New York Fraternity Clubs.

THE CHAPTER INVISIBLE

RALPH MONZELL SIPES, H '24

Brother Sipes died January 19. His friends are greatly shocked because of his youth and the suddenness of his passing. He was enrolled in the Engineering College at Maryland and was very active in student and fraternity affairs. His lovable personality and boyish enthusiasm will be hard to lose. We are reminded in his death of one of our Founders, Jabez William Clay, as the Phi Sigma Kappa History states: "An added element of pathos lay in the fact that the young man was about to be married, was finally married, in fact, from his death bed." Ralph was married Christmas eve and after his young wife was aware that his chances for recovery were in the balance.

E. F. R.

PROF. HOWARD B. MERRICK, ΔΔ '98

In the early hours of December 14, Brother H. B. Merrick passed away in St. Joseph's Hospital after an illness of eighteen days duration. Born in Newtown, Pennsylvania, he graduated in engineering from Michigan in 1898, and received the degree of Civil Engineer in 1913. In 1903, following a brief connection with the Great Northern Railway, he became a member of the instructional staff of the University, serving successively as Instructor, Assistant Professor, and Associate Professor, of Geodesy and Surveying. From 1918 to 1922, Brother Merrick was absent on leave in China, where he served first as a member of the board of engineers entrusted with the work of surveying and estimating the cost of reconstruction of the old Grand Canal. Upon the completion of this work, he became head of the surveying section of the Chihili River commission, which was attempting to improve the river systems in the province of Chihili and to map the river beds for the prevention of floods. After the successful culmination of this project he was decorated by the Chinese government for distinguished service. In 1922 he returned to Ann Arbor and again took up the duties of teaching.

Brother Merrick has been very active in the affairs of Delta Deuteron since the installation of the chapter. During the last four years he has served as faculty adviser. Always ready to spend his valuable time in the solution of the chapter's problems, his advice was sought for and appreciated. His deep interest and friendly guidance was of inestimable value to Delta Deuteron and his intimate personal contact was a source of great pleasure.

Dean M. E. Cooley of the College of Engineering said of Brother Merrick: "Since the very beginning he was in close touch

with our students and enjoyed their confidence. His equable temperament, his kindly heart, and his charming manner will long be remembered. He will be a great loss to the University and his place will be hard to fill."

FLEMING E. JAMIESON, JR., Γ '23

Brother Jamieson, assistant superintendent in the Aliquippa works of the Jones and Laughlin Steel Company, died in Pittsburgh on February 23.

THE CHAPTER AUTHORIAL

- by William C. Baxter, Σ '23,—a *Catalogue of Manuscripts and Printed Matter in the Possession of the Court of Appeals of Maryland*, printed by the Daily Record Company, Baltimore. Edgar Fell writes, "It has received the highest commendation and is proving of much interest and value to the legal profession as well as to historians and public officials in Maryland."
- by Rev. E. Felix Kloman, Ψ '22,—the editing of *The Liberian Churchman*, the official paper of the Episcopal Church in Liberia, published monthly at Cape Mount.
- by Lieut-Col. W. Jefferson Davis, Ψ '07,—a book, *The World's Wings*, "an authoritative survey, based on first-hand knowledge, of existing aeronautical conditions in Europe, the Far East, and the United States, which makes a comparison in which our own country is far from taking first place." Publishers: Simmons Boardman, New York.
- by Dr. Ralph P. Truitt, an article *Community Aspects of Child Guidance in Mental Hygiene* for April; addresses, *Coöperation in Preventing Delinquency*, and *Methods of Preventing Delinquency*, both published by the New York Commonwealth Fund Program for the Prevention of Delinquency.
- by Frederic J. Siebert, ΗΔ '27, an article *The Foolishness of Fraternities in The Desert Wolf*. We had intended to reprint this interesting essay in the SIGNET, but find we cannot do so.
- by Daniel H. Hughes, ΗΔ '24, an article *Reno and Its Highway Exposition* in *National Motorist* for March.

THE CHAPTER HYMENEAL

PLEDGES

L. James Falck, A '28, and Florence E. Kaneipp of Washington.
Vernon D. Northrop, A '28, and Mildred M. Durand of Washington.

Don Robb, ΣΔ, and Claire Ann Mitchell of Lincoln, Neb.

Gerald Griffin, ΣΔ, and Amy Olsen of Greenwood, Neb.

George Belsterling, M '26, and Mary Innis.

Sam Post, ΔΔ, and Elizabeth Lauver of Detroit.

Clifton Stowers, X '23, and Vivian Holmes of Chicago.

Joseph A. Schaeffler, Γ '26, and Marjorie L. Stallman of East Orange, N. J.

Lieut. K. B. Chappell, H '23, and Irene H. Russell of Kensington, Md.

Vernon Warney, ΔΔ, and Frances Light of Rochester.

INITIATES

Francis Eugene Houghton, A '27, and Elizabeth Jaquette, October 6, Washington.

Lawrence Johnson, ΣΔ, and Phyllis Keck, December 11.

Charles Phillips, ΣΔ, and Marie Comer, December 27.

Claire Swanson, ΣΔ, and Anne Clarkson, December.

Clarence L. MacNeill, B '20, and Ada Ruth Gilmore, May 30, Fort Ann, N. Y.

Guy M. Masten, H '19, December.

Adelberto Smithers, Θ '15, and Concepcion Weatherston, October 1, Mexico City.

Albert Leslie Jackson, A '24, and Marie Louise Dowell, January 15, Washington.

Dr. William Penn Brooks, Founder, and Mrs. Grace Lucas Holden, January 1, Amherst, Mass.

Thomas Strong, H '28, and Jean Beall, Frederick, Md.

BLESSED IN THE BOND

B. F. Slye, Ξ '22, August 31—Gordon Gault.

Jasper H. Armstrong, A '22, February 9—Jasmine.

Thomas William Sweeney, M, December 24—T. W., Jr.

Philip H. Cox, U '24, January 10—Carol Eaton.

Mortimer B. Morehouse, A '24, February 18—M. B., Jr.

Deane Griswold, O '21, January 8—Robert Deane.

Frederick Griswold, Z '23, January 23—Robert Matthew.

Lisle Walsh, ΔΔ,—Dwight Rolfe.

PHI SIGS AFIELD

The Pennsylvania Gazette of February 4 contains the picture of Walter Cariss, M '05, coach of the Pennsylvania baseball team, and tells something of his plans for the coming season.

Marcell Conway, secretary of the Vermont Club, is also vice-president of the Barre Exchange Club and Department Chairman of the Child Welfare Committee of the American Legion of Vermont.

PENN STATE'S GREATEST FULLBACK

The New York Sun of February 15, in picking the All-time Penn State elevens, placed Mauthe, K '12, upon the first team and made the following comment:

Pete Mauthe, captain of the 1912 invincibles, was the greatest fullback ever to represent Penn State. This burly, stocky plunger could rip a line to shreds. He always got his distance under pressure. A faultless interferer, as well as the greatest backerup of a line in State's history, Mauthe never received the recognition he deserved. Pete worked unobtrusively, thinking first of his team. As an inspirational leader of men, Mauthe never has been surpassed. He was always out front, setting the pace. Pete was a splendid punter and a place kicker of purest ray serene. His fifty-two yard placement goal against Pitt in 1912 stands out as his classic achievement. Mauthe could pass fifty yards and hit a moving target. Here was a football player!

Prof. Robert C. Whitford of Knox College, whose article in the January *SIGNET* has received such favorable comment, is taking a sabbatical semester in New York, continuing his scholastic search for the original satire.

Many St. Lawrence alumni returned to Canton on February 26 to celebrate the twenty-fifth anniversary of the founding of the chapter.

DARTMOUTH'S GREAT GUARD

On George Trevor's all-Dartmouth eleven we find Adolf F. Youngstrom, T '18, and this is the critic's comment upon his placement:

"Swede" Youngstrom, a most spectacular, showy guard, had a single-track mind. "Swede" made a fetish of blocking kicks. This thrilling specialty became such an obsession that Youngstrom was prone to neglect some of the fundamentals of his position. However, results count, and nobody can deny that Youngstrom's "rush-the-kicker" policy paid rich dividends in the shape of blocked kicks which decided games. In that Homeric 7-7 tie with Colgate in 1919, Youngstrom blocked four Colgate punts, the final effort culminating in the tying touchdown. Exacting critics of line play called Youngstrom an in-and-outer. His lapses on defense were due to his fanatical zeal for blocking kicks. At any rate, "Swede's" prowess as a blocker attests his effectiveness at getting into the rival backfield, which is the prerequisite of a great lineman. Youngstrom played as though he loved the game, his spirit flaming brightly even when waging a losing battle.

GETS HONORARY DEGREE

The following is from *The New York Times* for January 12:

GALESBURG, Ill., Jan. 11.—The honorary degree of Doctor of Literature was conferred on Dr. Henry Seidel Canby of New York City at a special convocation at Knox College to-day.

In presenting him for the degree, Acting Dean R. E. Curtis reviewed his "distinguished service in the field of letters."

Dr. Canby is editor of *The Saturday Review of Literature* and a former professor at Yale.

In an address following the conferring of the degree, Dr. Canby scored yellow journalism, saying that newspapers could be interesting and good as well as interesting and bad. He attacked tabloids for their "sewage" and deplored the effect of this type of newspaper.

Carlos A. Martinez, F '05, of Mexico City is spending a year in Ithaca, where his son is a sophomore in Cornell.

MAKES GOOD WITH MOVIE LIBRARY

The following story, taken from the chapter publication of *Sigma Deuteron* at Nebraska, will interest our alumni generally:

"Success is attending Brooks B. Harding, and his plan, which is revolutionizing casting in Hollywood. He is President and General Manager of Screen Library Service, Inc., whose beautiful new building on Hollywood Boulevard and Taft Avenue is to be the industry's new film home," blazons a caption paragraph under a four inch by eight inch photograph on the front page of the *Hollywood Filmograph*, the world's only real motion picture newspaper, for Saturday, May 22, 1926.

On August 13, 1925, Brother Harding established the Screen Library Service, which, according to the newspaper account, "at the time was looked upon with scorn by almost everyone. It seemed to be another wild idea, whereby the poor actor would be fleeced once more out of his hard earned wages in a way which seemed legitimate enough, as far as the desire of this organization went to render a service.

"To make the producers, studios, directors, assistant directors, and actors of the various organizations see the light of what was to be placed at their command was another matter for Mr. Harding to work out. And he has

to offer to-day the only complete service of this nature that filmland harbors in our midst.

"Having faith in his own conviction, this youth, as he might be termed in both business and experience with picture people and what he was trying to sell, stuck to his 'knitting,' working and struggling with his idea, until he has developed it to one of the most recognized institutions of its kind and is rendering a casting service far above all expectations, advantageous to both the artist and studios.

"The Screen Library Service developed its business to such a point, it finds itself in a predicament for its present quarters which are entirely too inadequate to meet the needs of rendering this service that it has established. Hence, the organization has taken a lease for a long term on the former offices of the Taft Realty Company, located at Hollywood Blvd. and Taft Avenue, which will give them the most beautiful location in the heart of Hollywood. The place was remodelled, so that it will meet with all the requirements of its business, which includes larger vaults, a beautiful miniature theater open to the industry gratis; lounging and reading rooms open to the artist, manager, director and producer; 1000 feet of film, which will reveal the acting abilities of the 800 or more artists which they catalogued on their lists. This film is so packed in orange film containers and placed in a fireproof storage vault, that there is no possibility of any of it being destroyed or marred in the least.

"With all this service Brooks B. Harding has the fastest delivery and contact between his offices and the studios.

"In order to give the artist a proper showing of all the film placed in their charge, an editorial staff is even editing the film, so that it is presentable and will not give the Screen Library Service, Inc., clientele a wrong impression of their screen abilities.

"It is, indeed, an innovation in the form of screen tests and library, commendable in every respect to the extent that it is receiving the greatest coöperation and attention of the motion picture industry."

Marcus L. Poteet, $\Sigma\Delta$ '22, was campaign manager for Governor McMullen of Nebraska in his recent run for that office.

Kenneth Cornish, $\Sigma\Delta$ '17, was recently elected treasurer of Polk County, Nebraska, receiving the largest majority of any elected candidate in the current contests.

Leighton Stradley, M '05, has recently organized a new law firm with offices in the Packard Building, Philadelphia. Brother Stradley has been secretary of the Philadelphia Club.

ON SECOND ALL-TIME PENNSYLVANIA ELEVEN

George Trevor failed to find a Phi Sig for his first all-time University of Pennsylvania eleven, but he gave us Wallace, M '01, for a second team tackle, and Ziegler, M '08, for a third team guard. Of the former he said:

Wallace and Wagonhurst are alliterative names enshrined in the hearts of old timers. They played during the nineties and helped raise Pennsylvania to a position of gridiron prestige commensurate with its size. They were born fighters, men of rugged fiber.

WILD BILL KELLY STILL STARRING

The following from the *Oakland Tribune* of January 2 tells how two Phi Sigma Kappa, Kelly and Sweet of Montana, snatched victory from the East in an intersectional all-star post-season football game at San Francisco:

A dazzling pass from the arm of "Wild Bill" Kelly to the outstretched finger tips of Russell Sweet, gave the Western all-star football team a well-earned victory over "Navy Bill" Ingram's Eastern stars here this afternoon in the Shriners' benefit game for the Crippled Children's Hospital. Kelly, a star among stars, tossed a perfect thirty-yard pass to Sweet, his former team-mate at Montana, and the latter, taking the fall at full speed, sprinted the remaining 50 yards for the only touchdown of the day.

The sensational pass, coming in the second quarter after the East had taken the lead with a field goal early in the same period, was one of the most perfectly timed and best executed throws the Coast has seen this season.

The game was replete with thrills from the starting gun. Both teams failed to gain on line plays and opened up their attack from the start. Intercepted passes, criss-crosses and reverses kept 18,000 spectators on their toes during the greater part of the classic.

Bill Kelly, easily the outstanding star of the day, owes much of his success to the stellar work of the Western line.

FREAK BASKETBALL

In the *New York Sun* of January 7, under the caption which appears above, there is a cartoon by Feg Murray showing George Flint, M '09, beating Columbia one year by virtue of a perfect field goal thrown while the player was lying flat upon his back. The Editor is under the impression that this stunt was once duplicated by Larry Jones, A '26, although perhaps under circumstances less crucial.

The Billboard of January 15 carried a picture of Col. William F. Thorpe, AΔ '15, as head of the Thorpe Academy for boys, at Lake Forest, Ill.

REVISITS THE WHITE HOUSE

The following item from the *New York Times* is of interest:

WASHINGTON, Dec. 3.—George B. Cortelyou of New York, President of the Consolidated Gas Company, who held three Cabinet offices under President Roosevelt, called at the White House to-day and made an appointment to see President Coolidge to-morrow. Mr. Cortelyou was warmly greeted by old employees of the White House, where he served during the administrations of Presidents Cleveland, McKinley and Roosevelt.

BUY TWO NEW YORK PAPERS

All three of the Ridder brothers were members of our chapter at Columbia.

NEW YORK, January 1.—The New York Commercial and the New York Journal of Commerce, both established in New York City for a century, yesterday passed into the hands of the Ridder brothers, Bernard, Joseph and Victor, publishers of the New York Staats Zeitung, the New York Herald, and the Long Island Daily Press. The amount involved in the transaction was said to be \$2,850,000.

The newspapers will be combined under the name of the Journal of Commerce and Commercial. H. Parker Willis, editor of the Journal of Commerce, will continue as editor of the combined publication.

The New York Commercial was established in 1795 and is one of the oldest papers in the United States.

The transaction yesterday marks another step in the publishing life of the Ridder family. Herman Ridder, who came to America in 1826, was publisher of a Catholic paper before he bought the New York Staats Zeitung in 1876.

The *New York Times* rotogravure section for December 26 carried a picture of "Bucky" MacGurrin and his painting *En Japonaise* which was exhibited in the Salon du Franc and purchased by the French Government, the proceeds going into the Joffre Sinking Fund.

LIKES ARCH PRESERVER SHOES

Friends of George Carrington, X '10, pounced upon his picture in the *New York Herald-Tribune* for February 23, gracing a quarter page shoe advertisement. "Carry" once wrote an article for the SIGNET which afterwards made its appearance in the *Outlook* as well.

TAKES HIS RADIO TO THE HOSPITAL

This excerpt comes from the *Milwaukee Journal* of December 24:

A radio as an aid to recovery from an operation is recommended by Attorney Arnold Otto, now in the Milwaukee hospital, who has tried it in his own case and guarantees that the time required for wounds to heal passes quickly and pleasantly if one can get at the radio dials.

Mr. Otto was required to go to the hospital last week and was told that he would have to remain for about three weeks. He obtained permission to install his radio and an aerial was placed outside of his room. When the attorney came out of the ether he was able to tune in for amusement or for news and reports that keep him abreast of events.

An operation is also a great aid in getting distance. Mr. Otto finds that he can remain awake until after midnight trying to get Los Angeles and can do his sleeping in the daytime. There are some fans who would rush to have an operation if they thought they could get Los Angeles, but Mr. Otto does not recommend this.

BRINGS BACK A BOATFUL OF FLU

San Francisco, March 22—(AP)—With its boilers fired to capacity the army transport Chateau Thierry was rushing northward along the Pacific seaboard tonight to land at the earliest moment the four dead and 69 persons suffering from the epidemic of influenza and mumps aboard the vessel.

Congressman C. F. Curry of Sacramento, senior member of the Congressional delegation aboard the transport, today radioed Col. Louis Bash, head of the army transport service at San Francisco, advising him of conditions aboard. Further word from the transport was to the effect that the ship might be expected to dock early Thursday.

FOR EVERY SCHOOL IN THE UNITED STATES

Taken from *The Spokane Daily Chronicle* of December 7:

An address delivered by Attorney Samuel P. Weaver of Spokane is to be published in pamphlet form by the American Bar association and distributed in every school in the United States as a part of a nationwide campaign to procure the teaching of the Constitution in the schools.

The address was presented before the annual meeting of the Washington State Bar association on the Coast last July.

The address, entitled "The Constitution in Our Schools," attracted so much attention at the time that Mr. Weaver was asked to submit a copy of it to the American Bar association.

The result of this was that Mr. Weaver was then asked to condense it to proper length for a pamphlet which might be issued by the association for distribution to all schools. In addition a summary of the laws of the various states which now require the teaching of the Constitution in the schools, prepared by Mr. Weaver, is to be printed with the pamphlet.

In communications with Mr. Weaver the constitution committee of the American Bar association writes that the plan will be to print 50,000 copies of the pamphlet to start with.

Copies will first be placed in the hands of each state legislator in each state. The presidents of each of the state bar associations will then be asked to appoint legislative committees within each state legislature to push the enactment of laws requiring the teaching of the Constitution in the schools.

The work then will be pushed into the schools, and the pamphlets supplied to each school.

Mr. Weaver is the author of several works on the Constitution. He is president of the Spokane Central Lions Club, active in the state bar association and the Spokane County Bar association.

An address on "The Newspaper and the Crowd," by Nelson Antrim Crawford, director of information for the United States Department of Agriculture, featured the program of the seventh annual convention of the Iowa High School Press Association, held at Grinnell, December 3 and 4.

JOE CORMIER SCORES

The following is taken from the Landscape Gardening News Letter of the Massachusetts Agricultural College:

Joe Cormier is a representative of the baby class, 1926, and is now studying landscape architecture at our Harvard Branch. It seems that one of the big annual events at Harvard is the Toparian Club competition for a prize. This competition is stiff going, insomuch that first year men, they say, seldom try. But Joe tried—"the old Aggie spirit"—and in a field of 31 competitors, mainly second and third year men, he tied for second place. The program called for the design of a municipal amusement park, 12 acres in extent, located on Cape Cod, topo given. M. A. C. feels proud all over at the result.

RUEDI AND METZLER

The Character Loan Company is a new financing corporation, established in Decatur, Ill. Its manager is Charles H. Ruedi, Council, and its second vice president is A. M. Metzler, AΔ '16. In commenting upon the former appointment the *Decatur Review*, February 4, writes as follows:

Charles H. Ruedi, who has been named manager of the new company, was selected after a thorough investigation by the officers of the company. In his position of state bank examiner he has handled the books of some of the largest concerns in Chicago, and has been highly recommended for his ability and personality.

Mr. Ruedi is a graduate of the University of Illinois, class of 1917. He served with the infantry during the World war and holds a commission as captain in the Reserve Corps. He has a number of friends in Decatur, associates of his school-days at the University of Illinois, and he said Thursday that he had long looked for an opportunity to settle here.

Prof. Fred S. Cooley, A '88, gave the annual Phi Kappa Phi address at Massachusetts Aggie a few weeks ago on the subject: *Great Teachers of the Past*.

Brothers Watts and Ruedi of the Council, together with thirteen other Phi Sigma Kappa, attended the Interfraternity dinner at Chicago. Twelve hundred people were there, and the principal address of the evening was given by President Mason of the University of Chicago.

THE B & O'S CENTENARY

Daniel Willard was a conspicuous figure at the centennial celebration of the founding of the Baltimore & Ohio Railroad, of which he is president. The following excerpt from his address of welcome is taken from the *Baltimore American* of March 1:

"The twenty-eighth of February is significant in the history of the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad. It was just one hundred years ago to-day that the Legislature of Maryland passed the act which was in effect the charter under which the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad Company was incorporated, and by virtue of which it has been operating continuously for nearly one hundred years.

"The Baltimore and Ohio Company some months ago appointed a cenary director, selecting for that position Edward Hungerford, a man of broad experience in such matters. Mr. Hungerford is also engaged in the preparation of a very complete history of the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad from its inception up to the present day. It is our present purpose to send a complimentary copy of that history, when printed, to each of our dinner guests this evening.

"Mr. Hungerford has been generally in charge of the plans and details in connection with this banquet, and is also directly in charge of the plans which have been tentatively developed for the pageant and transportation exhibit to be held on Baltimore and Ohio grounds near Halethorpe, beginning on or about September 17. We hope that the President of the United States will be present at the opening ceremonies.

"It is our intention to provide at Halethorpe a suitable track, probably circular in arrangement, around which the historic pageant may be moved. It may interest you to know that in addition to some twenty-five or thirty floats, some of which will be reproductions of those which were moved through the city of Baltimore on July 4, 1928, there will be reproductions of early types of engines and other transportation agencies developed in this and other countries.

"There will also be twenty or thirty locomotives moving under their own steam, beginning with the little engines invented by Peter Cooper and which took part in the famous race with the gray horse between Baltimore and Relay on August 28, 1830. Cooper's original engine was lost or disappeared years ago; nobody knows when and where.

"It has frequently been said that the story of the growth and development of the American railroad is to be found in the long series of annual reports of the Baltimore and Ohio Company. I may be permitted to say that the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad at the beginning of its second century is stronger, both physically and financially, than ever before."

It's not often that a capitalist gets a bouquet from that unfailing labor organ *The Nation*. Of peculiar interest, then, is the following taken from a *Nation* editorial under date of March 9:

If it was the first and almost the only railroad to build and own a steam ship line across the Atlantic; if it was along its line that the first telegraphic message "What hath God wrought" was sent; if it first employed electricity on a standard railroad, these and other facts pale into insignificance compared to its admirable labor standards. Its relations with its employees are of the best; the railroad has a real pride in its democracy, a real respect for its workers, and a long-proved readiness to work with them through their unions. For this much credit must be given to the president, Daniel Willard. No railroad has at its head a wiser or more far-sighted executive or one who enjoys a more universal respect. No aroma of stock-jobbing, no public-be-damned policy about him. Instead one meets a steady recognition of the rights of the workers and the public, with the stockholders placed third.

HONORS "TOMMY" CLARK

At a banquet given in the honor of Dean Clark of Illinois, one of the most distinguished of fraternity leaders, upon the twenty-fifth anniversary of his coming to that institution, Brother Burrows, Council, responded for the community. The following is taken from the *Illinois Alumni News*:

The home town salute.—The dean's neighbors, his home city of Urbana, were represented by A. T. Burrows, editor of the *Urbana Courier*, who prints daily on his editorial page the dean's syndicated sermonettes. Col. Burrows got off several good jokes at T. A.'s expense (though overlooking the fact that both have the same initials) and claimed to be the only man in the room who could fire him. He ended up by contending that "the Lord spoiled the finest police reporter in the world when he made T. A. dean of men."

 LOWE MAKES GOOD

The following is taken from a résumé in *Williams Alumni Review* for March, which story was accompanied by a picture of Brother Lowe:

John Adams Lowe is now assistant librarian of the Brooklyn Public Library. He was born August 27, 1881, was graduated from Williams in 1906, receiving the M.A. degree in 1907. He was assistant librarian in the Fitchburg Public Library for two years before entering Williams. He became assistant librarian in 1910 and librarian from 1911-15 at Williams College. For four years he served as agent for the Massachusetts Free Public Library Commission. In 1919 he was selected for the position which he now holds.

Mr. Lowe has held numerous offices in connection with the American Library Association. He has been editor of the Phi Sigma Kappa SIGNET, compiler of the general catalogue of Williams College 1910-1920, of the non-graduate catalogue 1910, of a bibliography of the history of Williams College. He is vice president of the American Library Association and author of *Some Aspects of Public Library Management*.

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B—Feb. 2, 1888. Union. Chapter Houses, Albany, and 201 Seward Place, Schenectady, N. Y.

Γ—Feb. 26, 1889. Cornell. 702 University Ave., Ithaca, N. Y.

Δ—Feb. 24, 1891. West Virginia. 672 North High St., Morgantown, W. Va.

E—June 3, 1893. Yale. 124 Prospect St., New Haven, Conn.

Z—Dec. 19, 1896. C. C. N. Y. 473 West 140th St., New York City.

H—Jan. 8, 1897. Maryland. Princeton and Dartmouth Sts., College Park, Md.

Θ—Dec. 16, 1897. Columbia. 550 W. 114th St., New York City.

I—March 15, 1899. Stevens. 810 Hudson St., Hoboken, N. J.

K—June 7, 1899. Penn State. State College, Pa.

Λ—Oct. 7, 1899. George Washington. 1822 Eye St., N. W., Washington, D. C.

M—March 10, 1900. Pennsylvania. 3618 Locust St., Philadelphia.

N—March 9, 1901. Lehigh. 3d and Cherokee Sts., South Bethlehem, Pa.

Ξ—April 12, 1902. St. Lawrence. 78 Park St., Canton, N. Y.

O—May 24, 1902. M. I. T. 487 Commonwealth Ave., Boston, Mass.

Π—April 18, 1903. Franklin & Marshall. 437 W. James St., Lancaster, Pa.

Σ—May 16, 1903. St. John's. Campus, Annapolis, Md.

T—March 25, 1905. Dartmouth. Hanover, N. H.

Υ—Feb. 10, 1906. Brown. 406 Brook St., Providence, R. I.

Φ—March 24, 1906. Swarthmore. Swarthmore, Pa.

X—June 16, 1906. Williams. Williamstown, Mass.

Ψ—Jan. 19, 1907. Virginia. Virginia Ave., Charlottesville, Va.

Ω—Feb. 12, 1909. California. 2412 Piedmont Ave., Berkeley, Calif.

A Δ —May 9, 1910. Illinois. 1004 South Second St., Champaign, Ill.

B Δ —May 12, 1910. Minnesota. 1018 University Ave., S. E., Minneapolis.

G Δ —April 13, 1911. Iowa State. 142 Gray St., Ames, Iowa.

$\Delta\Delta$ —Feb. 27, 1915. Michigan. 1043 Baldwin Ave., Ann Arbor, Mich.

E Δ —June 8, 1915. W. P. I. 11 Dean St., Worcester, Mass.

Z Δ —Jan. 13, 1917. Wisconsin. 260 Langdon St., Madison, Wisc.

H Δ —March 4, 1917. Nevada. 737 Lake St., Reno, Nev.

$\Theta\Delta$ —Feb. 19, 1921. Oregon Agricultural College. 27 Park Terrace, Corvallis, Ore.

I Δ —March 24, 1923. Kansas State. 1630 Humboldt, Manhattan, Kansas.

K Δ —April 7, 1923. Georgia Tech. 90 W. North Ave., Atlanta, Ga.

$\Lambda\Delta$ —April 25, 1923. University of Washington. 4554 16th Ave., N. E. Seattle, Wash.

M Δ —April 26, 1923. Montana. 1011 Gerald Ave., Missoula, Mont.

N Δ —May 2, 1923. Stanford University. Lomita Drive and Mayfield Ave., Stanford, Calif.

$\Xi\Delta$ —Feb. 3, 1925. Tennessee. 1202 West Clinch Ave., Knoxville, Tenn.

O Δ —Feb. 7, 1925. Alabama. 1705 University Ave., Tuscaloosa, Ala.

$\Pi\Delta$ —Feb. 21, 1925. Ohio State. 325 15th Ave., Columbus, Ohio.

P Δ —March 13, 1925. Gettysburg. Gettysburg, Pa.

$\Sigma\Delta$ —April 11, 1925. Nebraska. 348 N. 14th St., Lincoln, Neb.

T Δ —Nov. 13, 1926. Carnegie. 1408 Wightman St., Pittsburgh, Pa.

Y Δ —Nov. 20, 1926. North Carolina. Chapel Hill, N. C.

$\Phi\Delta$ —Nov. 27, 1926. Kentucky. 211 East Maxwell St., Lexington, Ky.

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ASK ME ANOTHER

We try to keep up-to-date, and we assume that the question fad has stirred your intellectual depths. Try the following. The answers are on page 51. If you average above seventy per cent drop us a postal card. The questions have been answered by two or three of the "war horse" group with the following results:

President Burrows	88
George J. Vogel, Court	74
William A. McIntyre, Court	88

1. Who is Chancellor of the Supreme Court?
2. What induction fee is paid by new chapters?
3. What was the early name of Beta chapter?
4. What chapter was the first to build a house?
5. What distinguished Frenchman is a Phi Sigma Kappa?
6. Within five how many Phi Sigma Kappa lost their lives in the World War?
7. Which alumni club first contributed money to the Endowment Fund?
8. Name the Founders?
9. What was the date of foundation?
10. What chapter has been revived since the war?
11. How many members of the Council are elected by the Convention?
12. Who was "The Big Chief?"
13. Who edits the Directory?

14. What have the following in common: Chi Deuteron, Nu Deuteron, Omega?
15. What chapter has as its slogan "The Chapter on the Hill"?
16. What Phi Sigma Kappa has been chairman of the Interfraternity Conference?
17. Who votes on petitions for charter?
18. What is Sachem Hall?
19. What is the Greek name for our one inactive chapter?
20. Who wrote the song *Phi Sigma Kappa Fair*?
21. Whom did Brother Watts replace on the Council?
22. How much is the Grand Chapter Tax?
23. What Phi Sigma Kappa was in Roosevelt's cabinet?
24. Which chapter has already built two houses?
25. What distinguished Phi Sigma Kappa likes to be called "Past-chancellor"?

THE CLASS PRESIDENTS

Theodore Siekman	St. Lawrence	1927
Frank D. Gardner	Franklin and Marshall	1930
William B. Robertson	Mass. Agri. Col.	1929
Malcolm Morrow	Montana	1927
Theodore Smithers	Swarthmore	1928
John E. Savage	Maryland	College

OUR RETIRING PRESIDENTS

(No pun intended)

ROBINSON OF MASSACHUSETTS AGGIE

In Neil Cooley Robinson, '27, retiring president of Alpha Chapter, we have true versatility. Student, actor, athlete, musician, and artist, his popularity has been shown by the number of times he has held office in his class, and by his election to the Senate, the student governing body, and Adelpia, the senior honorary society.

Besides being before the college student body in the above activities, he is also before them at all athletic contests, when he ably leads them in his position as college cheer leader.

In his senior year elected to the presidency of the Roister Doisters, the college dramatic society, he has recently climaxed his collegiate stage career by winning the leading rôle in the Commencement show.

Whether starting a rally for the chapter baseball team, or leading the house to a victory in the Interfraternity Singing Cup Contest, Robinson has always shown the true Phi Sigma Kappa spirit.

Such is our retiring chapter president.

PRESS OF MARYLAND

Brother W. H. Press has been one of the most active Phi Sig's I have ever known. He has served very capably as president of Eta Chapter for the last two terms. "Bill" has been instrumental in bringing the charter of Eta Chapter to College Park, and it was mainly through his efforts that the preparations for a new house have progressed so rapidly. Press is a junior and treasurer of his class. He was chosen for the debating team of the New Mercer Literary Society in the debate for the Dr. J. H. Patterson cup. He is also editor of the Sports Programs at Maryland. "Bill" is well liked and respected on the campus and in the house.

J. E. S.

REED OF PENN STATE

Our retiring chapter president, who has proved his ability as a leader, has led us through a very successful year.

"Bill" has been very successful in his many activities at Penn State, being editor of the *Penn State Collegian*, in which capacity he has served very capably, creating several new features during his régime.

Besides this important office "Bill" finds time to serve on numerous committees: Student Board; Student Council; Editor of Athletics; *Penn State Alumni News* and the Inter-Fraternity

Council. He is also a member of several honorary journalistic fraternities and the Lion's Paw, honorary senior society; *Parmi Nous*, upper-class honorary society; *Sphinx*; and *Blue Key*.

MAXWELL OF PENNSYLVANIA

Our retiring chapter president is Charles T. Maxwell. Charlie is a very busy man. He is a senior adviser in the freshman dormitories. He is also a member of the Undergraduate Council, Manager of Band, and Vice-president of the Christian Association. Besides all this Charlie finds time to work on numerous other committees in the capable position of chairman. But with all this outside work he is around the house a great deal and has proved to be one of our best presidents. All of which is seen in the excellent condition of the Chapter and its standing upon the campus.

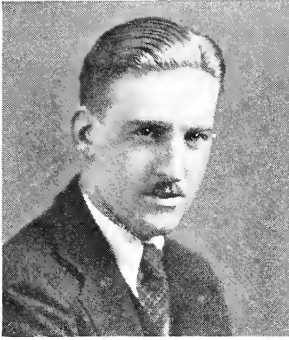
AMES OF LEHIGH

Ben Ames has never expressed his philosophy of life, but as the writer reviews his four years of college activities, it is immediately apparent that he *must* have formulated for himself a set of hard and fast rules:—Think before acting; act before the other fellow; and don't be satisfied with one success. In college affairs Ames has proven himself a master workman doing everything in his power to further the interests of the chapter, and always being careful to work just a little bit harder than anyone else in the competition of extra-curricula activities. He made himself manager of soccer, an important sport at Lehigh. He earned the position of business manager of the *Burr*, and then gained the double distinction of being elected Acting Editor-in-chief. During his reign he put that magazine of boyant wit on a firm financial basis, a job nothing less than heroic. His labors were rewarded by election to Pi Delta Epsilon, the national honorary journalistic society. He is a member of the Sophomore Cotillion Club, an honorary organization which sponsors the two main social functions of the college year. In his senior year he became a member of the Board of Control of Athletics, and finally as a result of all his other activities he was honored with membership in *Sword and Crescent*, the senior society.

It is seldom that a fraternity can boast of a president with such outstanding qualities of personality and leadership. His sane judgment and his willingness to pitch in and work for the good of the house will be missed at Nu Chapter. But we insist that leaders in college life are made, not born, and therefore we are content to hope.

STAGE OF FRANKLIN AND MARSHALL

Rarely do we happen upon a Chapter president who devotes his whole attention and all his time to the duties and the needs of the



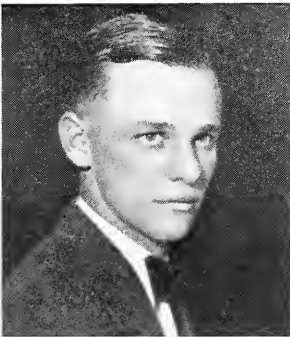
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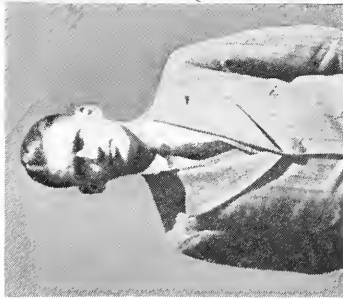
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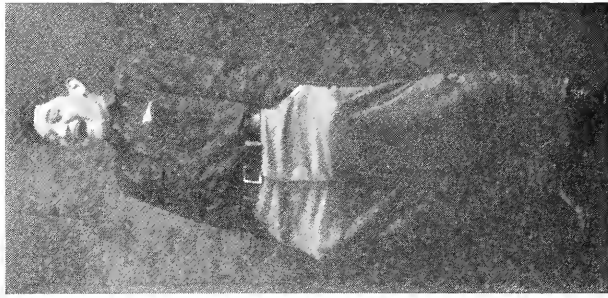
FLOYD
Montana



PRATT
Williams



STAGE
Franklin and Marshall



ROBINSON
(as Tony Lumpkin)
Mass. Agri. Col.



AMES
Lehigh

fraternity. When we do meet a president of this kind, his personal history is always the history of his chapter.

Brother Stage is the finest example of the type of president who is submerged entirely in the work of the fraternity. Campus activities do not seem to bother him, studies need little of his time, but whenever fraternity business calls, Earl is always there with plenty of energy visible and hours of untiring devotion in store.

Is there any wonder that Pi Chapter hates to say good-bye to him?

MURCHISON OF ILLINOIS

Murchison, our retiring president, has had a colorful, successful term. Due to his untiring efforts, Alpha Deuteron has made nothing less than a sensational record. Confronted with a relatively small chapter, through his continual efforts and good fortune we have now a chapter roll of forty-five men, including pledges. He has stressed activities and nearly every man in the chapter is out for an extra-curriculum of some kind. The alumni seem well pleased for we are continually receiving letters from them congratulating the chapter. This is his last year with us and the memory of his hard work and coöperation will remain a long time with the chapter. Brother Murchison came to us last year as a transfer from Mu.

FISHER OF IOWA STATE

"Bob" came to Ames with a great reputation and every one was anxious to know whether he could live up to it. It did not take us long to find out that as a man and brother he was all that one could wish for. He early established his athletic prowess when he received the recognition as best all around athlete in the Freshman Class. The *Des Moines Register* told in one of its issues about "Bob's" athletic success and it is included, in part, here:

"Bob" Fisher, Iowa State's right half, the only letter man in the Cyclone backfield, and captain of last year's baseball team, will leave Ames with eight letters, when he graduates this spring, only one less than it is possible to make at Iowa State. "Bob" is playing his third season in varsity football this fall. He won three letters in baseball, in '24, '25 and '26, and two in basketball in '24 and '25. His inability to take part in basketball last year robbed him of the chance of tying the record of "Jack" Currie, Iowa State's only nine letter man, who graduated in 1922. Fisher got his start in Kossuth County where he played basketball and baseball. He played shortstop on the Cyclone baseball team, captaining it last year. Last spring, although a member of the baseball team, he qualified for the broad jump in track tryouts but did not participate in varsity track."

Besides being an athlete Bob is a gentleman, a good scholar, a man prominent in other college activities, one who always took an active interest in his fraternity, being president the last quarter he was in school. We are mighty sorry to lose "Bob" but glad that he had the successful career that he did have at Iowa State and hope that he will be as successful in the following out of his favorite calling, Civil Engineering.

FLOYD OF MONTANA

Brother George C. Floyd, the retiring president of Mu Deuteron, will graduate from the University of Montana in June with a degree of B.A. in Chemistry. He plans to do graduate work in chemistry in an eastern university. He is president of the Montana Alchemist Club. During his three years as a member of this chapter he has been in the service of Phi Sigma Kappa continually as the secretary and now during the last quarter as president.

COWDREY OF OHIO

Chester Adams Cowdrey, President of Pi Deuteron, was born in Cleveland, Ohio, August 6, 1905. "Chet" secured his grade school education at Parkwood Grammar School and attended East Technical High School, from which he graduated in 1923. Coming to Ohio State in 1924, "Chet" enrolled in the College of Commerce, Industrial Management group. He was pledged to Phi Sigma Kappa, February 22, 1925, and after proving his worth, both as a student and a real fraternity man, was initiated into the organization November 1, 1925. "Chet" soon displayed his ability to handle men and was elected to the office of vice-president at the beginning of the fall term in 1926. In November of 1926 Brother Cochran found it necessary to drop out of school and resign the presidency of the chapter, and Brother Cowdrey was elected to take his place.

"Chet" has been a real factor in the growth and success of Pi Deuteron, contributing a great deal of his time and energy to the work. His highly respected office does not keep "Chet" from being a good mixer—he is always "one of the boys." His campus activities include membership in the University Glee Club Quartet and Treasurer of the Industrial Management Club. Incidentally, he is also very much interested in the Alpha Delta Pi sorority. Mighty fine girl, too! We are glad to say that "Chet" will be with us another year, thus giving him the opportunity to continue the good work he has been doing.

CURLEE OF NORTH CAROLINA

Brother Curlee came to the University in 1925, recommended to the fraternity as one of the best products turned out by Burling-

ton High School in several years. During his high school career he excelled both as a scholar and an athlete. He took part in all branches of athletics, made excellent grades on his school work, and in his senior year was elected editor of the school annual. Although he was an all-round athlete, tennis seemed to be his best line. He was in several hot races for the high school state championship, and upon entering the University he made the Freshman tennis team with comparative ease.

Brother Curlee has now taken an interest in music, and for the last two years has been a mainstay on the college Glee Club.

In his Sophomore year he received the very unusual honor of being elected to the office of president of the fraternity. It was very uncommon for the destiny of the fraternity to be entrusted to a Sophomore, but the members all knew his ability and recognized in him the man for the place. His term has now expired, and it can be said that he has filled the office in a very satisfactory manner, and has not fallen the least bit below the expectations of his brothers.

SHAW OF OREGON

Leland B. Shaw of Beaverton, Ore., is a graduate of Lincoln High School, Portland, Ore., entering the University of Oregon as a freshman in 1923. He was one of the charter members, being one of the fifteen who first conceived the idea of organizing the local Lambda Psi and petitioning Phi Sigma Kappa. In this he has the crowning glory of being the first president of Psi Deuteron Chapter and the last of the original members to be president of the fraternity.

Shaw has had a fair representation in campus activities but is to be commended most highly on his ability as an organizer.

His chief interest is in the Craftsmans Club, an organization of Free Masons, and he holds a prominent position on their Degree Team which is known throughout the state as one of the most proficient and perfect teams conferring the degrees of Masonry.

He is a major in Business Administration and needless to say his scholastic record is very high, leading the active members in grades during his senior year.

PRATT OF WILLIAMS

Brother Pratt, our retiring president, graduated from Newton (Mass.) High School in 1923. Since coming to Williams he has been manager of the Freshman Soccer team, a member of the Sophomore Prom committee, a member of the College Choir for four years, and also a member of the Musical Clubs, as well as serving as president of the Newton Club.

BILLY LEVERE

Few Phi Sigma Kappa knew Billy Levere. Billy was Sigma Alpha Epsilon. But every fraternity leader in the United States knew him. And his death on February 22 was a shock to the whole Greek world.

Billy was executive secretary, editor, historian, and prophet for Sigma Alpha Epsilon. He devoted his life, and the best years of his life, to his fraternity. He was a constant challenge to every fraternity. When he rose to speak at the Interfraternity Conference college deans and presidents yielded precedence and the desultory groups thronged back from the lobbies. For Billy, beaming and rotund, was a picturesque personality. And Billy had the liveliest wit in the assembly. And Billy had convictions which simply had to be reckoned with.

Billy represented the heart of fraternalism. It was he who first ventured to refer to his associates in other fraternities as "Cousin." The writer, whom he knew only officially and casually, recently received a letter from him with the salutation "Dear Brother Rand." He stood for human love, great-hearted and expansive, and even those of us who little knew him honor him for it. Phi Sigma Kappa owes him something because he so greatly incarnated that supreme virtue of brotherhood.

The May number of *The Record of Sigma Alpha Epsilon* contains the editorials which he had written for it before his death. His posthumous message to his brothers is also one for us.

You say you belong to Sigma Alpha Epsilon. Are you sure of it? You belong! All of you, your heart, your sympathies, a reasonable amount of your time, your purse, at least some part of it. If you do belong, then it means all of you belongs. Or when you say you belong do you merely mean that you enjoy the prestige which comes from wearing the badge, the companionship that comes from mixing with fellow S. A. E.'s, the help that some of you have had to get jobs, the assistance in the early days of your profession, the opportunity to enter substantial and refined homes, that it has been the getting of these things you have appreciated? Every bit of this has been good. I am glad Sigma Alpha Epsilon has brought you these honors, these helps, these good things, but I want you to bring something to Sigma Alpha Epsilon, for it is

bad for a man to receive everything and bring nothing. You have your chapter, your province, your national fraternity, for which to do something. All the strength the fraternity has comes because others have done something to build the fraternity. Are you going to be a builder? When you point out the points of your fraternity edifice in which you take pride, will you be able to discern some part of the structure you have builded? If so, I felicitate you, for service brings reward, unselfishness finds joy in work for a beloved object, the satisfaction of doing something for a cause is beyond words. I challenge every S. A. E. who says he wants to do something for the fraternity to act and not wish, to do and not hope.

It is well for the fraternity to have shrines to which its members may journey for inspiration and enthusiasm for its ideals. Our country has the home of Washington, Bunker Hill and Yorktown to fire its people with the spirit of America. Sigma Alpha Epsilon has the birthplace at Tuscaloosa, the first northern chapter at Gettysburg, the wonderful foundation at Ohio Epsilon, and now among its historical monuments is the National House at Evanston. There is an intimate association with S. A. E.'s national life which is being continually enriched with a wealth of our fraternity's art and historic life that is equalled by no other fraternity situation in the world. A vast collection of S. A. E. love and tradition that might have been forever lost has been sought and saved in time and is visited by hundreds of our own fraternity brothers and by our Greek cousins who share our treasures with the fraternal spirit.

I have found life full of riches. I am not thinking of money and earth. The riches that have spelled the most for me have been of a more precious kind. I have found them in my fraternity. Sigma Alpha Epsilon has made my days opulent because the substance it has bestowed has been imperishable. It has put into my life its real values. Did you ever taste friendship and its inestimable gifts? Do you know what the comradeship of youth means when its cup is brimming? Have you known the constancy and faithfulness of loyalty? Have your flaming memories of your campus life, the nearest and the dearest of all these, traced back to their roots to find their placements in Sigma Alpha Epsilon?

THE BOOKSHELF

LAUREL AND STRAW, by James Saxon Childers, D. Appleton & Company. \$2.00.

One can understand how Rhodes Scholars are tempted, almost irresistibly, to write a book about Oxford. And surely the last word upon that fascinating subject has not yet been said. Mr. Childers' story is better than most. The unique features of the Oxford system are introduced without being insisted upon. The absurdities and the merits are nicely balanced, and a final judgment is left to the reader. Of course Oxford is the supreme paradox in education; judged by its methods it is archaic, but judged by its product it is justified. *Laurel and Straw* makes the paradox obvious if not comprehensible. The reader feels that this Columbus boy who crossed the water to study finance and marketing and idled through an unconscionable amount of time and money, eventually brought back with him something more than an English wife, something elusive and undefinable, but still of inestimable value to a boy with a life on his hands. That he wasn't a boy of fictionally heroic stature adds to the interest and the persuasiveness of the book. It is recommended to all American undergraduates who are curious to know "how the other half loaf."

THE PROFESSORS LIKE VODKA, by Harold Loeb, Boni & Liveright. \$2.00.

If you are the kind that goes to New York to see *Cradle Snatchers*, it is possible you might like this. Personally we found it very dull. Buy it at your own risk.

YOUNG ANARCHY, by Philip Gibbs, George H. Doran Company.

This is an up-to-the-minute novel, culminating in the General Strike of last spring, and asserting the fundamental soundness of this frank and informal generation which has given to older people so much uneasiness since the war. Mr. Gibbs tries very hard to be fair to both sides, but as it turns out, it is the old Bishop, a martinet almost to the point of caricature, against the world. The Bishop does not have a friendly confidant of any kind. And of course he doesn't stand a chance. The book is curiously void of sentiment; that, too, seems to have gone out with the war. Still it is a spirited yarn, permeated with a certain bracing faith in the human race, wholesome without being priggish, and certainly to be read. The young man gets sent home from Oxford so early in the story that we do not get much of a glimpse of university life, but if you read *Laurel and Straw* first, you are all set for *Young Anarchy*.

THE TRACK TEAM

100-Yard Dash	Peters	Illinois
	Coyle	Montana
	Milde	Worcester
220-Yard Dash	Murchison	Illinois
	Milde	Worcester
Quarter Mile	Munger	Michigan
	Ritter	Montana
Half Mile	McHeffey	Yale
	Meigs	Worcester
	Offenhauser	Penn State
Mile	Neuman	Maryland
	Offenhauser	Penn State
Two Mile	Neuman	Maryland
High Hurdles	Wells	Dartmouth
Low Hurdles	Wells	Dartmouth
	French	Worcester
Broad Jump	Andrews	Nebraska
Pole Vault	Pond	Yale
Discus	Schraivesande	Michigan
Javelin	Peters	Illinois

Since Brother Hill's sketch upon Monty Wells was submitted, his prophecy has been fulfilled, for in the Dartmouth-Pennsylvania meet Wells ran the high hurdles in 14.9 seconds and the low hurdles in 24 seconds flat. In the Dartmouth-Harvard meet the week following he won both events but in slower time; in fact his time in the second event wasn't much better than that of French of Worcester Tech, the same day, in the Eastern Intercollegiates. French did it in 25. Anyway Phi Sigma Kappa isn't going to take anybody's dust in these events.

We are good also in the sprints. Coyle is reported as a 10 second man, Milde of Worcester did the distance in that time in the Eastern Intercollegiates, and Peters of Illinois is claimed to be a tenth of a second faster. In the 220 Milde ran in $22\frac{4}{5}$, whereas Murchison's best time is reported as $22\frac{2}{5}$. We are uncertain about the quarter. Munger of Michigan is submitted as a 51 quartermiler, but in the only Michigan meet we have seen

reported his name did not appear. Ritter was reported last year as doing it in 50; and he seems to be still in college.

It is something the same in the half. Both McHeffey and Meigs are supposed to do the distance in 1.59, but neither qualified in meets which we have seen reported. Offenhauser is said to do it in 1.56, and Offenhauser's name has been present in Penn State relay teams. We can be sure of him. His time, 4.23, is the best reported for the mile. Rice of Worcester is said to hold the Eastern Intercollegiate record, but he didn't qualify in that meet this season. Neuman of Maryland has something of a reputation as a distance man, his best time last year being reported as 4.27.

There are no high jumpers. Andrews did 22 feet $3\frac{3}{8}$ inches in winning the event in the Nebraska-California meet, and rates as our best man in the broad. Pond of Yale has pole vaulted 12 $\frac{1}{2}$ feet and tied for third in the meet with Pennsylvania.

We are wobbly in the weights. Schravasande of Michigan is said to throw the discus 138 feet, and Peters of Illinois is said to throw the javelin 199 $\frac{1}{2}$. Since the latter is within $\frac{1}{2}$ inch of the intercollegiate record we are a bit skeptical. DeMille holds the Williams record in this event.

In order to make these figures a little more vivid, let us suppose that we entered this team as listed in the Cornell-Pennsylvania and the Harvard-Dartmouth meets of May 15 and that each entry made his best time or distance, what points of the 135 possible ones might we reasonably expect to catch away from these other teams?

	C-P	H-D
100-Yard Dash	8	0
220-Yard Dash	1	0
Quarter Mile	2 $\frac{1}{2}$	2 $\frac{1}{2}$
Half	9	5
Mile	8	8
High Hurdles	5	5
Low Hurdles	6	6
Broad Jump	3	3
Pole Vault	2 $\frac{1}{2}$	5
Discus	1	5
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	46 $\frac{1}{2}$	39 $\frac{1}{2}$



ANDREWS
Nebraska



Courtesy of the Boston Globe.

WELLS OF DARTMOUTH
Intercollegiate Champion

A WORLD RECORD HURDLER

KENNETH BRUCE HILL, T '25

Tau chapter is blessed with having in its fold one of the best track athletes who ever represented Dartmouth College or the Phi Sigma Kappa fraternity, Eber Montgomery Wells, of Winthrop, Mass. Monty, as he is known by his friends, at the age of 19 is a world record holder, an Intercollegiate hurdle champion, a logical candidate for Dartmouth 1928 track captaincy, and a live contender for Olympic honors in Amsterdam in 1928.

Last fall Monty started a very eventful school year by winning the two hurdling events at the Dartmouth fall interclass meet and in so doing erased two college records established by Earl Thomson, greatest hurdler of all time. Monty cleared the 60-yard high hurdles in $7\frac{7}{10}$ seconds and the 120-yard low hurdles in $13\frac{3}{10}$ seconds. Then came the indoor season with the Knights of Columbus Meet in Boston prying off the lid and presenting to the world a new champion. Monty Wells broke the 45-yard high hurdle mark of 6 seconds—not once, but three times in one evening. This record had withstood the assaults of the world's best hurdlers for twenty-two years. His official world record-breaking feat was ratified by three expert timers at $5\frac{4}{5}$ seconds, and in one heat the timers caught him respectively in $5\frac{3}{5}$, $5\frac{7}{10}$, and $5\frac{4}{5}$ seconds. Incidentally he won the New England amateur title the same evening.

Monty's next public appearance was early in February at the annual Boston Athletic Association meet. All eyes were on him and he did not disappoint. George C. Carens, veteran sports writer of the *Boston Transcript*, wrote: "After seeing E. M. Wells of Dartmouth win the K. of C. 45-yard hurdles, after breaking the record for the event three times, there appears to be no particular mystery about that race in the B. A. A. games."

Then came the American Legion Games at Portland, Me. Again Monty equalled his new mark of $5\frac{4}{5}$ seconds, winning handily over Ballantyne of Harvard who was 3 yards back at the finish. The following Wednesday Monty competed at the Millrose Games in New York City, painfully handicapped by an ulcerated tooth and the fact that he was running a race for which he

had not been able to practice—the 60-yard high hurdles. Twice he equalled the world's *record of 7 3/5 seconds*, beating in the final Campbell of Yale and Franks of Penn. His effort in the final showed Monty's fine racing heart, for he slipped at the start, was the last man over the first hurdle, yet came through to equal the best time ever shown for the distance. Then Monty capped a highly successful indoor season by breasting the tape a winner over the 70-yard high hurdles at the Indoor Intercollegiates in New York—Monty turned twenty years old shortly afterwards.

To read the foregoing statements, one might gather that Monty was a born hurdler from the start. but such is not the case. At the age of ten he was hardly expected to live, but he gradually built himself up and practiced hurdling for exercise. He first shone as a junior in high school, competing in the jumps and hurdles. In his senior year, Monty captained the Winthrop High team and broke the Massachusetts Schoolboy high jump and high hurdles records. In the fall of 1924, Monty entered Dartmouth and his individual efforts in the jumps and hurdles were instrumental in the Dartmouth Freshmen's fine showing against Exeter and Andover. Monty's choice for college was fortunate because he came under the tutelage of Harry Hillman, Dartmouth track coach and several times Olympic champion, and the producer of many hurdling champions. As a Sophomore Monty started the indoor season by equalling the world's high hurdle record in the triangular meet against Harvard and Cornell. Outdoors he won his dual meet races against Harvard and Holy Cross, placed second to Captain Wolff of Penn in the 120 high hurdles at the Penn relays, and only a false start kept him from becoming the National Junior Champion.

Monty has yet to meet defeat this school year. On the cinders he has won both the high and low hurdle races against the University of Virginia and William and Mary College. His real goal this season is the 120-yard high hurdle races at the Outdoor Intercollegiates. Monty is working under the handicap of being expected to win and, in spite of all the attention paid him, he is very modest. He is lithe of build and not over-strong, but certainly has wonderful possibilities. Next year is an Olympic year at Amsterdam and it should come nicely as a fitting climax to a successful career for Monty.

Monty is a willing worker and a thorough student of the game.

His is an example of an athlete who has achieved success not only through constant practice and good living but also through exhaustive book study of the great champions of the past. One may correctly and logically assume that he is a fine student.

The goal of all hurdlers is the $14\frac{2}{3}$ seconds record of Earl Thomson, Dartmouth's foremost track athlete. To date only one man other than he has bettered 15 seconds in competition for the 120-yard high hurdles and Monty has been clocked in $149/10$ seconds in practice time trials. I believe Monty Wells will be the next timber toppler to join the select group. This record stands as one of the best records on the books.

Dartmouth and the Phi Sigma Kappa fraternity can well be proud of Monty Wells.

DISTINGUISHED IN SCHOLARSHIP

Phi Sigma Kappa elected to membership in what *Baird's Manual* lists as Honor Societies:

Arnold Mason, Yale, $\Sigma \Xi$, T B II
 Kenneth E. Dayton, Yale, T B II
 John L. Kimberly, Yale, T B II
 George Olds, Yale, T B II
 F. A. Thompkins, St. Lawrence, $\Phi B K$
 D. H. Merriam, Dartmouth, $\Phi B K$
 O. R. Voorhis, Dartmouth, $\Phi B K$
 Harry F. Dowling, Franklin and Marshall, $\Phi B K$
 G. J. Heckman, Worcester, $\Sigma \Xi$
 P. F. Meigs, Worcester, $\Sigma \Xi$
 R. K. Irono, Worcester, T B II
 William Brookins, Michigan, $\Phi B K$
 James A. Costello, Penn State, T B II
 William F. Packer, Penn State, T B II
 Homer M. Tostlebe, Iowa State, T B II
 T. N. Grice, North Carolina, $\Phi B K$
 M. R. Brice, Carnegie, T B II

G. HAROLD LANGNER

National Swimming Champion

G. Harold Langner was born in Milford, Conn., where he afterward attended high school. His brother, Sigfreid Langner, was captain of water polo in his senior year at Yale, class of '24 S. It was thus natural for him to go out for swimming although his best sports in preparatory school were football and basketball.

Although he has always been a first string swimmer, he did not find his real stride until after joining Epsilon. In this season, his last at Yale, he has been outstanding in his work on the 'Varsity. Besides winning his minor Y and a wYp, he was also the second highest scorer on the championship Yale team with a perfect record of all firsts in intercollegiate dual meets. As indicated by his getting the insignia, his game of water-polo was also excellent.

Some of his most outstanding performances are:

The National Record for the 1,500 meter swim, time—21:17.

The Intercollegiate Record for 1 mile, time—23:09 $\frac{3}{5}$.

The Intercollegiate Record for 500 yards, time—6:08.

The Intercollegiate Championship in the 440.

Second place in the 220-yard Intercollegiate Championships.

(These last two events were won in New York in the Eastern Intercollegiates.)

In consideration of the above records and his consistent work for three years, Langner is without doubt the best swimmer that Epsilon has ever produced, and we are much prouder of his prowess than he seems to be. Nevertheless, even his great reticence cannot hide the fact that he is a splendid example of what a great athlete should be, and what a real Phi Sig can be.

Alpha Deuteron is more than proud of Captain "Heinie Groh" of the swimming team. He is the Big Ten diving champion and was nosed out in the national meet by Colbath by one and eight-tenths points. This was their fourth meeting and Heinie has won three of them. Hanley, the meet referee, picked Heinie on his All American swimming team, which shows that he is America's best collegiate diver.

THE LITTLE CO-ED

She was nothing but a co-ed,
Just a peppy little no-head,
With a boyish bit of tow-head
And a lot of leg and arm;
She was full of fluff and flutter,
Just as sweet as bread and butter,
And her thoughts were all aflutter,
But she didn't mean no harm.

She could drive her roadster blinded,
She could coax you till you minded,
She could jazz till you were winded
And all ready to collapse;
She was rather keen on betting;
She was clever at forgetting;
She was not adverse to petting,
And I do not mean Perhaps.

She could make her peepers twinkle,
And her rose-bud mouth to wrinkle
Till you didn't have an inkle
Who or what or where you were;
She was pretty as a posy,
Warm and cuddly, soft and cosy;
When she powdered up her nosie
There was surely none like her.

So she beautified the bleachers,
And she tantalized her teachers,
And she fascinated creatures
With an eye for female charm;
She belonged to Lambda Kappa,
Though she'd never told her pappa,—
She was nothing but a flapper,
And she didn't mean no harm.

But the baseball coach was swearing
In a manner very scaring;
And he clearly was despairing
Of the chances of his team;
For his pitcher had been smitten
By this little minxy kitten,
And she'd given him the mitten
Just to see how it would seem.

THE SIGNET

So although he made the motions
 Of a south-paw in devotions,
 All his nut was full of notions
 Fifty thousand leagues from ball;
 And he couldn't tell a batter
 From a plumber or a hatter;
 There was something much the matter,
 For he couldn't pitch at all.

So the coach became linguistic,
 Misanthropic, fatalistic,
 Bitterly misogynistic,
 And it couldn't be concealed;
 For his eye was like a bullet
 Every time he saw the pullet,
 And he swore he'd wring her gullet
 If she came upon the field.

While unconscious of his dolour
 And the fate he fain would bowl her,
 She was drinking coca cola
 With her chin upon her arm;
 And she looked as sweet and simple
 As the shadow of her dimple,
 Just a naiad, or a nymph-le;
 And she didn't mean no harm.

In the library surrounded
 By rare volumes vellum-bounded,
 Sat another victim wounded
 By this co-ed's fatal eye;
 This young devotee of learning
 One day found his hot-box burning,
 And his brain in rapture yearning
 To be loved or else to die.

So he watched for his beloved,
 Wrote her sonnets much bedovèd,
 Strove in vain to do his Ovid
 And his trigonometry;
 All his prestige in the class-room
 Scurried off to give the lass room
 In the noodle of the ass whom
 She had moved to ecstasy.

Food no longer stirred his gastric,
 All his dreams became fantastic,
 Soon his brain was mere elastic
 Bounding wildly in his head;
 When he knew he could not win her,
 He forswore both lunch and dinner,
 While his bones kept getting thinner
 Till he rattled them to bed.

Without any intimation
 Of the lad's disintegration,
 She, the triumph of creation,
 Raised a lithe inviting arm;
 She was quite a picture smoking,
 With her rosy jowls stoking;
 "Die for love? Aw quit yer joking.
 Gee, I didn't mean no harm."

In Professor Heinrich's study
 Stood a woman, rank and ruddy,
 And she plainly was his buddy,
 His authenticated frau;
 And 'tis said that she was slender,
 Coy, seductive, trim and tender
 When she chose him her defender,—
 But you'd never guess it now.

Heavens, what malign precision!
 Choler, vitriol, derision!
 And each sentence an incision
 Into hubby's helpless hump.
 She was outraged, she was cussy,
 She was scornful, she was mussy,
 And she swore a certain hussy
 Had intrigued her husband's pump.

Oh, she wallowed in her power
 As she watched her earth-worm cower;
 She had oft rehearsed this hour
 And had mastered well her part.
 How she made him spit and stutter!
 Oh, the oaths she made him utter!
 How she kicked him in the gutter
 As she flayed his faithless heart!

And the cause of this disaster,
 Just because a Nash had passed her
 Let her car out, fast and faster,
 Racing on past town and farm;
 She was speed, she was sensation,
 New birth of our peerless nation,
 Just the Younger Generation,
 And she didn't mean no harm.

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 Just a peppy little no-head,
 With a boyish bit of tow-head
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PHI SIGMA KAPPA IN

WHO'S WHO IN AMERICA

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Barrett, Jesse W.	Λ '05	Lawyer
Bachman, Carl G.	Δ '12	Congressman
Benham, A. R.	ΔΔ	Professor of English
Boyd, Paul P.	ΦΔ	Professor of Mathematics
Boyle, Emmet D.	HΔ '99	Governor (dead)
Breed, Charles B.	O '97	Engineer
Brigham, Arthur A.	A '78	Agriculturist
Brill, Harvey C.	ΔΔ '11	Professor of Chemistry
Brooks, William P.	A '75	Agriculturist
Burgess, Albert F.	A '95	Entomologist
Canby, Henry Seidel	E '99	Editor
Caldwell, Hugh M.	Λ '03	Lawyer
Clark, Frederick T.	B '96	Surgeon
Cooley, Robert A.	A '95	Entomologist
Cortelyou, George B.	Λ '96	Ex-Secretary of the Treasury
Cotton, Harry A.	H '99	Director of Hospital
Chapman, C. E.	Ω	Professor of History
Crawford, Nelson Antrim	IΔ Hon.	Dir. Inf. Dept. of Agric.
Curry, Charles F.	Λ Hon.	Congressman
Cutter, John A.	A '82	Physician

Davenport, Louis M.	X Δ Hon.	Hotel Man
Dean, Arthur L.	E '02	President, Univ. of Hawaii
Duff, Alexander W.	E Δ Hon.	Professor of Physics
Duggan, Stephen P.	Z '90	Professor of Political Sci.
Eder, Phanor J.	Z '99	Lawyer
Fell, Thomas	Σ Hon.	Ex-President, St. John's
Fitzgerald, W. S.	Λ '03	Lawyer
Folsom, Justus W.	A Δ Hon.	Entomologist
Fuller, Hubert B.	Λ '03	Lawyer
Garey, Enoch B.	Σ '03	President, St. John's
Gies, William J.	P Δ '93	Bio-chemist
Gordinier, Hermon C.	B Hon.	Physician
Gore, Howard M.	Δ '00	
Hall, Josiah N.	A '78	Physician
Hamilton, William J.	B Δ '10	Librarian
Heathcote, Charles W.	P Δ '05	Professor of Social Science
Hartman, E. M.	Π '95	Headmaster, F. and M. Acad.
Hibbs, Henry H., Jr.	Υ '10	Sociologist
Higgins, Edwin W.	E '97	Lawyer
(Hill, R. W.)	Ψ '08)	
Hobart, Douglas R.	Θ '05	Engineer
Hopkins, Grant S.	Γ Hon.	Anatomist
Howe, Charles S.	A '78	President, Case
Huber, Walter L.	Ω '05	Engineer
Jenks, Albert E.	B Δ '97	Anthropologist
Jones, Clement R.	Δ '94	University Dean
Jordan, Harvey E.	Ψ Hon.	Embryologist
Kolb, Louis J.	M '86	Manufacturer
Kellogg, Abraham L.	X Hon.	Judge
Keyes, Frederick G.	Υ '07	Professor of Chemistry
Kirk, William	Υ '02	Professor of Economics
Kirkland, Archie H.	A '94	Entomologist
LaMoure, Howard A.	B '00	Alienist
Latham, Harold S.	Θ '09	Author and publisher
Little, Homer P.	X '06	Geologist
Lowe, John S.	Ξ '05	Clergyman
Lowe, John A.	X '06	Librarian
Martin, Percy A.	N Δ '02	
Megraw, Herbert A.	Γ '98	Metallurgical Eng.
Meredith, J. A.	Δ '00	Judge
Michener, Earl C.	Λ '03	Congressman
Miller, Edward F.	Δ '98	Engineer
Moore, Alfred B.	O Δ Hon.	
Moore, Veranus A.	Γ '87	Physician

Morrill, Austin W.	A '00	Entomologist
Morse, Sidney L.	Λ '06	Educational Director
Morrison, Frank B.	ZΔ '11	Professor of Agric. Chem.
Nabours, Robert K.	IΔ Hon.	Zoologist
Needham, Charles W.	Λ Hon.	Lawyer
Neely, Matthew M.	Δ '01	Lawyer, Ex-Senator
Neville, M. Keith	Σ '05	Ex-Governor
Olcott, Benjamin W.	⊙Δ Hon.	Ex-Governor
Packard, Frank L.	Z Hon.	Author
Parker, George A.	A '76	Supt. of Parks (dead)
Parmenter, George F.	A '00	Professor of Chemistry
Patten, William	T Hon.	Zoologist
Priestley, Herbert I.	Ω	Professor of History
Prout, William C.	Υ '09	
Post, Melville Davison	Δ '91	Author
Rand, Frank Prentice	X '12	Author
Rice, Benjamin F.	Δ '95	Lawyer (dead)
Ridder, Bernard H.	⊙ '03	Publisher
Root, Joseph E.	A '76	Physician
Salmon, Thomas W.	B '99	Physician
Sheard, Charles	Ξ '03	Biophysicist
Shor, George G.	Υ '06	Editor
Shores, Robert J.	Γ '03	Editor
Shroder, William J.	E '98	
Shute, Daniel K.	Λ '84	Physician
Smith, Ralph E.	A '94	Plant Pathologist
Spaulding, Thomas C.	MΔ '06	
Spring, Samuel N.	E '98	Professor of Silviculture
Stone, George E.	A '86	Botanist
Strong, Edward K., Jr.	Ω '06	Psychologist
Thomson, Alfred R.	Λ '12	Consular Service
Thorpe, William F.	AΔ '15	President, Thorpe Acad.
Vieth, Henry A.	Λ '01	Lawyer
Vincent, William D.	XΔ Hon.	Banker
Wagner, Robert F.	Z '98	Senator
Wallace, George S.	Δ '97	Lawyer
White, Alfred H.	ΔΔ Hon.	Professor of Chem. Eng.
White, Herbert J.	A '87	Clergyman
White, Israel C.	Δ '72	Geologist
Wiest, Edward	ΦΔ	
Willard, Daniel	A '82	Railroad President
Woodcock, Amos W. W.	Σ '03	Lawyer

THE SECRETARY'S PAGE

R. J. W.

The 1928 Convention

In February, 1909, Omega Chapter of Phi Sigma Kappa was inducted at the University of California. It is probable that not one of those responsible for granting this charter understood the full implication of their bold adventure. Up to that date the Fraternity had extended westerly only to the University of Virginia. Geographically we were still a local institution. The Fraternity then had neither the financial resources nor the organization to supervise properly and to assimilate into the Brotherhood a chapter located 3,000 miles from its nearest associate. Yet the granting of this charter determined for Phi Sigma Kappa its future policy with respect to expansion.

For nearly a decade Omega Chapter existed more as a local than as a unit of a great national fraternity. Not until 1917 was another Chapter established west of the Rockies, and not until 1923 was a close neighbor of Omega provided.

For many years, therefore, Omega had no official contact with any other Chapter, and during this important period it drew its impression of membership in a national organization from the occasional visits of members of other Chapters and from the less frequent calls from a national officer.

The holding of the 1928 Convention on the Pacific Coast will be an event significant in many respects. It will be the first opportunity which members of the far West (other than a few delegates to previous conventions) will have had to share in the inspiration of a national meeting, and to witness the method of conducting a Biennial Convention. It will be the first opportunity, too, that has been afforded these members to become acquainted with a majority of the members of the Council and Court. The fact that the Council has at its disposal the funds to finance the traveling expenses of undergraduate delegates and Chapter Advisers is a result of the revised plan of administration adopted at the Detroit Convention of 1924, and it reflects the sound financial position of the governing body.

From the personal point of view of delegates east of the Rockies, and particularly of those on the Atlantic Coast, the opportunity is most alluring. To see as much of the United States as will be possible by a leisurely trip to the Coast and return is an advantage which would have been as much unthought of a decade ago as it would have been financially impossible to achieve.

It is hoped that all members of the Council and Court will be present at this Convention, that every Club will be represented,

and that every Chapter Adviser will early make his plans to attend. Each active Chapter will soon select its delegates, and it is anticipated that the two living founders will again honor the Convention by their presence. It is also expected that the western Chapters will each send several delegates, and that every alumnus within 1,000 miles of San Francisco will be present.

There must inevitably come from this Convention on the Pacific Coast a more comprehensive understanding by our western Brothers of the meaning of membership in a nation-wide fraternal organization; there must result a more intelligent appreciation by our eastern Brothers of the conditions and difficulties under which our Chapters in the West carry on; and for all who participate there must be a broader understanding of fraternalism and a renewed devotion to the Order.

Let there be no vacant chair at the 1928 Convention!

FROM THE GREEK

One dollar spent for a lunch lasts five hours;

One dollar spent for a necktie lasts five weeks;

One dollar spent for a cap lasts five months;

One dollar spent for an automobile lasts five years;

One dollar spent for a water-power or railroad grade lasts for five generations, but! one dollar spent in the service of God lasts for eternity!—*The Shield of ΦΚΨ.*

Memorial Sunday will be observed by all the chapters and alumni clubs on Sunday, May 1, 1927. Memorial services will be held at each chapter house after the mid-day meal. Alumni are asked to join in the observance of this day. The Sigma Pi flag should be displayed from the chapter house at half-staff until noon and full-staff after noon. It has pleased Almighty God in His infinite goodness and wisdom to summon from among us, during the past year, many of our beloved brothers, and as a symbol of our sorrow we shall again pay our respects to, and pronounce eulogies upon, our deceased brethren.—*The Emerald of ΣΠ.*

I note that there is a different type of college man who is now drinking compared to the type that guzzled in the good old days.

Then the fellow who drank was in all probability a college leader, was respected and admired, he seldom became blotto, he usually came from a good family, and he confined his drinking to small beer. The one who drinks to-day resembles a poolroom loafer; he has the brains and manners of a squirt; he is a squirt. He is looked upon with suspicion by his Methodist brothers. He never drinks without becoming puffed. He is the fellow whose old man cashed in on the leather goods business during the war. He is the fellow who is partly the cause of the large increase in college enrollment figures. Many fraternities prefer this type of boy.

—Σ Φ Σ *Monad*.

During the Christmas holidays I had a very amusing experience on board a train as I was leaving Richmond, Va.

My holiday train ride was becoming very tiresome when I noticed a man coming down the aisle toward me with what appeared to be a Phi Delta Theta badge pinned neatly on the outside pocket of his coat just beneath the lapel. Curiously I surveyed him. He was tall and angular and appeared to be at least forty years of age. His dress was neat, but somewhat crude. Nothing indicated a college man. As he seated himself across the aisle from me, my curiosity got the best of me. I left my seat and, going over to him, addressed him.

"Beg pardon," I said, "I see you are a Phi Delt."

"Huh?" he questioned dumbly.

Thinking that he was possibly somewhat deaf I raised my voice considerably and repeated, "I see you are a Phi Delta Theta."

Again his only answer was a blank "Huh?"

In desperation I pointed to the pin, this time almost yelling at him.

"Oh, the pin," he replied cheerily. "That's a college pin. You know, I come nearer marrying the girl that give me that pin than any girl I've ever seen."

His next remark finished me, and I slumped to my seat—completely beaten:

"It's a pretty pin, ain't it," he had asked.

—*The Rattle of Θ X*.

Amazed at our ability to raise nearly three-quarters of a million dollars for our metropolitan club, members of other fraternities have inquired in conversation with Fijis: "Who is your angel?" The New York clubhouse had no angel. The largest amount contributed to the club by a single member was no astounding figure; the largest individual subscription for bonds was a very small fractional part of the total of the funds raised.

—*The Phi Gamma Delta*.

Alpha Tau Omega is to be congratulated on its latest forward step. During the recent visit of one of its founders, Dr. Otis A. Glazebrook, of Nice, to this country, the fraternity had him make a twelve-inch phonograph record entitled, "A Message to the Fraternity." Therein the voice of the founder may be heard telling with careful precision the inspiration out of which the fraternity rose. The fraternity also had motion pictures made of Dr. Glazebrook, who is now in his seventy-eighth year, but quite active mentally and physically.—*Sigma Chi Quarterly*.

The chap who saw Godiva ride nude through the streets of Coventry on a white horse must have been a collegian, for before her ride he is alleged to have said, "I had better wait around and see this nude woman ride her white horse, as I haven't seen many white horses lately."—*The Zeta Beta Tau Quarterly*.

Answering the need voiced by nearly a hundred college presidents recently for more inspirational teachers, the Society ($\Phi B K$) is offering a Grand Prize of \$10,000 a year for distinction in teaching, as well as numerous smaller awards and grants. This seems like a big step in the right direction, for not only will this program stimulate interest among students and faculties but it will tend to focus public attention upon teaching ideals. In proportion as the public comes to regard teaching as a high art will it be possible to draw to the profession men and women possessing that "contagious intellectuality" so much sought for by college heads. And with the addition of more such teachers to our faculties the problem of scholarship will solve itself.

— $\Phi K \Sigma$ *News Letter*.

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

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

THE CON AND PRO

The following communications have appeared recently in the *New York Times*. The first was written by James A. Farrell, president of the United States Steel Corporation, and the second by Mr. Musgrave, author of the book *College Fraternities*.

To the Editor of The New York Times:

In *The Times* of April 2 and 3 there were three items that were of great interest to me. One was the story of the joint letter written by two men in Dartmouth College to the daily publication of their college. The other was a quotation from the mid-year report to the Board of Trustees by President Baker of Washington and Jefferson College. The third was an excerpt from a sermon by Rabbi Wise.

The two students at Dartmouth point out the obvious inconsistencies in the "rushing methods" in their institution. They say, "At the open houses the upper-classmen surround the now swell-headed freshman as if he were a local divinity, * * * a few nights later, * * * At the bonfire, celebrating a victory of the basketball team, the same upper-classmen may be heard yelling in an imperious tone at the same freshman, 'More wood! Get on your dogs!'"

If the whole thing were merely amusing and not serious, it would be easy to dismiss it. *The Times* of April 3 tells of a sermon by Rabbi Wise in which he says: "Few institutions in existence to-day are more hostile toward the spirit of true American democracy than Greek letter fraternities and sororities in our colleges and universities." They are hostile not only to American democracy, but to American morals.

It seems almost time that something was done about this fraternity business. The fact that I am a fraternity man myself makes me something of an authority. The additional fact that during the war I was persuaded to fill a post that made it necessary to help save from foreclosure a great many chapter houses that it was thought might be lost as a property investment because a lot of young men would desert those houses makes me a little more familiar with the question and, perhaps, a little more impressed by its dangers. At first I thought that the educators who spoke of "the menace of the fraternity house" were unnecessarily bitter. Then I found that most of the college Presidents that amounted to something, men like Woodrow Wilson, who was ahead of my time, and President Wilbur of Leland Stanford University, were ardently against fraternities. After continuing my travels I found out why.

There is something almost comic about Greek-letter societies. The comedy continues because they have been so long established as to have deeply entrenched themselves and to have become a political power that college officials and public officials fear to fight too hard, and because the non-college group are so much in awe of them that nothing is done about abolishing them or even curtailing their activities. With what artfully counterfeited seriousness a lot of politicians, young lawyers, doctors, bond salesmen, bank presidents and life insurance agents take their fraternity pins! Those pins are worked hard as levers for new business and its pursuit is given such a plausible look.

The Masonic theory may be comic, too, but groups of older men are held in check by experience and ideals that most boys in college do not have, especially these days.

I have sat in on rushing discussions. I know the exalted standards followed in the recruiting of new members. I have seen men rejected solely because of the neckties they wore or selected because they were good "uke" players.

In the many fraternity houses that I have visited I have seen too many instances of a false feeling of preeminence and too many cases of down-right depravity to feel that fraternities and fraternity houses are other than an absolute evil that should be extirpated. Little is ever done about the problem because few realize how important the danger is. Most of us rate it with jazz, petting and other post-war evils and smile rather benignly when the subject is brought up. They do not realize, as Rabbi Wise and I do, that the whole fraternity system is one of the evils that are responsible for the present state of affairs. It is turning out year after year into a world that needs help, a lot of young popinjays and snobs that think the world is their oyster and that manners and morals are serious subjects for old fogies, but a joke for them.

A lot of very pleasant men, some of whom I know, are interested in fraternities. I have tried hard to recall, but I cannot at the moment, many persons of the first order who are officers of college fraternities or genuinely interested in them. Most fraternity men who are of any account in the world think of fraternities with a tolerant smile. Those who have first-hand information of what goes on in chapter houses regret them.

The idea has worked down into high school fraternities, which is reducing the whole idea still closer to an absurdity, and in these younger circles the exercise of any restraint of themselves by the members is almost unknown. President Baker of Washington and Jefferson points out the general aping of the colleges by the high schools. Before long our grade schools may have their fraternities and fraternity houses.

The men who know about the situation or who can find out about it, and that does not mean the strange, usually atypical men who are national or local officers of the fraternities, should sit down and thoughtfully talk the whole thing over without having uppermost in their minds the idea that millions of dollars are invested in fraternity houses and that a lot of their good friends are members of fraternities, and get down either to preserving whatever there is of good in these organizations, if anything, or killing them off and turning over their quarters to the colleges and universities for really serious educational purposes.

JAMES A. FARRELL.

New York, April 5, 1927.

To the Editor of The New York Times:

I have read the recent attacks on college fraternities by Rabbi Wise and James A. Farrell. For many years I have studied this problem of college life and the more I learn the better I am pleased with it as a whole. It is not perfect, but nothing that is human is, so far as I am aware. It has so many excellent qualities that outweigh its weaknesses as to make it well worthy perpetuating.

The college fraternity has come to stay because it helps men and women to broaden their outlook on life, gives that experience of living together and forming friendships that persist through life and teaches tolerance, kindness and good-will toward others. As an institution it is older, in fact, than organized national government in this country.

It began with the White Hat in William and Mary in 1750. The Greek letter nomenclature was given it in the same institution in 1776. It did not greatly expand for the next fifty years because it was not then much needed. When the early colleges had outgrown the status of boarding schools, the fraternity took the place of the earlier intimacy that existed between students when they formed small family groups with the members of the Faculty. By 1840 the system had become quite firmly seated. At this time it was an institution organized by boys, for boys, and governed by boys. Where leadership was good the chapters did well for the colleges and for their members. Where otherwise, the results were no better than the leadership.

By 1885 it assumed some of its present aspects, but as a system it lacked consistent development until the alumni began directing the national organizations. The fraternities now began furnishing college homes for thousands of young men and women, as there were no college dormitories. It is quite apparent the occupants of these chapter houses were far better housed and cared for than if they had been compelled to find lodging in furnished rooms and boarding houses. They were helped to overcome homesickness and loneliness that was intolerable and were surrounded by friends who were loyal and true. Self-discipline, care for property and self-respect resulted from the pride of living in college homes they had helped to provide for themselves.

When we entered the war 140,000 fraternity men were with our armies in Europe and 2,000 of these were killed in battle. The sororities sent their girls into the camps as nurses and workers. Over 1,500,000 left behind, too old or too young to take up the work in the field, loyally supported the nation. More than 4,500 fraternity houses became barracks for the young soldiers who were being trained by the army to take their places in the ranks when needed. Everything the fraternities had, materially, spiritually and otherwise, was placed upon the altar of their country without a single condition.

At any rate, there are to-day about 6,000 such fraternity groups that furnish home life to more than 200,000 young men and women. There are fifty-seven fraternities and more than forty sororities national in scope that exercise a control over their chapters that is wholesome and have a code of morals and ethics running through their rituals inculcating the highest lessons of right thinking and nobility of life.

Our universities have become so large that it is impossible for any student to know but a small number of those in attendance with him, and as man is gregarious, friendships are formed within smaller groups that may in some cases become too exclusive, though not necessarily undemocratic. I have spent fourteen years upon the campi of six colleges and universities and have found but one chapter whose members were so impregnated with "the filth of kings" as to make them intolerable on that campus. This was a local. I have seen many individual cases of snobbery both on and off the campus as the result of over-developed self-esteem on the part of the individual afflicted. We see the same things in our churches, the sewing circles, the lodges, the clubs and even in business. Shall we abolish all these institutions because individuals err?

Let us never grow so old that our sympathies fade for the young. It is easy to find fault. Destructive criticism has done about as much damage to human things and rights as war and pestilence combined, while constructive criticism has helped men and institutions to improve their conditions. In this manner has the college fraternity improved its good qualities and suppressed some of its faults. Constructive and united work is now directed to improving the scholarship and maintaining a high morale among its members. In all its numerous activities it is giving and receiving the friendly coöperation of the college authorities.

WAYNE M. MUSGRAVE.

New York, April 26, 1927.

To *Owen Whiteside* has come the honor of piloting the first winning crew at Minnesota, including the dubious frigid rite of being thrown in the turbid waters of the Mississippi by the winning crew.

THE ALUMNI CLUBS

DIRECTORY

CHARTERED CLUBS

New York—Secretary, Frederick Griswold, Z '21, 15 Park Row. Luncheon every Thursday, 12:30, Fraternity Clubs Building, Madison Ave. & 38th St.

Seattle—Secretary, Amos F. Olsen, AA '23, 7084 17 N. E. Luncheon every Friday, 12:15, Blanc's, 315 Marion St.

Baltimore—Secretary, W. C. Baxter, Z '23, 4301 Fernhill Ave. Luncheon every Thursday, 12:30, Engineers Club, 6 W. Fayette St.

Pittsburgh—Secretary, Paul J. Guinther, A '22, 506 Keystone Bank Building. Luncheon daily except Saturday and Sunday at 12:30, Moore's Restaurant.

Detroit—

Philadelphia—Secretary, E. S. Bechtel, K '23, 4912 Knox St., Germantown, Pa. Luncheon every Friday, 12:30, Arcadia Café.

Amherst—

Chicago—Secretary, Earl F. Schoening, AA '22, 7400 Crandon Ave. Luncheon every Tuesday, 12 N., Mandel Brothers Grill.

Minnesota—

Springfield—

Northern Ohio—

San Francisco—

Milwaukee—Secretary, Dr. W. W. Earle, ZA '19, 4055 Plankington Bldg.

Washington—Secretary, Charles R. Huff, 3800 14th St., N. W. Birmingham (Ala.)—

Vermont—Secretary, Marcell Conway, A '22, Barre, Vt.

UNCHARTERED CLUBS

Spokane—Secretary, Eugene Cullen, AA '26, Altadena Apts. Luncheon every Wednesday noon, Dessert Hotel.

Harrisburg—Secretary R. R. Burtner, K '22, Agricultural Extension Association.

Dallas—Luncheon every Thursday, 1 P. M., Baker Hotel.

Georgia—Secretary, R. G. Geitzen, KA '26, 263 Tenth St., N. E., Atlanta. Meeting last Friday of month, 6:30, Athletic Club.

Butte—Secretary, John Cooney, MA '25, Cooney Brokerage Co. Luncheon 1st Tuesday of month, Finlen Hotel.

SOUTH CAROLINA LIFTS BAN ON FRATERNITIES

The last piece of State legislation prohibiting fraternities was expunged from the statute books on March 31 when Governor Richards of South Carolina signed the bill repealing the law passed in 1897 which prohibited Greek letter fraternities in institutions of higher learning in South Carolina supported in whole or in part by public funds. There is now no law in any State forbidding fraternities in colleges or universities receiving State aid.

Delta Psi was the first fraternity to enter the University of South Carolina, which it did in 1850. Delta Kappa Epsilon followed in 1852 but both of these charters, as well as Beta Theta Pi, were withdrawn in 1861. When the law was passed in 1897, Chi Psi, Kappa Alpha, Sigma Alpha Epsilon, Alpha Tau Omega, Sigma Nu, Chi Phi, Kappa Sigma and Pi Kappa Alpha were represented on the campus. Phi Kappa Psi and Phi Delta Theta, in addition to the three mentioned above, had withdrawn previously to the enactment of the anti-fraternity law.

It is probable that many fraternities will seek to revive their chapters at South Carolina just as soon as the Board of Trustees of the Institution, in accordance with the provisions of the old law, pass the necessary resolutions.

Sigma Alpha Epsilon has already signified its intention of so doing. The original charter was granted in 1882. This was transferred to a group of local alumni in 1897 and later was transferred to the Supreme Council where it now reposes. As the charter was never revoked, it will be transferred by vote of the Council to a group of undergraduates now being formed at the University. It will be the one hundredth active chapter of Sigma Alpha Epsilon.

1927 DIRECTORY

The 1927 Directory of Phi Sigma Kappa is now being distributed. The book of 204 pages contains the names of 9,347 members initiated up to December 31, 1926. As in the 1924 edition, the names are arranged geographically and alphabetically.

The price of single copies is \$1.00; ten or more copies mailed to Chapters may be obtained at 50 cents each. Orders should be sent to Ralph J. Watts, Secretary and Treasurer, 742 East John Street, Appleton, Wis.

PENN STATE'S NEW HOUSE

After many futile attempts, Kappa's dream of a new home of our own has materialized, and as the accompanying cut will show, we now possess one of the finest, and incidentally one of the largest, homes at Penn State. It is true we were slow in accomplishing our desire but it is also true that the end more than compensates us for the long delay.

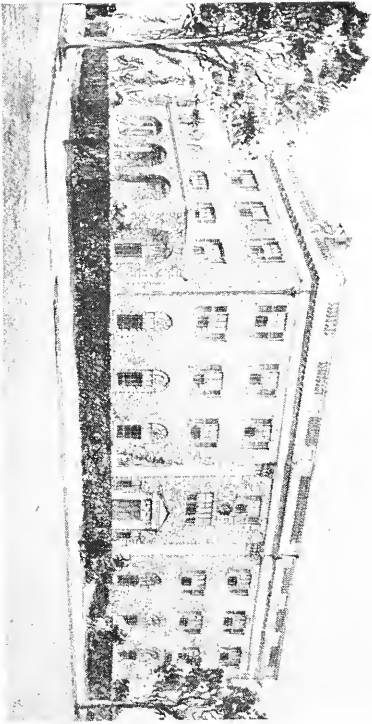
The house is a three story stone and steel structure with the idea of permanency incorporated in every feature. The over-all dimensions of the house are approximately ninety feet in length and thirty-two feet in width with an addition in the rear comprising the kitchen and servants' quarters. It is readily conceivable that a house of this size will adequately accommodate a chapter of forty men. The main floor consists of a great hall, dining room, library and large living room, which when thrown open provides a remarkably large space for dancing and other social activities.

We have been most fortunate in being able to furnish the house with new furniture throughout, which is quite an added feature. This made it possible to carry out a decorating scheme which harmonizes perfectly with the interior finish.

The home is situated on the corner of two main thoroughfares in the finest section of State College. The plot upon which it is built is approximately 225 feet by 90 feet, which when properly landscaped will made a striking appearance.

We are very much pleased with our new home, which can be attributed to no other reason than the hearty support and untiring efforts of our alumni and friends. We can only thank them most sincerely and urge them to come and help us enjoy the fruits of our combined labor at our formal opening to be held June 10, 11, 12.

Aside from the fact that our alumni have aided materially in making our new home a reality, too much cannot be said in appreciation of the one who through his ingenuity and skillful business management has brought to Kappa her dream of dreams. We refer to none other than Dr. H. H. Havner of the Agricultural Extension Department of the Pennsylvania State College who has been our faculty adviser for a number of years. We regret to say that Brother Havner has been called to Europe in behalf of the Agricultural Department of the college and will be unable to be with us for our official opening in June.



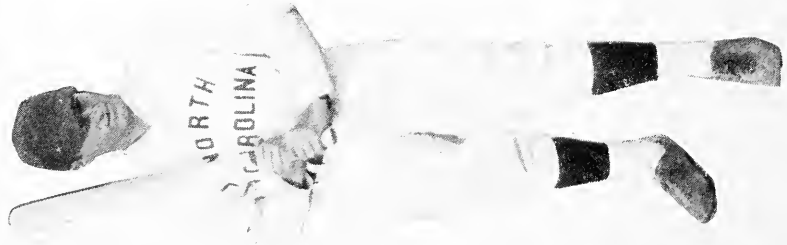
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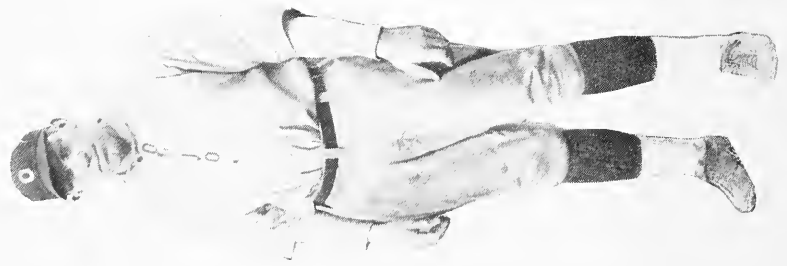
REDDING
Minnesota



McCoy
Michigan



CAPT. HATLEY
North Carolina



WIDDIFIELD
Ohio

OUR BASEBALL TEAM

Catcher	Kusinski	Illinois
Pitcher	Redding	Minnesota
First base	Widdifield	Ohio
Second base	Vacheresse	West Virginia
Shortstop	Chapel	Franklin and Marshall
Third base	Kelly	Montana
Right field	Gundlich	Illinois
Center field	Hatley	North Carolina
Left field	Brackett	Worcester

As captain of the Illinois team Kusinski would seem the inevitable man for catcher. There are quite a few pitchers: Byers, Cunningham and Johnson of St. Lawrence, Bock of St. John's, Rafferty of Montana, but Redding, having pitched a no-hit, no-run game against Iowa, would seem the pick of the crowd. There is a real competition for first base. McCoy of Michigan is eliminated on the basis of not being used in every game, but Gundlich of Illinois and Widdifield of Ohio run almost neck and neck. "Widdifield starred at the bat for the Buckeyes with two singles and a triple." "Widdifield is fast developing into a crack first sacker and at present is leading the team in clouting." These and similar press notes lead us to give the place to the man from Ohio. Gundlich, however, is batting third on the Illinois list and for that reason we are placing him in the field.

At second Vacheresse of West Virginia is presumably a stronger competitor than Phillips of St. John's. Shortstop bothers a bit. Fisher is reported as captain of Iowa State, but we have a suspicion that that was last year and that he is not on the campus this spring. Then there is Cinske of Montana, about whom we know nothing. Chapel, of course, plays on a rather weak team, but he heads the batting list and would seem to earn the berth. For third who better than "Wild Bill" Kelly of Montana?

In the fields we have two good pinch hitters, Petriken of Swarthmore and Fusonie of Dartmouth, and two captains, Brackett of Worcester and Hatley of North Carolina, and three regulars, Thompson of Mass. Aggie, Ritter of Montana, and Harris of Worcester. We have picked the captains and the superfluous first sacker from Illinois.

LIVING COSTS IN FRATERNITIES

PRESIDENT ALVIN T. BURROWS

(An editorial in *The Urbana Daily Courier* for March 19.)

According to figures supplied by the University of Illinois it cost the average student at that institution \$14.87 a month for a room, and \$7.05 a week for meals, during the year 1925-26, or a total of \$45.12 per month for these two necessities. No figures were given as to similar costs in other institutions of learning, but it is known from fraternity statistics that costs are somewhat heavier in the eastern schools and those located in large cities, and decrease in the smaller colleges and small communities. There are exceptions to this, to be sure. Costs at Wisconsin and Michigan are slightly higher than at Illinois, while those at Ohio, Iowa, Purdue and Indiana are lower.

With respect to the situation here at Illinois it is interesting to note the cost of living in the national social fraternity houses is only a trifle more than in a boarding club or other semi-public agency. The difference is so slight as to be practically negligible.

For instance, the university statistics show that in the men's national fraternities, where living costs presumably are the highest, and there is less occasion for economy, the room rent averages \$16.07 a month for men and \$15.16 for women; while for those who live in unorganized groups, where economy is presumed to be a necessity in most cases, the average room charge for men is \$13.40, for women \$14.78, and an average of the two of \$13.67. Thus it will be seen that the additional cost for room in a fraternity house, which includes more attractive surroundings, social advantages and club facilities prevalent there, may be had at a cost of \$2.67 a month, or \$26.70 a year, in addition to what is customary for those who live outside organized houses.

Curiously enough, in the case of meals the national fraternity organizations live more modestly than those who go down the street and eat at the cafeteria, or at a boarding club, or at a restaurant. The fraternity cost is \$7.07 per man per week, while the "barb" cost averages \$7.19 a week; a slight difference to be sure, but none the less significant. For the women the situation is reversed slightly, the sororities charging their members \$6.91 a

piece a week for eats, while girls who eat here and there or at clubs, cafés and the like, get along on an average of \$6.78 per week. This difference is more than accounted for by the fact that many non-sorority women cook one or more of their own meals, thus reducing expenses materially. In general the statistics show that it is cheaper to eat in a fraternity or sorority dining room than elsewhere on the campus.

The gratifying feature of the above figures is the comparative equality of conditions that exists in Illinois as between the fraternity groups and those not so associated. It has long been a general impression by those who get their information from hearsay, that fraternity life at Illinois and elsewhere was possible only for those whose parents were either rich or so well fixed that there was no need or occasion for economy. Many have the idea that there is a great gulf between the Greeks and others; that the Greeks are worthless sons and daughters of the idle rich, and that they were inclined to flaunt their worldly advantages in the faces of those less fortunately fixed.

The university statistics give the quietus to any such impressions. Life in a fraternity house is much the same as outside. It costs practically no more to live there than in the meanest boarding house. The slightly higher room rent is just about balanced by the slightly lower food cost. In fact it is evident that any one who can afford to come here to school can afford to belong to one of these organizations. Whether he is invited to join is usually a matter of acquaintanceship. Every one on the campus recognizes that there are thousands of students at Illinois who are capable of becoming first class fraternity members who miss that privilege solely because they have no one to introduce or sponsor them. It is not a question of money. It is not even a question of clothes. There is hardly a fraternity at Illinois which does not include in its membership several men who are working their way through school, and these men maintain themselves in unquestioned good standing with those whose only worry about finances is whether dad has been negligent about sending the monthly check.

The rich man's son and the poor man's son at Illinois can not be distinguished one from another. Money and social prestige are of small consequence alongside personality and character.

This is as it should be. May it ever continue.

THE NORTH CAROLINA INDUCTION

J. M. MITCHELLE, Y Δ

The induction of the Upsilon Deuteron Chapter was in charge of Brother Batt, Vice-President of the Council of Phi Sigma Kappa. As his assistants were: Dr. Edgar T. Fell, Σ '13; Paul C. Lindley, Γ '99; T. A. Foreman, H '21; W. A. Ingram, H '25; Guy M. Masten, H '19; William E. Medearis, H '23; E. L. Smith, H '16; Charles H. Teague, H '23; W. R. Callaway, H '23; R. B. Lawson, H '02; H. L. Egolf, N '25; C. G. Mackintosh, A '21; Fred Coffman, N Δ ; "Molly" Williamson, K Δ ; Duncan Morton, K Δ ; "Red" Mays, Ξ Δ . The team performed very efficiently and everything went off smoothly and quickly.

The initiation of the candidates on Friday afternoon was followed by a banquet that evening in the Carolina Inn, one of the finest hotels in the state. The spotlights of the occasion were the addresses by Dr. H. W. Chase, President of the University, President Alvin T. Burrows, Vice-President Joseph H. Batt, Dr. Edgar T. Fell, and Mr. M. C. S. Noble, toastmaster for the occasion. In addition to these were several other interesting and inspiring speeches by Phi Sig alumni and active members of other chapters. The invitations to the banquet were sent out almost exclusively to members of Phi Sigma Kappa and prominent members of the faculty of the University. It was thought that with only these present the confidential and congenial atmosphere, so much desired at a banquet of this nature, would more easily be obtained.

On Saturday morning the installation of the Chapter took place at the chapter house. Brothers Batt, Williamson, MacIntosh, Coffman, Masten, and Fell filled the several offices. After an explanation of the secret work of the fraternity and ritualistic work by the deputy-inductor, the following men were installed as officers: E. L. Curlee, President; T. N. Grice, Vice-President; J. M. Mitchelle, Secretary; S. R. Lowder, Treasurer; F. E. Sell, Auditor; and C. E. Simons, Marshal. After the above had taken place and the charter roll had been signed by the members in the order of their initiation, President Burrows gave a very impressive lecture on the nature of a fraternity and its function in a college.

The installation ball was a fitting close to such an auspicious induction. We no longer selfishly excluded others from our pleasures, but many invitations were sent out, and outsiders and members of other fraternities were invited to share in the enjoyment. The ball room of the Carolina Inn was beautifully decorated in magenta and silver. Long streams of magenta and silver colored crepe paper were artistically draped from the large chandeliers to all sides of the room. Along the walls of the room were numerous baskets of the fraternity flower, and directly across the room from the entrance was a large electrical device which flashed the Greek letters "Phi Sigma Kappa" on and off throughout the dance. To furnish life to such a glorious surrounding was one of the grandest assemblage of beauties that ever graced a ball room floor. After the intermission, the girls, who were present from all over the state and the surrounding states, were presented with favors and bouquets.

The entire induction was carried out remarkably well, and the induction team should be highly praised for their efficiency. The ceremonies were very impressively conducted and everything was carried out with amazing ease.

The installation of a chapter of Phi Sigma Kappa at Carolina was in accordance with the wishes of many Phi Sig alumni in the state. Although there are between seventy-five and one hundred members of Phi Sigma Kappa within the state, there has not been, previous to this time, a chapter of the Fraternity in the state of North Carolina. The installation at Carolina marks the entrance of Phi Sigma Kappa into the colleges of North Carolina.

The University of North Carolina is one of the oldest state universities in America, being founded in 1789. It is now recognized as one of the foremost institutions of learning in the South, and its phenomenal growth in the past few years has caused it to be highly rated among the universities of the United States. The faculty at the University is composed of some of the most capable men of the country and men who are outstanding in their field of work. The athletic teams are on par with other schools of this section; the most notable accomplishment being that of the basketball team. They have won Southern Championship honors for four out of the last five years, three of these coming in consecutive order.

The chapter is not only desirably located, but has a wide field of

material. It is the only chapter in the state and, therefore, it has the full backing of the alumni of Phi Sig in the state. In addition to the state of North Carolina as a field for material, there is a wonderful field at the University. The percentage of fraternity men is comparatively low. The amount is only slightly above 20%. In very few schools is there such a large number of non-fraternity men.

EXCHANGE DINNER

We had an exchange dinner with Tau Kappa Epsilon, February 23. Our upper classmen remained here and the TKE's came over. There were about 30 present and we enjoyed a good meal. Our freshmen and sophomores went to the TKE house and they reported a good time. We are now arranging an exchange with Lambda Chi Alpha to be held in the near future.

Watchword of Alpha Deuteron.

THE KENTUCKY INDUCTION

CHARLES SANFORD MILLIKEN, ΦΔ

Brotherly love, with hearts all akin,
 on
 Thanksgiving Day as Kentucky Comes in.

Around this keynote revolved the induction of Phi Deuteron chapter at the University of Kentucky last November 26 and 27. The arrival at the goal toward which the local at Kentucky had so long and so faithfully strived, was the occasion for much genuine happiness, not only to those who had given their best toward the attainment of that goal, but to all who were fortunate enough to be present at this climax as well.

The program of the installation ceremonies conformed somewhat to the following schedule:

Friday, November 26

12:30 P. M.	Luncheon at Chapter House	211 East Maxwell
1:00 P. M.	Initiation of candidates	Chapter House
7:00 P. M.	Installation Banquet	Phoenix Hotel

Saturday, November 27

9:00 A. M.	Initiation of candidates	Chapter House
12:15 P. M.	Luncheon at Chapter House	211 East Maxwell
12:45 P. M.	Induction picture	Chapter House
1:00 P. M.	Installation of Chapter	211 East Maxwell
7:00 P. M.	Buffet luncheon	Home of Dean Boyd
9:00 P. M.	Installation Ball	Phoenix Hotel

The visitors, inspired by the refreshing hospitality for which men of the Blue Grass state are noted, and entertained by the delightful program which was so enthusiastically carried out, readily joined in the merriment of the occasion.

The initiatory work was staged by President Alvin T. Burrows, Λ '03, Joseph H. Batt, Λ '16, Dr. Edgar T. Fell, Σ '13, Neal Dow, Ξ '16, and Dr. J. F. Bullard, Γ '22; assisted by active chapter members Carter and Foster from $\Xi\Delta$ and Stuart and Smith from $K\Delta$.

The Lexington-bound train, on which the induction team was traveling, arrived several hours late and as a result the initiation of candidates planned for the opening morning was postponed until the afternoon and consequently the officers were forced to work long and hard to initiate all candidates in time for the chapter installation Saturday afternoon. The situation on Friday night at the banquet was a peculiar one. The newly initiated men jokingly became snobbish toward the men who had not been initiated and a climax of laughter was narrowly averted when the less fortunate candidates threatened to bar the doors of the local chapter house to the men who were no longer members of the local.

The banquet, held at the leading hotel of the city famed for its wine, women, and song, was an epoch-making affair. Representatives from every fraternity of the University were present as well as the deans of the various colleges, visiting Phi Sigs, and friends of the fraternity. The menu was excellent, speeches were both instructing and highly entertaining and, when the Parting Ode closed the evening shortly before midnight, the banquet was pronounced one of the best ever held by a University of Kentucky fraternal organization.

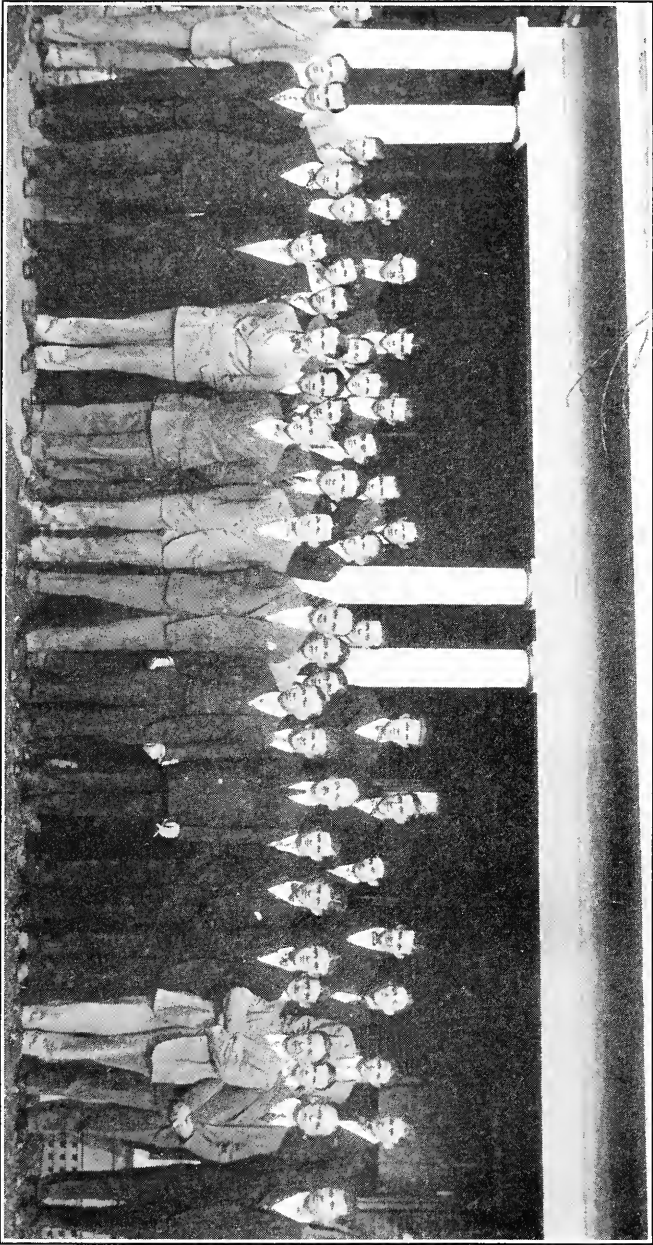
Saturday afternoon, after the induction picture had been snapped, Phi Deuteron chapter was formally installed. Brothers Batt, Fell, Carter, Stuart, Foster, and Smith filled the officers'

positions and gave an explanation of the ritualistic and secret work. The impressive ceremony of seating the officers of the chapter was concluded with the following men in position: President, Robert J. Griffin; Vice-President, Piercy B. Turner; Secretary, Charles S. Milliken; Treasurer, J. Philip Glenn; Auditor, Bhurley A. McGary; Marshal, Flanery O. Terrill.

Following the initial meeting of the new chapter the entire party,—visitors, newly initiated Phi Sigs, pledges, and friends,—was the guest of Dean Paul P. Boyd for a delightful buffet luncheon at his home. Dean Boyd, Dean Edward Wiest, and Prof. E. A. Bureau, the faculty members of the local, were initiated into Phi Sigma Kappa with the boys whom they had so conscientiously backed and greatly helped in the attaining of the ultimate goal,—the charter.

The Induction Ball, staged in the ball room of the Phoenix Hotel, was the absolute climax of the installation ceremonies. The room's attractive decorations furnished an exquisite setting for the spirit of the occasion and the music of the large orchestra was, by far, the best of the year at Kentucky. Not only were guests present from the University of Kentucky, but also from Centre College, Georgetown College, and Transylvania College. As for the feminine beauties who added the epoch-making touch to the ball, one has only to remember that the maidens who attended were from the very heart of Kentucky.

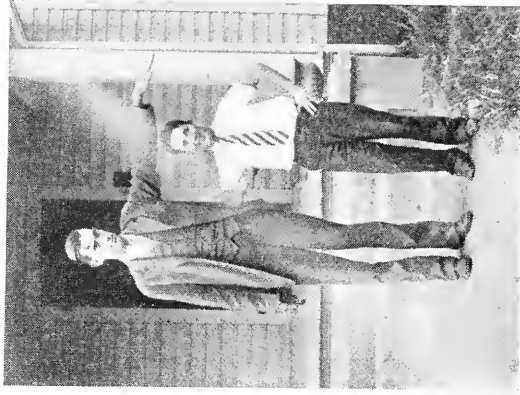
As the lingering notes of "Home Sweet Home" passed into the distance and the electric Phi Sigma Kappa shield at the end of the room slowly faded into darkness, the realization seemed to overshadow everyone, that the goal for which so much had been sacrificed had been attained. The ideal of gaining a charter for Kentucky was reached and a new ideal—that of making Kentucky's chapter what we would have it, supplanted. The delightful occasion is over in reality but surely memories of it will never fade from the minds and hearts of those who attended it. The induction of Phi Deuteron chapter at Kentucky will forever occupy an important position on the memory list of affairs which we are glad to have taken part in and proud to have attended.



THE KENTUCKY INDUCTION PARTY



BROWN AND DARNALL
Iowa State



THE LONG AND SHORT OF NORTH
CAROLINA
Brother Sell, 6' 7½"; Berry, 5' 2"

THE BANQUETS

NEW YORK

On March 12 the New York Club once more sponsored a highly successful Founders' Day Banquet at the Hotel Astor.

The banquet was presided over by Harold C. Rockett. The principal address was given by Brother Burrows, President of the Fraternity. He was followed by Dr. Conley, William A. McIntyre, Albert Rich, John H. Marchmont and Dr. Cutter. The speeches were all appropriate to the occasion and the entertainment under the guidance of Brother Ernie Golden surpassed anything yet seen or heard on Broadway. The spirit of the Fraternity could not have been better demonstrated than was in evidence at the dinner. About 130 men were present, these representing practically one half of the chapters in the East. Beta Chapter with fifteen doctors (M.D.'s) equaled the attendance record of Epsilon, Iota, Zeta and Theta. It is a matter of regret that out of approximately 2,000 members of the Fraternity in the Metropolitan area, only about 5% found it possible to attend. This may be due, to some extent, to the ever changing addresses of men who cannot be notified of these occasions. And possibly, in some measure, to the erroneous idea that the dinner was intended only for members of the New York Club.

The idea suggests itself that there should be at least one annual dinner of the General Fraternity. If this is too ambitious, each of the five districts could have an annual dinner to be participated in by members of the Fraternity within each district regardless of Chapter affiliation. Under present conditions the only opportunity to get together as members of the General Fraternity is at the Convention and as the Convention is held only once in two years and will from now on—due to the growth of the Fraternity—be held in widely separated cities, there is no practical means for a meeting of the members of the National Organization. This principle of an annual get-together banquet or meeting of some character is recognized by most every fraternal, trade and professional organization and no doubt much of the real advancement and progress of these organizations is due to such meetings. This suggestion is not intended as a substitute for the annual banquets or dinner of the local chapters and clubs. These are essential but might be held for the purpose of celebrating their own birth into Phi Sigma Kappa and strengthening their own spokes in the wheel.

The New York dinner followed closely the annual meeting of the New York Club, at which the following officers were elected:

Harold C. Rockett	President
James H. Minor	Vice-President
Frederick Griswold, Jr.	Secretary
Albert L. Clothier	Treasurer

Parker B. Newell Auditor
 Carrel C. Bryant Marshal

A. C. C.

CHICAGO

The annual Founders' Day banquet of the Chicago Club of Phi Sigma Kappa was held in the Rose Room of the Sherman House, March 12th, at 6:30 o'clock. This was one of the most impressive brotherly gatherings of worthy Phi Sigs held in this region for some time. Middle west and several eastern chapters were represented in the "melting pot" of Phi Sigma Kappa's Chicago Club. No group of brothers talking over current events and having personal chats could be classified as any particular chapter group, but were a homogeneous mass of "Phi Sigs."

The dinner was a success and a credit to the Sherman. Instead of the usual large tables and elbow bumping, small tables to accommodate eight were set. The food was beyond reproach with just enough moisture to be satisfying. The entertainment furnished after the meal was also a success, with magic card tricks, vanishing thimbles, foolish steel rings, and last but not least the picking of money from the brother's clothing (a real trick). Three young ladies from the *Student Prince* sang and played several numbers.

The fun was over and everyone was in a good humor so the business meeting was called to order. The regular routine was disposed of and the election of officers took place. The general opinion was that the present officers were engineering a new era for the Chicago Club during the past year by the starting of annual picnics, dance, theatre party, golf, etc., and would like to see such continue. Now would be a poor time to change horses so the election was 100%.

The real interesting event of the evening was a talk given by Brother Ruedi. Space prohibits a lengthy discussion of his talk. We all know that when he starts, he says something. However, among the topics were: expansion, standing of chapters and clubs, uniform accounting system, advisability of a chapter at North-western, and the future of the Chicago Club. The brothers who were unable to attend surely missed some real inside information of the Fraternity. Active chapters could learn a great deal by listening to Brother Ruedi.

The "Phi Sigma Kappa Marching Song" and a snake dance ended the meeting, with all feeling the desire to do more for Phi Sigma Kappa and the Chicago Club during the next year.

P. W. B.

PITTSBURGH

"The Phi Sigma Kappa Club of Pittsburgh held its annual business meeting on Saturday evening, March 19, 1927, in the Pittsburgh Athletic Association, at which time the following offi-

cers were elected and installed: President, James S. Munger, N '17; Vice-President, H. S. Rogers, K '13; Secretary, Paul J. Guinther, A '22; Treasurer, Charles K. Bowsre, K '23; Marshal, James K. Ruby, K '21; Auditor, George W. Metger, II '13.

The past year has been one of unusual significance for the Pittsburgh Club, for it marks the installation of "our" chapter—Tau Deuteron. The annual reports of the secretary and treasurer, respectively, gave evidence of the progress made in a material way."

"Founders' Day in the 'Smoky City' was celebrated jointly by the Phi Sigma Kappa Club of Pittsburgh and Tau Deuteron Chapter at a banquet held in the Pittsburgh Athletic Association on the evening of Saturday, March 19, 1927.

The meal was all that the 'inner man' desired, and splendid music enlivened the occasion.

Dr. F. L. Schumacher, M '08, officiated as toastmaster, and acquitted himself so well that he has probably created a permanent position for himself at future celebrations. Toasts were responded to by 'Duke' Lafean, Regional Vice-President (in his inimitable way, of course), 'Dick' Horner, retiring president of the Club, and 'Eddie' Jones, president of Tau Deuteron Chapter. Brother John A. Hollinger, II '03 (head of the Visualization Department of the Pittsburgh Public Schools) in a wonderful message, explained 'The Ideals of Phi Sigma Kappa' to our newly initiated brothers, and gave all of us food for thought and inspiration to action. But the 'piece de resistance' was provided by the speaker of the evening—Brother W. M. Diefenderfer, II '02 (pastor of St. Paul's Reformed Church, Sharon, Pa.), who told us of the place of 'The Fraternity in Every-Day Life.' 'Dick' is Good—make no mistake about that; and he was exceptionally and especially good on this occasion."

P. J. G.

A number of the members of The $\Phi \Sigma \kappa$ Club of Philadelphia met at the City Club, March 15th. After the Founders' Day Dinner and a short sociable "get acquainted" period, Brother E. L. Gibbs, M, our president, called the assemblage to order to conduct the business of the organization. The election of officers showed the following results: President, E. L. Gibbs, M (re-elected); Secretary-Treasurer, E. S. Bechtel, K, and the following on the Board of Governors—A. R. Geiger, II, P. E. Guckes, Φ , F. Higham, M, W. E. Zimmerman, A, and F. Peters, A. May 14th was decided upon as the time for our annual picnic.

The Seattle Club celebrated Founders' Day with buffet supper at chapter house and entertainment by active members afterwards.

PHI SIGS AFIELD

THE OUTSTANDING SALESMAN

The following is taken from *The Agency Abstract* of the Equitable Life Assurance Society. Brother Higham is M and Φ '14.

Frederick G. Higham was the outstanding figure of the February production records. Reporting \$342,500 paid business, he led the Agency for the month and the Home Office Honor Roll lists him as the February Leader of all Equitable representatives throughout the United States.

By establishing first place in the greatest underwriting organization in America, Mr. Higham has earned a distinction that is a fitting reward for long, faithful and successfully effective service. He is a veteran who, since contracting as an Equitable Agent in May, 1920, has written throughout his record a story of real achievement. He qualified as a Century Club member his first twelve months in the business and during each year since his progress has been rapid and continuous. His recent monthly production includes the largest policy ever issued by the Society at one time on a single life in this district. The placing of this case alone leaves no doubt of Mr. Higham's unusual ability and, incidentally, the assured, Mr. Frank H. Mancill, a prominent attorney of this city, in protecting extensive financial interests, is also to be congratulated upon his qualifications as a risk.

We consider Frederick Higham a representative Equitable Underwriter. He has built, among the highest type of Philadelphians, a wide and extensive clientele, to whom he renders professional service. He knows the business thoroughly and is unselfishly devoted to the interests of his policyholders.

In congratulating Mr. Higham the Abstract voices the approval of the entire Agency, but it is difficult to adequately express appreciation of this man whose long association the organization has found always so pleasurable as well as profitable. We do extend every good wish for his general welfare and the continuance of a success which gives every promise of his becoming one of the country's foremost underwriters.

TEMPORARY SPEAKER

From *The Springfield Republican* of April 14. Brother Griggs is A '13.

Boston, April 13—Representative Fred D. Griggs of Springfield was designated by Speaker Hull to preside over to-day's session of the House, and so skillfully did he wield the gavel that the day's business was completed in 40 minutes, almost a record for this stage of the session. The Springfield member handled himself like a veteran presiding officer, and made it very evident that he must be considered in 1929 when a speaker is being elected.

VON LUCKNER VISITS EPSILON

Accompanied by Brother Cedric W. Foster, T '14, Count Felix von Luckner, commander of the famous German raider *Seeadler* during the world war, visited the Yale chapter, March 27. Count von Luckner is touring the United States on a goodwill mission of a German peace foundation and will continue his journey around the world shortly.

Sachem Hall men were more than courteous to their distinguished visitor, the Count appreciating their kindness so much that he presented them with an autographed picture of the Seeadler. He had lectured in Hartford the day before where he had been the guest of Brother Foster. Brother Foster's connection with the Count came in the South Sea Islands when Foster became well acquainted with Captain Edward Kohler of the British ship "Percy." This ship was the third ship sunk by von Luckner and the Kohlers were held by the Count as prisoners of war for three months.

The appeal of von Luckner to America lies in the fact that throughout his whole career he did not lose a human life despite the fact that he sunk more than twenty-five ships before the Japanese took him a prisoner in the Pacific. Just prior to the sinking of the ships the Count would unload the entire crew and passengers onto his own vessel, keeping them prisoners till he was able to unload them onto a British ship.

The Yale chapter of Phi Sigma Kappa extended to Count von Luckner an invitation to visit at the house when he returns to New Haven for a lecture in English. This lecture is going to be arranged under the auspices of the American Legion.

DISCOVERS FRANKLIN BOOKS

The following story, from the *Lancaster Sunday News*, relates the work of Sigurd B. Hagen, II '27.

Lying neglected on an obscure shelf in the library at Franklin and Marshall were, until recently, three books that to-day are pointed to as among the prized possessions of the college.

The books were once the property of Benjamin Franklin. Each bears his initials on the fly-leaf, together with the date, 1780.

Dust-covered, neglected, utterly unknown, apparently, the volumes were brought to light when librarians started "Spring house-cleaning" and inventory in the library.

They constitute a work called "The Origins of Laws, Arts and Sciences, and Their Progress Among the Ancient Nations," published at Edinburgh in 1775.

This set of books is perhaps the only memento of Franklin possessed by the college, although Franklin is intimately connected with the early history of the institution. When the Germans established their school at Lancaster in 1787, they named it Franklin College in honor of the president of the state. There is evidence that Franklin donated 200 pounds to the new school, and it is supposed by some that he was present at the dedication exercises.

In the upper right-hand corner of the fly-leaf of each volume appear the autograph initials of Benjamin Franklin with the date, thus: B. F., 1780. That these initials are actually Franklin's appears from the note written in ink on the first blank page of each book, saying:

"This work once belonged to Benjamin Franklin, subsequently to my father-in-law, John Watts, who presented it to Frederic de Peyster, his son-in-law."

CONDUCTS A GREAT ORCHESTRA

Mr. van Hoogstraten is a member of our chapter at Oregon.

The Portland Symphony Orchestra, with Willem van Hookstraten, conductor, appeared in concert on the University campus, March 7. The concert was one of the A. S. U. O. series and was held in McArthur court. The organization, composed of some seventy musicians, presented an imposing appearance and gave a program that was well-chosen and executed with brilliance and technique.

WINS FELLOWSHIP AT YALE

Paul Ager, $\Psi\Delta$ '26, who has been doing research work on problems of university finance in the president's office this year, has been awarded a Strathcona fellowship in transportation at Yale University.

The fellowship was established by funds furnished by Lord Strathcona to further the study of transportation at Yale. There are five fellowships awarded each year to outstanding students throughout the United States. One thousand dollars is granted for expenses during the college year.

BECOMES PROFESSOR AT HARVARD

The story from *The Laurentian* of Lawrence College refers to a Phi Sigma Kappa, University of Washington.

Howard Thompson Lewis, '10, has accepted a full professorship in the Harvard School of Business Administration at Harvard University. Professor Lewis, who has been Dean of the College of Business Administration at the University of Washington, at Spokane, has been on a one year's leave of absence in Italy during the past year. He was the recipient of the Westinghouse Exchange professorship, which enabled him to spend the year in Italy.

Professor Lewis graduated from Lawrence in 1910. Since that time, he has been professor of economics and sociology at the State Normal School of Kansas, professor of economics at Hiram college, associate professor of political science at the University of Idaho, and then dean of the College of Business Administration at the University of Washington.

Well-known because of his numerous contributions to professional magazines of economics and sociology, Professor Lewis is a member of the American Sociological society, the American Economics association, and the American Political Science association. He is also a member of Phi Beta Kappa, Tau Kappa Alpha, and Phi Sigma Kappa.

HEADS ROCHESTER ROTARIANS

Harold E. Stonebraker, Λ '08, a Rochester lawyer since 1910, has been elected president of the local Rotary Society, one of the largest and most active chapters in the country. Brother Stonebraker attended the International Convention at Ostend in June.

THE CHAPTER INVISIBLE

JOSEPH McPHILLIPS, M.D., B '12

Dr. Joseph McPhillips, B '12, died in New York City on April 11th. Brother McPhillips resided at 153 West 92d Street, New York City, with his wife and young daughter. He was graduated from the Albany Medical College in the class of 1912 and very shortly thereafter went to New York, where he had since resided and practiced his profession. Born and reared at Friends Lake, N. Y., in the very heart of the Adirondacks, Brother McPhillips was a fine specimen of stalwart American manhood and his early demise at the age of forty-six years came as a great shock and sorrow to his host of friends and particularly to the brothers of Phi Sigma Kappa who knew him and, knowing him, admired and revered him. He had met with notable success as a surgeon and the large number of his former patients who called at the bereaved home to pay respects and view the remains bore mute testimony to the splendid work he was privileged to do in the cause of humanity and his stricken fellow-man.

J. H. G.

ANSWERS (see pages 5 and 6)

1. Gilbert J. Morgan.
2. \$200.
3. Alden March.
4. Cornell.
5. Marshal Foch.
6. 60.
7. Pittsburgh.
8. Barrett, Brooks, Campbell, Clark, Clay, Hague.
9. March 15, 1873.
10. Virginia.
11. Three.
12. Joseph F. Barrett.
13. The Secretary, Watts.
14. Location on the Pacific Coast.
15. Worcester.
16. Dr. Walter H. Conley.
17. Regional conclave, Council, Court, Convention.
18. Yale chapter.
19. Rho.
20. Fletcher A. Blanchard.
21. R. Rossman Lawrence.
22. \$25.
23. George Bruce Cortelyou.
24. Illinois.
25. Dr. Joseph E. Root.

NU BURS

There follow a few humorous bits, taken from the *Lehigh Burr* and contributed by Brothers Hoover, Stoltz and Rice.

"I want to travel the worst way."
"Try New Jersey."

"Miranda, wassat light shining in yo' eyes?"
"Thas ma stop light, Rastus."

Little Girl: "Mother, there's a man in the kitchen kissing the cook."
Mother: "What! In my house! Send her upstairs this minute."
Little Girl: "April Fool! It's only father."

Joe: "Mary has the grippe."
Jack: "You don't say! Did she get the password?"

"Does your husband play golf, Mrs. Jones?"
"No indeed, that was the parrot."

"Why is a blush like a girl?"
"Because it becomes a woman."

Politician: "I was just elected governor."
Wife: "Honestly!"
Politician: "Now why do you always have to bring that up?"

Fussy country parson: "Is your mind at rest?"
Troubled layman: "No, but yours must be."

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EDUCATOR OR WINDOW-DRESSER?

Address of Nelson Antrim Crawford, 1A '14, before the American Association of College News Bureaus, Manhattan, Kansas, June 23-25, 1927.

A former acquaintance of mine, once director of publicity for a large educational institution, devoted several years in patient effort to build up sentiment favorable to certain principles and policies favored by the president of the institution. These, the publicity director used to insist, were essential to educational progress. The president left to accept a more important position. His successor was not favorably inclined toward the old policies. The publicity director, discovering this fact, not only made no effort to show the new president the basis of the policies, but promptly assured him that the policies were all erroneous and that, having taken an active part in building them up, he was strategically qualified to tear them down. Such a man is manifestly a mere job-holder. His advice, except perhaps as to details of trickery, is worthless. All his ideas must be furnished by some one else, and as to the validity of them he never reaches a real conclusion.

It may be asserted that this is simply business. I am willing to argue the negative side of this proposition. I am ready to maintain that this is not sound business, but plain flapdoodle, and that the publicity man who adopts this policy is not, as he fondly imagines, a shrewd, upstanding business man, but a splendid example of the Great American Ass. Alike from the standpoint of benefit to himself and from that of profit to his employer, he is a fool.

Take, for comparison, the advertising business. What advertising agency has the highest standing among clients and which

obtains the greatest profits for itself? Is it the agency that follows without objection or argument every suggestion made by a client, whether it means a sound constructive campaign or a plethora of vanity copy, whether it will lead to permanent prosperity or merely to a temporary spurt in sales? Or is it the agency that gives to its client its best counsel on production, on salesmanship, on marketing, on copy, on every detail that affects the soundness and profitableness of the business? The fact that the latter is the invariable practice of the leading advertising agencies of the country suggests the answer. Manufacturing processes, trade names, methods of distribution of commodities, have frequently been altogether changed as a result of suggestions from advertising agencies. Not a few agencies refuse accounts in which the chance of success is jeopardized by prejudice and unwillingness of the owners to view conditions with open minds. Progress in national advertising has been due chiefly, and progress in American business has been due to a considerable extent, to the fact that advertising agencies have been not mere business agents but professional business advisers. Advertising is no longer window-dressing; it is an integral part of business.

The principle holds good in as great, if not a greater, degree in publicity. The publicity man who does permanently useful work is not a servant but a competent and trustworthy adviser.

Apply this to the college or university. Is the director of publicity a competent and trusted adviser of the university administration and faculty? Or is he, on the contrary, merely a window-dresser for the institution, a man who tries to put into entertaining form whatever, true or false, significant or inconsequential, is handed down to him? Such a man assumes responsibility only for the windows; he cares not at all what is in the store behind them. I am not going to answer these questions. You all know, as I do, how widely conditions vary in institutions of learning.

It is safe to say, however, that in the average institution the director of publicity does not have in this respect the standing which under ideal conditions would be of greatest benefit to the institution. Obviously, this is due partly to a lack of realization on the part of academic authorities as to what the function of such an officer is. There is also, however, another difficulty which I believe can best be suggested by another series of questions:

Is the director of publicity sufficiently a master of education and

of journalism to make his advice contribute definitely to educational progress?

Has he sufficiently definite convictions and self-confidence to present his views adequately and effectively?

Has he sufficient intellectual integrity to decline or to resign a position in an institution whose fundamental policies and practices he cannot honestly support?

Manifestly, there are directors of publicity in educational institutions that possess all these qualities. Manifestly, there are others who do not. It is useless to expect men without them to serve usefully in important advisory capacities. It is equally useless for college administrators to expect those qualities in men selected in the haphazard way that is all too common. The fact that a man has been manager of the Chestnut Hills Chamber of Commerce, publicity agent for the Association of Importers of Ripe Stuffed Olives, courthouse reporter on the *Wakarusa Daily Herald*, or instructor in feature writing in Billings University, does not mean that he is either an educator or a journalist. Yet such men as these are not infrequently selected to direct what presumably is educational publicity.

It may, perhaps, be said that an advertising agency does not have to know the perfume business before it undertakes to act for a perfume manufacturer and that a publicity director likewise need not know education before undertaking work for a college or university. The analogy is hardly accurate. Any reputable advertising agency possesses, to begin with, adequate knowledge of business generally and of advertising. It then studies the special problems presented by each account. In like manner, the publicity director for an educational institution should have adequate knowledge of education generally and of journalism. He can then study his particular institution and its problems and apply the principles with which he is already familiar.

The Association of College News Bureaus might well exert its influence toward the adoption by educational institutions of such standards and such methods of selection as will insure the appointment of qualified publicity men and women for these institutions as well as toward a recognition of the proper function of a director of publicity. The work of you who are endeavoring to maintain sound educational ideals is hampered by those of lower qualifications and principles.

To a director of publicity who is properly qualified for work in an educational institution, certain matters are axiomatic.

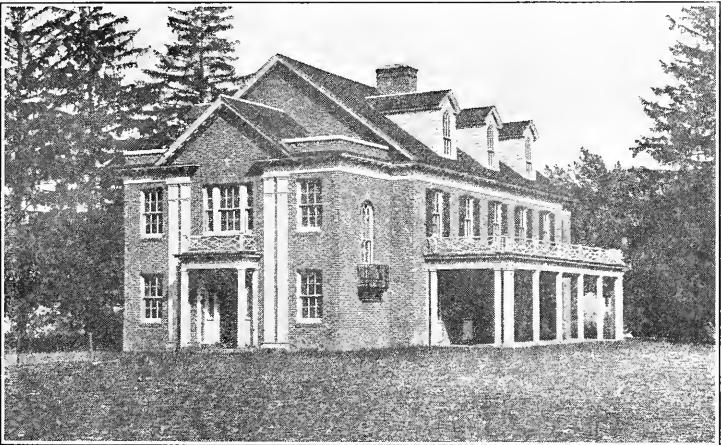
He realizes, for example, that a college or university does not properly exist for the private advantage of any one. The purpose of an educational institution is not to build itself up. There is no more pernicious doctrine than the one that faculty members and students, in all that they think, say, and do, should consider first what is euphemistically called "the welfare of the institution," actually meaning the popularity of the institution among those least qualified to judge. Only a little less pernicious is the theory that educational institutions exist not to serve the general public but specific classes in the public; that a school of law should foster only those ideals held by a majority of lawyers; that a school of journalism should teach only what most practicing newspaper men want it to teach; that a school of agriculture should attempt to benefit exclusively the farmer. It is useless to shut our eyes to these theories; they are widely held, and some educational institutions have definitely yielded to them. The publicity man or woman with a hazy idea of the function of a university is very likely to accept them.

From the standpoint of journalism, the qualified director of publicity will see the absurdity of an educational institution's attempting to suppress facts that seem to produce an unfavorable impression. He will strive simply in the direction of a fair and balanced picture of the institution in the public mind. If such a picture, taken as a whole, produces an unfavorable impression on sensible and intelligent people, the fault is not with the publicity; it is with the institution, and the place for correction to be made is not in what is written but in the conditions that form the basis of what is written. A college or university that is not working for the public good does not deserve public support.

Obviously, it is easier to talk about presenting a balanced picture of an institution than actually to do the job. It can be done, however—not, of course, in a few months, but through a consistent policy maintained over a period of years. The large educational institution to-day exists for three fundamental purposes, all of them educational: (1) Instruction of students on the campus; (2) research; (3) activities, commonly called "public service work," designed to benefit directly the public outside the institution.



THE MICHIGAN HOUSE



THE DARTMOUTH HOUSE

An examination of the news published concerning most educational institutions, however, will show a large proportion of it dealing with matters slightly if at all concerned with the purposes of these institutions. Intercollegiate athletics, fraternities, parties, are not to any important extent educational, yet the impression gained from the press is that these are the significant enterprises carried on in our colleges and universities.

For the attention given to these things, the director of publicity is not responsible, except as he acquiesces, by positive effort or by inaction, in their dominance in the news. He is, fortunately, no censor of the press, but he can at least refrain from adding to the emphasis on non-educational matters. Some publicity directors—and some university presidents—excuse their devotion to trivialities in their news on the ground that it is necessary in order to maintain public interest in education. This I am ready unqualifiedly to deny. I do not believe that a football victory or a fraternity dance ever brought to any college any student who will materially contribute to scholarship or the progress of society. I do not believe, to take a concrete example, that Columbia University would rank any higher in the world of education, would perform any more useful service to society, would carry on any better research, would have any better faculty, or would attract any students better able to profit from instruction there, if it had football, baseball, and basketball teams that could win the championship of the world, or if it contained the wealthiest chapter of every college fraternity in America. I believe, on the positive side, that interest which can be gained only by emphasis on non-educational matters will prove ultimately of no benefit to the institution, but will be, instead, a potent force for the destruction of every educational ideal.

As I have suggested, the director of publicity may add to this emphasis or he may do nothing for or against it. He may take a third course—the course which he will take if he is really concerned with education, if his primary interest is in a more intelligent and better educated citizenship rather than in a ten per cent increase in enrollment or a fifteen per cent increase in funds for the coming year. He will try to give a balanced picture of his institution by interpreting to the public the educational matters—discoveries in research laboratories and experiment stations and libraries, improved methods of instruction that have been devised,

services available to the general public—which are so largely neglected in the news.

This is not the easiest thing in the world. It is much simpler to make interesting to the public the transfer of an all-American halfback from one university to another than the discovery of a new vitamin. But the latter fact can be made interesting; Science Service and some general newspaper writers, such as Alva Johnston, have shown that the significant can be made interesting. It requires greater intelligence, deeper knowledge, and superior writing ability—which, after all, are the very qualities that a qualified publicity director for an educational institution possesses.

What I am contending for is, in a word, educational publicity. Does it seem strange that an institution dedicated to education should put its purpose into practice in every phase of its work? I urge not only that the public be informed of what educational work the colleges and universities are doing but that this work be interpreted and made applicable to the needs of the public. For example, in the field of agriculture it is not enough to point out that experiments have been made to develop rust-resistant wheats. Such a statement is merely show stuff, an attempt to present evidence that the university is not wasting its money. The farmer wants to know how these wheats were developed, whether they have been tested in actual farm practice, to what extent the seed is available, what the average yield is, under what conditions the grain may be successfully grown. In short, he wants a clear, popular interpretation of the whole experiment.

One may appropriately go a step further. It is obvious that city people as a whole do not understand farming or the farmer. It is obvious at the same time that such understanding is of great importance to the general welfare. Here is a task of interpretation that demands knowledge, resource, skill. What institution is better qualified to make the needed interpretation than a college of agriculture?

The same principle may be applied in every subject with which educational institutions deal. I venture to say that not twenty-five per cent of the available, useful material in such institutions has ever been really interpreted to the American people. If it had been, they would think of colleges in terms not of football, petting parties, and outlandish clothing, but in terms of science and philosophy and art and letters, those things which are the perma-

nent concern of the human spirit. The publicity for any educational institution should itself educate.

Such publicity may not yield immediate results in enrollment or endowments or appropriations. It probably will yield them eventually. If it should not, it would mean that the national mind was so saturated in triviality as to make education a useless and hopeless enterprise. In such a contingency, which seems to me highly improbable, the university would at least have the satisfaction of having kept the true faith of education; it would be defeated, but only after drawing clearly the issue between educational light and darkness.

To paraphrase a sentence in Gerald Johnson's brilliant study of news, in its publicity the university writes its own character and outlines its own ideals. Here it illustrates its choice between education and window-dressing.

THE CHAPTER AUTHORIAL

By Dr. G. Lloyd Wilson, Φ '18—a series of ten articles on *Perishable Protective Services* appearing in *The Traffic World*.

By Dr. Ralph P. Truitt, H '10—an article *Mental Hygiene and the Public Schools* in *Mental Hygiene* for April.

also two addresses, *Team-Work in the Prevention of Crime*, published by the Joint Committee on Methods of Preventing Delinquency.

By Melville Davisson Post, Δ '91—a book, *The Revolt of the Birds*, evidently something like *The Strike at Shane's*, and published by D. Appleton & Co.

also a story, *The Stolen Treasure*, in the *June Ladies' Home Journal*.

By Fitzhugh Green, Δ '13—a book, *Anchor's Aweigh*, a story of Annapolis for boys, published by D. Appleton & Co. \$1.75.

also a sketch, *Lindbergh*, in the *New York Times* of May 29.

RAMBLINGS OF THE PRESIDENT

ALVIN T. BURROWS, *Council*

It is the duty of the President of the United States from time to time to advise Congress of the state of the Union. So, too, Frank Rand, editor of the *SIGNET*, regards it the duty of the president of the fraternity from time to time to tell the active chapters and the alumni of such affairs of the fraternity as may come within his cognizance, to the end that all may be informed and a commonalty of interest and thought approached. So, obedient to his mandate, the following has been prepared, more as a narrative of current events than as an effort to prove or disprove anything or any policy.

The August, 1926, convention voted to grant charters to locals at Carnegie Tech, University of North Carolina, University of Kentucky, Washington State, and the University of Oregon. The inductions of the first three were held in the November following, and your president, in addition to attending these functions, took advantage of the opportunity to visit every chapter in the Southern Region.

The induction at Carnegie Tech, under the able supervision of Vice-President Lafean, Jimmy Mulholland, Dick Horner, and others of the Pittsburgh club, together with alumni and actives from most of the Pennsylvania chapters, from West Virginia and Ohio, made this a happy and felicitous occasion. Not the least significant feature of this affair was the kindly interest manifested by the president, dean of men, and other leading faculty members of the university, who graced the banquet with their presence and warmly welcomed Phi Sigma Kappa. The new chapter measured up to every expectation, and its alumni, gathered together on the night of the formal banquet, formed themselves into an organization to father the interests of the young fledgling.

Leaving Pittsburgh on a Sunday morning Vice-President Batt, of the Southern Region, assumed charge of affairs, and take it from us, Joe is a past master in engineering a *tour de luxe*.

The first stop was at Georgia Tech at Atlanta, the nerve center of the South. Here "Mollie" Williamson was on the job, and if you have never met Mollie and have a chance to some day there

is a great treat coming to you. Loyal and enthusiastic, and very much in earnest, he permitted his visitors no dull moment. The Kappa Deuteron chapter is firmly established at Georgia Tech, and the active alumni, including a number from outside chapters, are not only looking after the immediate needs of the chapter but have ambitious plans for the future.

It is an all-night's ride from Atlanta to Tuscaloosa, where the Alabama contingent always has a delegation at the train to welcome incoming brothers. There is something refreshing about the atmosphere at Alabama, which somehow gives one the impression of the hustling, eager Pacific coast. Pervading the institution there is an air of progress which is electrifying, based as it is upon the old South and its century of traditions being born anew. Some one with vision has been at work at Alabama, and the result is tremendously impressive. With one or two exceptions the university buildings are new and modern, while fraternity row, just across the street from the campus, takes rank with any that exist elsewhere in the Country. The university has exercised over these structures a supervision that has brought a very pleasing picture.

Our own chapter at Alabama is just getting its roots in the ground, but those boys are comers, and the spirit they exhibited and the interest they showed in the fraternity left a most pleasing impression. Phi Sigma Kappa is firmly rooted in Alabama, and the fraternity may well congratulate itself on being a part of the life of this coming great institution.

It is quite a trip from Tuscaloosa back to Knoxville, but the welcome awaiting one quickly wipes out the memory of the long, tedious train ride. Our chapter at Tennessee is a young one, but vigorous and healthy. Its scholarship is excellent and its personnel pleasing. It enjoys the distinction of being the first fraternity on the campus to build and live in a home built expressly for its occupancy. In addition to this it has a peculiar distinction—one not met with perhaps elsewhere in the Fraternity. The chapter is first on the campus in Christian Endeavor work and Bible study. Do not think these boys are mollycoddles. They are quite the reverse. They are doing the fraternity credit in almost every line of endeavor.

It is another all-day trip from Knoxville to Chapel Hill, N. C., where the tourists found a bunch of eager young men awaiting

initiation as the Upsilon Deuteron chapter. It was a great old gang that had assembled for these ceremonies. Williamson and Scotty Morton from Georgia, and Red Mays from Tennessee, aided by such old timers as Lindley of Gamma, '99, Masten of Eta, Foreman of Eta, Ingram of Eta, Smith of Eta, Teague of Eta, Callaway of Eta, Lawson of Eta, Egolf of Nu, Mackintosh of Alpha, and Coffman of far-off Leland Stanford, formed an initiation team which had the time of their lives putting the neophytes through our sacred mysteries. Reinforced by the indefatigable Edgar Fell, of the Council, the initiation team did a bang-up job. There was but one fly in the ointment, which occurred when Vice-President Batt, Scholarship Adviser Fell, and ye President, on their way to the ball, duly and becomingly arrayed in boiled shirts, silk underwear and other evening clothes, supplemented by a broad ribbon of silver and magenta across the official chests, were ignominiously denied admission to the hotel dining-room one fateful night, because they were a minute and a half late, and were compelled to fare forth into the highways and byways in all their regal splendor searching for food at a lunch counter.

North Carolina, like Alabama, is an amazing combination of the old and the new. The oldest State university in America, in some respects it is the newest and most up-to-date, and is getting more so every day.

And how the alumni did enjoy that occasion. It was as if the breath of life had been re-instilled into their bosoms. Never a happier set of fellows than those who in memory of bygone days had gathered together to taste again of the delights of fraternal association.

If you have never visited the Virginia chapter at Charlottesville do not miss the chance if you ever have it. The campus is a bower of beauty, a collection of beautiful buildings in a wonderful natural setting. The place is rich in traditions of Thomas Jefferson, its founder; of Edgar Allan Poe, who once occupied a little cubicle on its campus; and of Woodrow Wilson, who had a similar privilege. The chapter itself is a fine collection of young men exemplifying the famed Southern hospitality and splendid breeding. Its scholarship is not all that it might be, and the prospects for a new house are still somewhat nebulous, yet there is a sense of well-being about it all that is very refreshing.

In quaint old Annapolis, not so very far from the naval academy, is St. John's College and our own Sigma chapter. With only one other fraternity on the campus our chapter has no serious problems confronting it, for Fell, Morgan and Baxter are at Baltimore, and Batt at Washington, ready at all times to give friendly and wise aid when needed.

The Eta Chapter at College Park is equally fortunate. This chapter, although young in years, is vigorous in its activities. It has already bought and is paying for one home, and has plans afoot for the sale of this property and the erection of a more stately mansion to take care of its growing needs. A strong alumni organization in Washington, seven miles away, makes the future of this organization certain.

Then there is old Lambda at Washington, where the politicians thrive. Lambda, under the alumni leadership of DePrey, Zacharias, Huff and old Joe Batt, occupies a home of its own for the first time in a quarter of a century of turbulent existence. With alumni and active chapter working in close unison Lambda should continue to be, as in the past, one of the great, successful chapters of the fraternity.

Finally there was the induction at Kentucky, with Batt and Fell once more in charge, and Stuart and Smith of Georgia Tech, and Foster and Carter of Tennessee, to add color to a memorable occasion. Dean Paul Boyd, Den Edwards Wiest, and Prof. E. D. Bureau, of the faculty, together with alumni members of the old local, promptly formed an alumni association and are undertaking the guidance of as fine a set of boys as ever Kentucky produced. The banquet in the evening was graced by many of the prominent college dignitaries and a high official of Beta Theta Pi, who confessed that many of his problems sounded strangely like those experienced by Phi Sigma Kappa. The fraternity found a warm welcome in Kentucky and Phi Deuteron starts out under the most favorable auspices.

IN THE NORTH AND EAST

So much for the south—and it is mostly encouraging and very little discouraging. What about the north and east?

Early in March the writer, this time alone, made a pilgrimage to St. Lawrence, Dartmouth, Columbia, College of the City of

New York, the New York club, Stevens Institute, Lehigh and Cornell.

Not the least interesting of these places is St. Lawrence, away off by itself near the northern border of New York. Here is a chapter as is a chapter. How those boys can sing, and what a welcome they give one. Housed in a magnificent house which commands the campus, backed by an alumni organization which keeps in close touch with its affairs, counseled by the quiet but astute Jimmie Manning, Xi chapter has within it all the elements of success. Here faculty and student mix in friendly intercourse, and at the smoker given in honor of the President every faculty member in town turned out and joined in the festivities. And did you ever serenade the sororities? Well, get the boys at Xi to tell you how to do it, or take them along and let them show you. It is an event in any one's life.

Over at Dartmouth, New England itself is epitomized and crystallized—New England at its best—not the New England of Boston and Providence and New Haven, but the rural New England of the rock-ribbed hills and sturdy manhood. Hanover is the ideal college town and Tau is the ideal college chapter. Here Howard Dunham holds forth, and no finer man lives than he. Gracious, courteous, thoughtful, unassuming, his kindly friendship warms the heart and indelibly impresses the memory with kindly contacts. And as Howard Dunham is, so is Tau chapter, for they blend together as one masterpiece. Would that everything were as well with the Fraternity as it is with this splendid New England chapter.

The situation at New York with respect to Zeta and Theta is well known and generally understood. Both chapters are greatly handicapped by their metropolitan surroundings which are extremely detrimental to the best of fraternity life. Yet, despite the difficult surroundings these chapters are vigorous and enthusiastic and give every promise of continuing so. Columbia has a house problem that is perplexing, but arrangements were in progress last spring that pointed to an early and satisfactory solution.

Over at Hoboken, across the river, is Stevens Institute and Iota chapter. Although in the metropolitan district conditions for fraternity life are better than in the great city. The chapter is substantially housed, it has a splendid standing on the campus and is without serious problems to embarrass it.



WILLIAM D. ANDES
Pi's Artist



GETTYSBURG'S CUPS
(See page 70)

The New York club, under the direction of H. C. Rockett as president and Fred Griswold as secretary, has taken on a new lease of life. Its Founder's Day Banquet was largely attended and greatly enjoyed by those present. As an example of outside interest, Yale sent a delegation of seven active men, and Beta was represented by fifteen alumni.

The chapter at Lehigh occupies a house on the brow of the hill at Third and Cherokee. Like most of the other houses there, it is a converted mansion, which is serving well its purpose until a modern structure can be erected on a site yet to be determined. Fraternity conditions at Lehigh are somewhat stilted, due to the policy of the University, but our chapter is getting along in good shape and should continue to do so.

At Cornell that grand old man of Gamma, Herman Dietrichs, is still the master spirit. He has been the mainstay of that chapter so long, that his spirit pervades the place, and probably always will. Gamma chapter is one of our oldest, strongest and most conservative chapters. Whatever it does, it does well, and it does everything that should be done. In a galaxy of chapters from other fraternities it has a proud place of leadership on the campus, which is most gratifying to observe. As a chapter it is a stickler for the old traditions. It always has been. One hopes it always may be. It is distinctly anti-expansion, yet more than one of its alumni, far from home, have sometimes changed their views, but never their loyalty and love for the old chapter on the hillside.

THE EXPANDING VISION

So much for things as they are. But what of the future? The old question of future growth arises again and again, for like Banquo's ghost, it will not down. Resolve as we may, commit ourselves to a future policy as we will, when new conditions arise the impulse to go just a little bit further will not be denied.

There is a distinct change, however, in the direction of future growth—if any. For more than a decade the impulse has been to get into the larger institutions, particularly the state universities. That movement has slowed down, if not permanently halted. The tendency now is to consider the smaller colleges, especially those in the middle west—colleges analogous in attendance and resources to Williams, St. Lawrence and Amherst. Other fraternities

besides our own are turning their attention in this direction. In many of these well-established colleges are to be found locals of many years' standing, who are turning, almost with one accord, to the national fraternities for recognition and partnership.

Many have come to believe that the real future of the fraternities lies with the smaller schools in the smaller communities. Certainly it does not lie in the larger cities. It is time that we of Phi Sigma Kappa once more took stock of our intentions, and gave thought to the desirability—nay the imperative necessity—of intrenching ourselves in these smaller institutions of solid worth, while the field is yet inviting and ripe unto the harvest.

CONGRATULATIONS!

To our chapter at Gettysburg, which has just won the Interfraternity Scholarship Cup for the fifth consecutive time. It also ranked third among the ten chapters represented, in campus activities.

And to our chapter at Dartmouth, which has also been declared first in scholarship, among the twenty-three fraternities at Hanover.

And further to our chapter at Minnesota, which also ranks first in scholarship in a much larger field.

THE SIGMA PHI CENTENNIAL ADDRESS

HON. ELIHU ROOT

Mr. Toastmaster, Brothers of the Sigma Phi, Cousins in Kappa Alpha and Delta Phi:

When a man in the ninth decade of life undertakes to make a speech he may well borrow and apply the saying of Dr. Johnson: that a dog walking on his hind legs doesn't do it very well, but it is remarkable that he should do it at all. (Laughter, applause.)

I responded to our Chairman's invitation, not as a speechmaker, but as an exhibit. I present myself as an antiquity: a piece of Adam furniture, without reconstruction or replacement. Nothing more than an occasional rubbing down and oiling suffices to start it. (Laughter.) I give you this description of myself because I have been a member of the Sigma Phi for sixty-seven years, a full two-thirds of a century the conclusion of which we celebrate. My memory goes back to personal friendship with many of the founders. I have pictures of them now in my mind: Cromwell and Campbell, and Alden and Eaton and Cochrane and Davis and Kendrick and many another whom I knew and will know for life. All of them were proud of the part they played in the founding of Sigma Phi. All of them immensely felt that it was no mere incident in life to have been an influence in the creation of that association. I wish they could be here now to review the consummation of a century.

Perhaps they are. Certainly they live, as many of their associates live, in that continuance of life which may be the true life among men. I wonder if they knew what they were doing? I doubt it.

As I look back it seems to me that the reason never exists for the experience of our own hearts. For me it seems that the organization and the existence of the society, called by its specific name, marked out by the wearing of a particular badge—a custom to establish personal relation with a group of associates—it seems to me that the experience of years in such an association has created an influence that has gone with me all my life; and, for my part, I need not here seek for any other justification or

reason for the existence of Sigma Phi. As I look back I see, in memory, the splendid and the alert forms, the pleasing faces—beautiful—of those whom I recall as Kaps and Delta Phis. (Applause.) I, the oldest of the Sigma Phis, declare that the Kaps and the Delta Phis belong to the same tribe, are families bearing the same totem.

Thousands and tens of thousands of associations have been formed, have passed away, and the world knows them no more. What is it that made those old founders proud of the part they had in it? What is it that has led, throughout the great array of educational institutions of our country, to the universal imitation of the original Greek letter society? Something more fundamental, something more consonant with the eternal in the human spirit must have been there to preserve the life and the influence and the leadership of these little groups of men who took the Greek letter to distinguish them from each other and mark them as in a bond with each other.

Let me tell you how the answer brings itself to my mind. As we pass, generation after generation, from the barren wilderness of the old mathematicians and plant our feet upon the same solid ground, in the clearer light of recent psychology, we seem able to see that the intellect is but one of the elements of human life which justifies the statement of the philosopher that man is not a beast walking on his hind legs. He is an immortal God. The intellect is but one element in the life which distinguishes him from the brute.

Quite different from that. The dominating forces under which we live are reversed. Our motives, desires, emotions—and the intellect has for its main foundation, desire, feeling, motive—together make up what we call character. This is not limited to the writings of modern philosophers, it is to be found in the study of life. The highest intellect, most thoroughly displayed and trained, by itself leads, however, sooner or later, to chaos and destruction. In the life of communities the noblest intellect cannot hold the community together. Reason never furnishes adequate force to govern the relations of men to each other. Under reason alone, a community breaks up into civil war and chaos.

In the life of nations, we are learning in these recent years, the same great trouble applies. No human intelligence of modern time can surpass that which governed—or seemed to govern—

the nations that found themselves, against their wills, involved in the terrific struggle which we have just gone through. Yet the efforts of all the colleges and universities in the world had not produced human reason strong enough, and clear enough, to save the fields from the bath of blood. There is no reason to suppose that, with all the intellectual training of two thousand years, human intelligence is superior now to the intelligence of Athens; and if we rely upon that alone, there is no future visible except the constant recurrence of peace and war, peace and war, eternally succeeding each other.

But, on the other hand, character, and those impulses that have kept the relations of men to each other, have changed. Not that human nature has changed, but new standards of conduct have been created. It may not be a more intellectual world than it was two thousand years ago, but it is a kinder world than it was two thousand years ago. Human suffering brings a different reaction. Better laws of liberty and covenants of property, all the interests that perfect or destroy the happiness of life, make a different feeling in the human heart now from the feeling they made two thousand years ago. The standards of conduct by men toward each other, by nations toward each other, by men toward all life and humanity of the age, have changed—not by precept; not by preaching; not by listening to sermons; not by reading books; but by that greater education called character, which comes, and can come, only from the exercise of character.

One hundred years ago these young men in Union, without knowing it, but from an impulse from good hearts—coming doubtless from good homes—undertook to put themselves under, and to associate with others under, a system open and found waiting for the development of character. I wish Dr. Richmond was here. Mrs. Richmond, please tell him that I suggest that the founders of these societies in 1827 helped lay the foundation of something greater than all his universities. Character can be educated not by words, not by expressions which are wasted in the hour; but character gives sacrifice, habits begin to be formed, and habits rule the world. The habit of sympathy, the habit of affection, the habit of brotherly kindness—they rule the world and they are the measure of the progress of civilization. (Applause.)

Now, we have gone a long way in the first step which defines

and openly declares a standard of conduct. Those boys in 1827, each one, as he put on the badge, committed himself, bound himself, to the exercise of those qualities which, extended throughout the world, will bring peace and stability to liberty and civilization. I rather think it was something Dr. Nott could not have done himself. It is something that the boys had to do for themselves. I don't suppose they knew the scope and bearing of what they were doing, but they were lifting up the standard of conduct through which they bound themselves. They were devoting themselves to the standard of conduct and the exercise of the power of self-control, the exercise of kindly consideration, of unselfishness, of brotherly affection, and that not only made them different, but it laid hold upon the intellect of humanity. (Applause.)

It is my belief, and I think it not rhetoric to express the hope, that the Sigma Phi and its earthly associates will be eternal. The first words that I heard sixty-seven years ago, upon my initiation to the Sigma Phi, were filled with friendship; and the nearer man can come toward the attainment of the beautiful ideas embodied in those words, the nearer they bring the day of a good future for all mankind.

My happiness in receiving your greetings is not merely personal. It is in the reassurance that I find of the presence of the original spirit in which these orders had their birth one hundred years ago. Long live the three original Greek letter societies of Union! Long may their influence continue! Long may their spirit be impressed upon this world of so much suffering and hardness of heart! No, you cannot stop now; for the rest of your life, as long as the memories of those dear fellows come back, you must go forward! (Applause.)

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SOPHOMORE PLEDGING

(An interview with President Hopkins of Dartmouth)

HOWARD F. DUNHAM, *Council*

Percy Marks in his *Which Way Parnassus?*, a book one chapter of which, at least, the chapter on fraternities, every fraternity man in America should read, has made some shrewd observations; we may not agree with all of his statements and conclusions, some of them may actually have dealt us a rude jolt, but we must admit that he has taken a good long look at the situation,—and he has said a mouthful!

Coming to the question of pledging undergraduates for fraternity membership, he remarks as follows: "The present system of 'rushing' is, I am sure most fraternity men will agree, both wasteful and rather ridiculous. Its absurdities, however, do not interest me; the errors that result from it do. In most colleges men are rushed and pledged just as soon as college opens in the autumn, and often they are pledged while they are still in preparatory school. Such a procedure is unfair both to the freshman and to the fraternity. Neither can tell what it is getting. A few colleges have postponed the rushing until the second term in order to give the freshmen a chance of estimating the fraternities and the fraternities a chance of estimating the freshmen. Dartmouth has recently gone still further and postponed the rushing to the sophomore year, and in that postponement there was, I think, great wisdom. In his first year the freshman has a chance to get oriented, to make friendships, to learn something about the various fraternities and their members, to get enough of an idea of fraternity life to form some estimate of its value, and finally, to decide what sort of fraternity he wants to join, if any. Every college, I hope, will follow Dartmouth's example.* The fraternities ought to advocate such a reform because it would help to overcome one of their admitted faults, and the overcoming of faults means added strength."

As I hear various and constantly changing pledging systems discussed during my interesting visits at ten or a dozen colleges

* Mr. Marks has neglected to say that at Yale sophomore pledging has been in effect for some time.

each year, I welcomed with joy last June the opportunity of an interview with President Hopkins in Hanover, knowing him to be a vigorous and far-sighted leader vitally interested in fraternities and their welfare, himself a member of the Dartmouth chapter of Delta Kappa Epsilon, and sponsor of the present system at Dartmouth which seems to meet with Mr. Marks' approval.

To my first question which was a rather general one, President Hopkins replied by reminding me that conditions vary in different colleges and that the delicacies of adjustment of social relations are such that he would not feel competent to say what was desirable in any college excepting the one whose conditions he knew intimately. But he could say that so far as matters go at Dartmouth, the sophomore season has resulted more advantageously than he had expected it could in so brief a time. The period since the change, as a matter of fact, has been too short to come to any final conclusion, he feels; but as he looks at the situation as a whole, the three following facts appear to him to be beyond dispute:

First, that the fraternities are enabled to offer their invitations to membership on the basis of very much greater knowledge of the characteristics of the men to whom invitations are given.

Second, that the undergraduates are able to make choice of which invitations they will accept with very much greater intelligence and with very much more definite knowledge of the implications of a membership within the given fraternity.

Third, and most important from President Hopkins' point of view, that the freshman class has been protected in considerable degree against the disorganization of mind and the monopolization of time which resulted inevitably in flunking out a considerable number of desirable men in years past.

Mr. Hopkins went on to add that he still feels as he did when the administrative ruling was made establishing the sophomore system, namely, that the fraternities should be protected against themselves and that the College too should be protected against a deleterious influence which they inadvertently worked when men were pledged in freshman year.

And then came this striking remark to the effect that in so far as the judgment of the respective fraternities was good under the old system in determining who were the outstanding men of the freshman class, the system worked as an almost infallible procedure for making the college course difficult for these men! And that for some number of these men each year, the centering of fraternity attention upon them made the college work impossible!

No doubt, we can all recall examples of this. I can, in every year for the last twenty years. But alas, I can also vividly recall cases of *upper classmen* failing to graduate with their class or even flunking out because they had expended so much time and energy in pledging the new delegation. Sophomore rushing will not settle this latter problem, but let us leave it, as it is not within the scope of this brief article.

To my statement that the only real criticism I had heard against sophomore pledging was made to me by a freshman in one of my classes who said that he thought he and his classmates were being deprived of a good deal of the social life of the College and that they constantly felt like outcasts, Mr. Hopkins quickly replied:

"The argument is occasionally made that the freshman is discriminated against and feels himself to be an outcast or insufficiently absorbed within the college life, but these arguments are no more valid than were the like arguments urged when the College adopted the rule debarring freshmen from participation in intercollegiate athletics.

"I realize the danger of generalizing from sporadic conversations, but in my own conversations with freshmen I have met very little of this sentiment; and those who held it have generally absorbed it from the statements to them by upper classmen that they were being discriminated against.

"In so far as my own observation goes, the freshmen are more vitally interested in their own affairs as a group, they come to a wider acquaintanceship with each other, and they become absorbed more completely into the college atmosphere than was the case when commitment to fraternity membership early in the freshman year detached them from all of their more general relationships."

After this I felt obliged to admit to the President that his reasoning sounded good, and as I prepared to leave his office, he epitomized his observations and hopes concerning the Dartmouth

system by saying that on the basis of all that he has seen or heard up to date, he is still of the opinion that the sophomore season, even with some obvious difficulties, is a better proposition than was the freshman season.

"Certainly," he concluded, his piercing dark eyes twinkling and his deep-lined face lighting up with one of those sudden smiles, "certainly if the fact that scholastically this is the best freshman year we have ever had bears any relationship to the fact of the sophomore season, my own future attitude toward the whole proposition is necessarily defined."

And the College is evidently with President Hopkins. On my desk as I write lies a recent undergraduate editorial on fraternity mortality which concludes with this sentiment:

"The elimination of freshman pledging has come, we hope, to stay."

PACIFIC CONCLAVE

The following is taken from the *OAC Daily Barometer* for May 28.

Phi Sigma Kappa delegates to the fifth regional convention are meeting in Corvallis this week end at the local chapter house. The fifth region includes chapters in all states west of Kansas. William F. Wood, agency superintendent for insurance companies in San Francisco and national vice-president for this region, is in charge.

Students and faculty delegates are here from University of Montana, Washington State College, University of Oregon, University of Washington, Stanford University, University of California and University of Nevada.

Prominent members of the fraternity here for the conclave are Thomas Spaulding, dean of the school of forestry at University of Montana; William E. Allen, division engineer for the Pacific Telephone and Telegraph Company of Seattle; Harry O. Kent, of Hahn, Kent and Daly, bond dealers of Spokane; Carl Morrow, dean of men at Washington State College; William Maddox, a Rhodes scholar and professor of political science at the University of Oregon; and Dr. Percy Alvin Martin, professor of history at Stanford University.

A FATHER LOOKS AT COLLEGE

JOHN ADAMS LOWE, X '06

Freshman Year and especially its first days bring to a man unforgettable experiences. Everyone has advice for the newcomer and is anxious to make his perplexity less hazy.

My good fortune held me on the campus of my Alma Mater for several years after my graduation from its classroom instruction. Perhaps the most valued return which these years of academic life yielded for me was an intimate comradeship with undergraduates. At least, this contact retarded my growth of gray hairs and heightening forehead by a decade at least. Probably in those years I committed the usual crime just as frequently as did most of my colleagues. I urged freshmen to try to begin where seniors were leaving off, to try to understand what their elders had learned as the ultimate values of college, and to lay hold of power at the very outset of their course, through an understanding of the blunders and time-wasting experience through which the older men had plowed. Even the best of them never did succeed in this impossible procedure. Just now I am looking toward that day when my own boy as a freshman will experience college beginnings as a part of his daily accumulation of education. I should have very different advice to give him to-day. I know that he cannot enter into my experience nor learn from my blunders. Nor do I wish him to do so. He is a free individual. He lives in a world all of his own, just as any normal boy does. The most I can hope to do is to make some little excursions into that world apart, admitted on the basis of comradeship and mutual understanding. I want him to walk the path of his life in his own way, to win his own victories, make his own career, develop his own character. My job is to give him as much of an idea as possible of what the whole business of living is about, help him establish a few foundations, and direct his attention to the solution of each problem which comes within his grasp.

Of course, you understand, I am looking toward college through John. (We made him a Junior to save the name, I guess, but take my advice and never do it yourself. It is an admission to the world of your own pride and laziness.) Every father comes

to college through his son. It's just here that you and I get together. You are the son who is just entering this new adventure. You are taking your father to college with you. He has probably told you how he looks toward college, and what he expects from it and from you. You know, somewhat vaguely perhaps, what college means to you. All right then, we have a common ground. Check me up as I go along.

What does a father expect from the college to which he has sent his son? All that I ask of the college is that it shall give my boy accurate vision, teach him to think straight and thoroughly, and instill in him ability to apply whatever knowledge he may be able to acquire to the building of a useful manhood. During college years a boy requires a place where he can find himself, learn his potentialities and powers. He needs, in these years perhaps more than at any other one period in his life an opportunity to know personalities which shall help him shape his own personality. Faculty and students have tremendous influence. All too often the choice of companions and associates is too indifferently made, or carelessly left to chance. Said Goethe, "Choose well: your choice is brief but endless." You have to learn to live with men, and classroom and campus furnish excellent training. I wish the college would teach my son how to live rather than to teach him how to make a living. I cannot separate for myself what I mean by the college into what pertains to the faculty and what to the student, what to the curriculum and what belongs only to campus activities. All are vital. The greatest mistake is made in believing that the entire college is athletics, or literary attainment, or fraternity. When you come down to us in the whirl of business and ask for a job, we shall not inquire about your record on the gridiron. The thing we want to know is, can you play the game with your fellows fair and square; do you know team work; can you stick until the game is won? Can you think a problem through to its right conclusion? That you learn in the classroom as well as on the field.

I put a life before a living. That can be encouraged by any curriculum, I suppose, but I am so constituted that I expect the college to fit its curriculum to the present-day conditions in this country and those which are to be vital to-morrow. Education has taken tremendous strides in its methods in the past few years, and it is not difficult to find colleges which are up to the minute

with the best methods and values of curriculum study. It seems a pity to ask any boy to waste his years grubbing through a curriculum based on life lived in monasteries and adapted to old-world conditions of a century ago.

Another question which presents itself is this: What can I hope for from my son? Well, what can your father hope for from you? The whole thing depends upon what and how much of himself the father has given his boy. What has he sown? He has given his son certain inherited tendencies, certain backgrounds from which it is hard to escape. He has given him opportunities of relationships with boys of his own age. Daily he has built up confidence and comradeship with his boy or he has failed to do so. Comradeship is not a thing to be bought over the desk of a counting house. One thing that every father cherishes in his heart is that his son may make a greater contribution to human welfare than he has done. He hopes, too, that the boy is man enough never to crawl behind excuses of his father's failures, but will make an heroic effort to win in spite of whatever handicaps he may have. Is it too much to hope that the young man entering college have a definite program or plan of procedure? There is grave danger in just drifting through any experience, college, business, profession, civic and social relationships. Know where you are going, get ready, and go straight to the goal.

Fears perplex some fathers. One is afraid that the boy, left to himself without former restraints, will almost inevitably fall among bad companions and lose his morals. Another is desperately disturbed lest the young student shall come to question the faith of his fathers, become a heretic and unbeliever. And he to whom social caste is weighty with importance shudders at the thought that this precious asset to the social register of the college shall not be chosen by the father's fraternity, or possibly not by any fraternity, and by that fact the brilliance of the social prestige of the family be seriously diminished.

I do not fear for the morals of the young man who knows and understands the value of clean living before he comes to the education of college experience. Sex impulses are not unknown to him, and if he has had the right sort of training he understands the control of his growing powers. If he is as busy as he ought to be with curriculum opportunities and with campus activities, he will not find time or inclination for practices which have

tendencies to drag him down. I trust the young man to be a gentleman on all occasions. To do so he keeps the law of his Maker and of his fellows. After all, personal conduct is a social factor, not a matter of individual taste. A man's responsibility is to his neighbor.

I presume there is cause for worry in some families over the outcome of the religious experience of their representative on the college campus. The kind of religious faith taught to the boy and the way in which it has been practiced before he leaves home have something to do with it. There is always more or less of a shock in most men's thinking on religious matters at just the freshman stage in life. He is coming into his religious life for himself, in place of that which he has accepted more or less ready-made heretofore. If he will believe what he knows and understands conscientiously, and hold to that, gradually adding to it what he can believe as further light comes to him, he will have no difficulty. In my own days on the campus, covering fifteen years, I saw so many atheists and agnostics strutting about boastfully, iconoclastically, radically, who later became ardent believers and devout conformists, that I have ceased to be greatly moved by such demonstrations of emotion. A man may go to college with the conviction of a personal devil, and come out of it with an unshakable faith in Power for Good in his own life emanating from a Living God. Who shall say that he who was the radical of yesterday and the conservative of to-day (as is frequently the case) has not become rich enough by the experience to have warranted the process?

The bitterness of disappointment following fraternity rushing I know all too well. Let me make clear that I value fraternity experience for the sake of its opportunity for close comradeship, for the development of team play, for the understanding of the value of organization and the spirit of coöperative effort, and for placement of the individual in communal relationships. If a student has the chance to join a group of men who have ideals and purposes which fit into his plan of development, and if he sees a chance for him to make some contribution to it as well as to get something from this group living, then indeed is he fortunate.

If the family social standing is to be affected by the results of a fraternity election, I feel that it is insecure indeed, and the

father, caring about such matters, should give himself pains to brace it up. I can understand perfectly well how impossible it might be for a son to be chosen by his father's fraternity. Groups of men constantly change. Ideals change. Sons are not infrequently very different in temperament and taste from their forebears. The simplest procedure here is to leave the whole thing to the young men themselves, and in nine cases out of ten the result will be all right. I have witnessed so much parental interference in this matter which to my mind ought to be one of individual choice, and with whatever council deemed essential, of individual decision. Let there be no regrets, however, on either side.

Fathers are constantly hearing disquieting rumors of college life. Books are appearing which claim to give a true picture of undergraduate baseness and immorality. The press and platform would have us believe that every campus is an incubator for the hatching of anarchists and "Reds." Race prejudice is painted as dominating undergraduate and faculty thinking and dealing. Some fathers have been so influenced by such books and reports that they have immediately taken their sons out of college, rather than to have them run the risk of living in such an atmosphere. I believe that these rumors are undoubtedly founded on something of truth, but that they are not the whole truth. There is a tendency to-day in almost every field of information to pick out one phase of a situation and to print it as the entire picture. A simple, quiet, personal investigation of conditions at any college under consideration should be enough to give any father sufficient first-hand data upon which to base his own judgment as to how much weight to give rumors which come to him. I want any boy that is going to college never to forget that he has upon his own shoulders a tremendous responsibility to see to it that his own conduct and attitude toward questions of the day are such that he could not be charged with having added to the wealth of such data as these rumors are made. He owes it to the college and to the men who are his friends never to give such cause for offence.

The last question a man is apt to ask himself is, of what value does this whole project of sending my son to college have for me by way of investment? When he counts the cost he puts down the years of separation, the effort the boy has made to make good, the sacrifices necessary to produce the money necessary. Against

these he totals the progress in development the young man has made, physically, mentally and spiritually, and the net reserve power built up with which to cope with the experiences which await him in the next steps of his education.

Life is education. Its purpose is the building of character. Every act of experience goes into that education. The formal part of a man's education is becoming each year more and more extensive, and more intelligently followed. The years spent in college are simply a part of this life-long experience of learning, and even its formal instruction cannot be taken out of the rest of it, with a clean-cut beginning and a definite ending. For a Christian, this education consists in preparation for a life of service, of brotherly thoughtfulness. But even this service, domestic, civic or national, need not, and cannot wait for some distant date on which it begins, and for which all thought and energy tend in its preparation. It must be a part of every man's life, and he must learn to live in the day which is given him and to put into the experience of each day as it goes along such service as he may. In this way alone can be build into his character an ability to serve.

RE JUNE ISSUE

Did you try the Fraternity Questions? Charlie Ruedi scored 87 per cent, and his success is hereby "spread upon our records."

A letter from Brother Ralph G. Farrell of Yale informs us that the James A. Farrell, whose attack upon fraternities was reprinted in our June SIGNET, is not the president of the United States Steel Corporation, as stated, but another New Yorker of identical name.

The "long and short" of North Carolina (6 feet 7½ inches and 5 feet 2 inches) is challenged by Hart and Haffner of Washington who are six feet-five and four feet-two.

LEARNING AND SCHOOLING

THE EDITOR

A young man stood talking in the lobby of the theatre at Stratford-upon-Avon. "This is the fifth time I have seen this play," he said.

"You mean as presented by this company?"

"Yes, of course."

The play was a highbrow affair, *Antony and Cleopatra*, written by that prince of lowbrows, Will Shakespeare.

"And what about the other plays in the repertory: *Henry V*, *Much Ado*, *Hamlet*, *The Shrew*, et cetera? Have you seen five performances of the others, too?"

"On an average, yes, sir."

"It's nice to live in Stratford, isn't it?"

"Yes, of course. But I live in Broadway."

Broadway is twenty-five miles distant, the little grey village where Mary Anderson lives in lovely retirement.

"I come over with a friend on a motorcycle." He took from his pocket a well-worn copy of Bernard Shaw's *Saint Joan*. "We owe a lot to you Americans," he said, "for giving this fellow a hearing. Now that new book of essays by him,—jolly interesting, that."

"What do you do over in Broadway?"

"I'm a stone mason, sir."

I was telling this little story to a charming lady in the Middle Temple in London. "Oh yes," she said. "There are lots of those fellows around. The porter downstairs for instance,—he's dippy over Ruskin. He's a frightful nuisance sometimes, wanting to argue, you know."

There is a humble photographer in Ambleside, whose formal education certainly never got beyond the grammar school. One of my young friends took week-end lodgings with him this summer, and lingered on for nine days. His little stone cottage is overflowing with books. I suppose there are not half a dozen men in the world who know their Wordsworth more intimately than he. Famous scholars seek him out, and casual lovers of poesy count his acquaintance a privilege.

When I was a youngster in a city high school, I was interested in a debating club. For years it had held its own among its rivals, with a single exception,—the girls. We requisitioned the best men on the faculty as coaches, but invariably we lost on argument. From whence the girls were getting their help we could not guess, nor for a long time discover. At last we happened upon him, by pure chance, in the very bowels of the great building, in the furnace room, tending the fires. He was a grimy and a pudgy figure, but on his work bench were carefully filed innumerable copies of *The Nation* and the complete works of Tom Paine. He had both prejudice and brogue, but his knowledge of economics and sociology was profound, and his logic unerring.

These are the men who fill the minds of pedagogs with disquietude. Of the thousands of college graduates, the product of some seventeen years of expensive tutorage, how few ever attain unto the ripened learning of these obscure and self-educated men! And might not these few indeed, if we may draw conclusions from example, have reached their scholarly eminence without the help of schools at all! In other words, is it true that the American college must find its justification not in its contributions to scholarship, but only in its contribution to efficiency and social grace and gentility of background?

In his more optimistic moods the "professor" declares that the college can stimulate a, quite possibly otherwise latent, love of learning and put into the hands of the novitiate some of the means of pursuing it. A mind aroused is a pedagogic triumph; a mind aroused and disciplined is a crowning glory. But for his own part the teacher can never be sure. Did he, after all, have anything essential to do with this gracious unfolding of soul? He cannot know.

But this is only half of the story. Are there minds, good minds, minds capable of audacious pioneering into life, which come out of the clutches of our great educational machinery, stereotyped and sterile? Are the Oxford sneers at our "standardized product" substantiable? Has the teacher unwittingly smothered the infant intellect with fact and formula? In short, is he not only an unnecessary institution but actually a hindrance? It is speculation like this that drives excellent instructors out of the profession.

It is far from my purpose to analyze the various systems of teaching or to appraise our various types of student and instructor. I am simply seeking to distinguish between learning, which is gracious and joyous and unending, and schooling, which is fretful and laborious and anticipates completions. And to the young men assembling in American colleges this autumn I would make a few suggestions.

First, enter upon every course you elect with the confident expectation that it is to become a hobby for life, that twenty, forty, sixty years from now you will be still exploring its fastnesses and bringing home rare stories of adventure. Not every subject will justify this expectation, but every subject should be given its chance. And a few subjects—see to it, lads,—a few of them should prove lasting and expanding fields for mental exploration.

Second, seek out those teachers who seem to be enjoying their subject. These are the men with something to give. They may not be effective lecturers, or thorough disciplinarians, or lovers of boys. And they may be unsafe guides in all domains not specifically their own. But they hold a key to one particular hidden treasure, and if you can make them trust you, they will permit you to use it, in some measure, until perchance you have found, or can manufacture, its twin. Such men are the very thew and fibre of a university like Oxford. They are apparently often mediocre teachers; but they are, each in his own way, inspirational tutors. In most American colleges, where the objective is either more varied or certainly less definite and where the whole method of instruction is quite different, they are more rare. They have nothing to attract young Babbitts, and they are sometimes shamefully neglected by college presidents. But they are as fine as any of their kin across the water, and they are the consecrated guardians of sweet learning in American schools. If learning is your desire, seek out and follow these men.

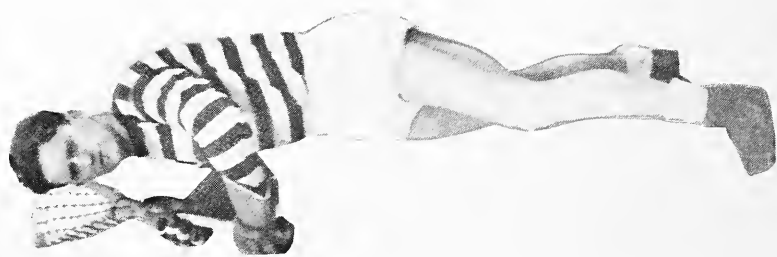
And in the third place, cultivate the attitude of the self-restraining enthusiast. Don't patronize your subjects, pursue them. Be loyal to them among your more Philistine peers. Don't be a Peter to them among their foes. Moreover make it your habit to do some one thing within your subject but not required by the course, every week. Only thus can you feel the fine glow of learning. In our democratic attempt to make knowledge general, our faculties have assumed the responsibility of certain levels of attain-

ment. Sometimes it is little better than forced feeding. But these levels of attainment represent only a fair minimum of excellence. The fact of their acceptability has led many an undergraduate astray. They are not a measure of learning; they are merely a measure of schooling, a very different thing. The symbol of learning is the second mile, the voluntary super-service. Probably seventy-five per cent of American college graduates miss it completely.

As occasion permits, establish extra-classroom contacts with those teachers who hold, for you, the magic keys. School traditions sometimes make this feature of learning seem difficult, but usually it can be accomplished, and after it has been, it seems the most natural thing in the world. There is no general rule of procedure; that depends upon the man. But don't ride a good horse to death. Remember that he is pressed with pedagogic and community duties, and that his very value to you depends upon a certain daily leisure for expanding recreation. When you go to him carry with you something definite either in observation or inquiry; don't present yourself like an empty pail at a pump or an empty head at the movies. And leave as soon as the conference shows signs of flagging. It is your business, not his, to bring it to a close, and no boy ever made the mistake of doing it too soon. The teacher may insist upon your staying longer, but it is awkward for him to have to insist upon your going. The conclusion is, therefore,—go to him often, with a definite mission, but don't stay too long.

This paper is based upon one great assumption, that learning in its liberal and uncommercial meaning is something to be desired. True, few men do desire it, and not many college undergraduates know whether they desire it or not. The stone mason of Broadway, the porter in the Middle Temple, the photographer of Amble-side, the fireman in the high school, and the teacher who enjoys his subject—these are all sweet learning's disciples. Do you care to become one too? If you do, these guide posts, erected in the maze and confusion of schools, are probably no longer needed. If you do not, they are certainly not needed at all. But if you don't know, you might use them. Perhaps they will help you to discover.

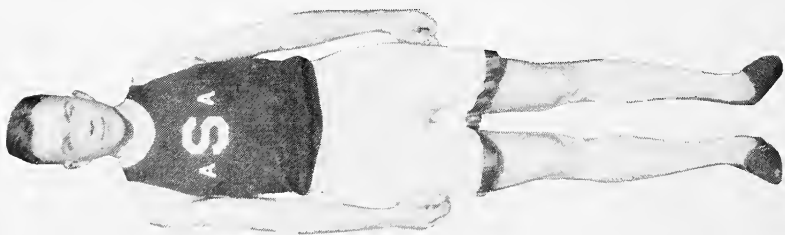
Learning and schooling both are useful. But only learning is truly adventure.



CAPTAIN LANG
Swarthmore



CAPTAIN WALLY LIGGETT
Penn State



OFFENHAUSER
Penn State

BED TIME STORIES

THE BID THAT FAILED

Last June there was graduated from one of our great universities a fine young fellow who was an outstanding figure not only on his own campus, but because of his football career, on many other campuses as well. His brother was a Phi Sigma Kappa, and his father, not a fraternity man but an international figure, was much interested in our Order. National officers of the Fraternity took pains to tell the local chapter to look out for this promising freshman. They did so and gave him a bid. But the bid was declined. The reason was booze. The young fellow made up his mind that our men were not in college for business and joined another fraternity.

THEIR OLDEST FOOT FORWARD

Last winter *The Outlook* published a sketch of Winchester College, a famous English preparatory school, in which the author, an American, stressed the backward-looking attitude which seems dominant in so many British institutions. Later there appeared a spirited protest, by a Winchester master, declaring that the school is nothing if not progressive and up-to-date. Your editor took the liberty of writing to this master, explaining that the American visitor is never allowed to see the modern Winchester at all. He is shown an ill-lighted, ill-heated hall and is told that here the boys study. He is shown a pile of wooden trenchers and is told that the boys still eat off of them twice a day. He is shown the most ancient buildings and the boot out of which Henry VIII used to drink his liquor. But he is not allowed to see the gymnasium, or modern dormitories, or classrooms, or laboratories. Undoubtedly he gets a false impression, but it isn't wholly his fault. The master acknowledged our note and said that he would be happy to show us the *real* Winchester in case we ever should come again. Being in England this summer, we went out to Winchester and presented ourselves for instruction. The master made an appointment with us, but failed to keep it or leave any loophole for another approach. So we allowed the porter to show us the trenchers again and the modern Winchester remains a mystery.

THE SIGNET

THE COLLEGE FIRST

Once upon a time, not so very long ago, there was a Phi Sigma Kappa upon an Honor System Committee. There had been a flagrant violation of honesty in connection with final examinations, but of such a nature that the culprit was wholly unknown. Quite inadvertently the committee-man's suspicions were aroused by a member of his own chapter. He quietly followed the case along to the distressing proof, submitted his evidence to the Committee and saw his brother dismissed from college. In such a painful clash of loyalties much honor belongs to the man who can choose the more difficult and the greater.

HELL WEEK

They were innocent enough, the brothers of one of our excellent chapters. They were initiating freshmen, and apparently for the most part along customary lines. But they were fooling with mercury, and they proceeded to heat it. The result was that eleven men went to the hospital suffering from mercurial poison. A further result was that the local city newspaper spread a headline all the way across the front page of its morning edition with one-inch type. Yes, they were perfectly innocent. They just "didn't know it was loaded."

THEY MISSED THEIR TRAIN

There were four chapter correspondents, all at once, who were asked for certain chapter news for the June SIGNET. They worried about it until they had plumb forgotten it. Then the SIGNET came out, and somebody razzed them: "Hey, you boob secretary, why didn't you send the old geezer some dope about Bill's captaincy?" So they got busy and sent it in. Yes, five weeks late. Some people are always missing a train.

NEW ENGLANDERS—NOTE!

The biggest Phi Sigma Kappa gathering that New England has seen in years!

Friday evening, October 7th, 1927, at 6 o'clock at the Boston City Club, 14 Somerset Street, Boston.

An all-Phi Sigma Kappa dinner. Dress informal. Charge only \$2.25 per cover.

Judge William R. Bayes of New York City, Chairman of the Interfraternity Conference, is coming up to be our guest of honor and principal speaker.

President Burrows and all the members of the Council of Phi Sigma Kappa will be there, including Billy Wood who is coming all the way from San Francisco with plans for the 1928 Convention. Edgar Fell is coming up from Baltimore to tell us how Phi Sigma Kappa compares with the other fraternities in scholarship, and Ralph Watts is coming on from Wisconsin to let us see our national secretary and treasurer again.

They will tell us what Phi Sigma Kappa is doing on the Pacific Coast, in the Middle West, in the South, and in New England. And it is very much alive!

A fine opportunity for the alumni of our Northeastern district to make a fresh connection with the Fraternity and to learn something of its present problems from the national officers.

Sixteen new chapters of Phi Sigma Kappa since the war! Come and hear all about them.

It is hoped that many undergraduates as well as alumni living in and around Boston will be present at this dinner which comes at the conclusion of an all-day business meeting of the Council.

The following morning, Saturday, October 8th, at 9 o'clock the Northeastern Conclave will be held at the Omicron Chapter House, 487 Commonwealth Avenue, Boston. To reach the House from downtown take subway car to Kenmore Station. Delegates and chapter advisers of the ten chapters in this district will be present, as well as the members of the Council. All Phi Sigma Kappa alumni in the district are cordially invited to attend.

But come to the dinner at the Boston City Club Friday night anyway, and send at least by October 1st a post card to Howard F. Dunham, River Ridge, Hanover, N. H., telling him to reserve a place for you.

THE SECRETARY'S PAGE

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CONFERENCE

During the last week in July nearly thirty officials of Phi Delta Theta met in Appleton, Wisconsin, for a four-day conference. Various committees reported on important problems of fraternity government. On recommendation of the Scholarship Committee an ordinance was adopted providing, that "Any chapter member, who shall for any single semester or term attain an average rating that is below the average scholastic rating required by the college for graduation, be deprived *ipso facto* of the privilege of voting in the chapter; that should any such member for an immediately succeeding semester or term attain a similar below-average rating, he shall in addition be deprived *ipso facto* of the privilege of residing in the chapter house and of participating in any of the chapter's activities until his rating either equals or is above said average rating." Mr. Elmer C. Henderson of Fulton, Missouri, a former president of the General Council of Phi Delta Theta, was appointed Scholarship Commissioner for the fraternity.

This fraternity has recently established its headquarters in Oxford, Ohio, where in 1848 Phi Delta Theta was founded. A suitable building has been secured for the executive officers, files, records, historical data, etc.

Further official discouragement to the practices of "Hell Week" was recorded and a suggestion made to the chapters that as a substitute there be required an intensive study of the history of the Fraternity, or a period of service for the improvement and betterment of the physical condition of the chapter house property.

Phi Delta Theta now has a regulation that before adopting final plans for building a house, a chapter must present to the General Council for approval its architect's plans, as well as its proposal for financing the project.

Officers were present from Boston, the Pacific Coast, Canada, Texas, and intermediate locations. Among those attending were: Dr. John J. Tigert, head of the Federal Bureau of Education and President of Phi Delta Theta; W. H. Bremner, President of the Minneapolis and St. Louis R. R.; George S. Case, President of Lamson and Sessions Company of Cleveland; B. V. Moore, Vice Director of the Federal Reserve Board; Judge William R. Bayes, Chairman of the Interfraternity Conference; George Banta of Menasha, Wisconsin, one of the most active of the leaders of Phi Delta Theta fifty years ago; Arthur R. Priest, General Secretary; and Dean Ruby of Whitman College, Washington.

The arrangements for the Conference were made by George

Banta, Jr. On the last evening of the session, Dr. F. W. Shepardson, President of Beta Theta Pi, gave an informal talk which was characterized by his usual wisdom and inspiration. [Brother Watts was also a guest and speaker.—*Ed.*]

This event disclosed the fact that the problems of another distinguished fraternity are essentially the same as ours. The character of the officers attending gave further assurance that the leading fraternities of the day are having the direction and thought of men of vision and high idealism.

The two songs for which cash prizes of \$50 each
PRIZE SONGS were awarded at the 1926 Convention, have been published. One of these songs was presented by Brother David H. Merriam, T '27, and the other by Brother Estell H. Rorick, ΘΔ '26. Both songs will be mailed by the Secretary and Treasurer on receipt of fifty cents.

Copies of the 1927 Directory may still be
1927 DIRECTORY obtained from the Secretary at \$1.00 per copy. As yet the sale has not been sufficiently large to meet the cost of publication.

WINS SWIMMING PLAQUE

NEW HAVEN, June 22 (A.P.).—Gustave Harold Langner of Milford, Conn., who was graduated yesterday from the Sheffield Scientific School, to-day was announced as the winner of the Jelliffe swimming plaque, which is given annually to the Yale senior who has shown the greatest improvement in swimming during his college career. Langner was a member of the varsity swimming and water polo teams for three years and this year won the intercollegiate championship in the 440-yard swim.

THREE BALLS

The following from a letter from President Burrows:

Dr. Whitford writes me that while in New York he saw three Phi Sig pins in the jewelry shop of A. S. Borg, 146 West 23d Street, one of the old type set with rubies or garnets, two "unofficial" small pins, probably sister pins, the Phis of which were set with whole pearls. There were no initials on any of them. Would it be worth while to mention this matter in the SIGNET in the hope that some one might rescue them from the hands of the infidels and unanointed?

THE CHAPTER INVISIBLE

WILLIAM C. PROUT, Y '07

This material is taken from *The Boston Herald* of August 5. Brother Prout was a charter member of our chapter at Brown.

Attorney William C. Prout, supreme director of the national body of the Knights of Columbus, president of the American Olympic committee, chairman of the international Olympic committee, past president of the A. A. U. and N. E. A. A. U. and past state deputy of the Knights of Columbus, died unexpectedly after an illness of 10 weeks at his home, 872 Beacon Street, at 5:15 yesterday afternoon.

Known to thousands of athletic followers as the famous "Billy" Prout he became a national idol when the Boston Athletic Association team that he was captain of was victorious at the London Olympic games in 1908.

He was a captain in headquarters, 94th division, was president of the American Amateur Athletic Union of the United States from 1921 to 1924, was vice-president of the American Olympic Association and a member of the advisory board of the Massachusetts General Hospital.

He was exceptionally active in the Knights of Columbus and was a member of Back Bay Council in this city. He became supreme director in 1922.

He was also honored by Pope Pius XI with the decoration of knight commander of the Order of St. Gregory. The order was conferred upon him at a private audience with the Pope when he was visiting Rome with Mrs. Prout.

He scored a sweeping victory in the fight for the control of the American Olympic organization when he was elected to the presidency of the association in 1926. He was backed by the Amateur Athletic Union and their forces also elected the committee in charge of this country's participation in the 1928 Olympic games at Amsterdam.

The death of William C. Prout of Boston removes America's outstanding representative in the track and field athletics councils of the world. He had an international reputation as a practical man of sports, yet he combined with his intimate knowledge of track and field an enthusiasm and a vision of what was best for the sport which made him a leader who could and who did point the way to better things. He was chairman of the American Olympic committee. He was a successful lawyer. He had been a preëminent athlete, specializing in the quarter-mile while at Brown and then for the B. A. A. He was always for the athlete when in high place with the A. A. U. or the N. E. A. A. U., and yet he saw to it that the athlete did what was for the best interests of the sport. He had a passion for athletics and his ability to organize, lead and direct made it inevitable that he should become a world figure. He was a square-shooter. He ran within the rules and never jumped the gun.

PHILIP EDWIN KIMBALL, T '23

DR. CASPER S. PEELER, H '17

Dr. Peeler died at Orlando, Fla., April 17, where he was in a hospital for treatment.

RICHARD B. STANLEY, Y '15

Brother Stanley died in New York, May 17, from gastric ulcers, after having undergone four operations for the same. After graduation from Brown he studied law for two years, but gave this up to enlist in the Aviation Corps. After the war he entered the candy business, being located in Chicago and New York. He is survived by four daughters.

DANIEL F. McMAHON, © '12

"Dan" McMahon, at one time big brother to Theta Chapter and member of the Council 1914-1920, son of one of the Tammany "Big Three" twenty years ago, crack marksman, millionaire, died at the age of 36 in the Bellevue Hospital, New York, on September 20. He was a lawyer by profession and a sportsman by instinct. He was a member of the New York Athletic Club trap-shooting team which won the Olympic contest in 1912. Generous, indifferent to detail, a hail-fellow-well-met, for a long time much interested in Theta Chapter, he was everywhere known and liked among the Metropolitan brothers. At the Worcester convention Dan personally met Theta's very considerable indebtedness in order that his chapter might vote. During his membership on the Council, the meetings were often held in his home. He spent his life, and his fortune, without stint.

GORDON S. BLAIR, O '23

Brother Blair was found dead in his room in New Bedford, September 10, with a bullet wound in his breast. The coroner gave a verdict of accidental death, which verdict will doubtless prevail, although the fact that he had recently taken out \$55,000 of insurance has led to considerable investigation and publicity. He was 26 years old, had been for two years a student at the United States Naval Academy, and afterwards at M. I. T. At the time of his death he was wool buyer for the United Wool Company of Boston.

THE CHAPTER HYMENEAL

PLEDGES

Roy P. Moller, XA, and Vivian Killin of Spokane.
Paul Helmer, XA, and Ora Saylor of Fairfield, Wash.
Fred. L. Whittemore, T '27, and Marion Dewitt.
Sherwood T. Peckham, X '23, and Georgine W. Hoyt of New Rochelle.

Alfred G. Baldwin, X '25, and Katherine Ashworth of Yonkers.
 Bryant, I., and Lillian D. Carey of Boonton, N. J.
 William Voigt, EΔ '23, and Mildred Sward of North Gros-
 venordale, Conn.

INITIATES

Wayne Murphy, XΔ, and Adele Cullen, Spokane, February.
 Homer W. Neyland, XΔ, and Winfred Wasson, April.
 James T. Laing, Δ '24, and Claire Lenila Thomas, August 2,
 Charleston, W. Va.
 Owen E. Folsom, A '23, and Marion Cynthia Colley, June 30,
 Roslindale, Mass.
 S. Helea Work, ΠΔ '25, and Margaret Elizabeth Stratford,
 June 15, Canfield, Ohio.
 Maxfield Smith, A '22, and (?), November 27.
 Karl H. Auer, T '27, and Marjorie Bennett, March 31, New
 York.
 John Walter Harriman, AΔ '23, and Lois Louise O'Malia, May
 3, Evanston, Ill.
 Dudley Phillips, Ω '24, and Marcella McCreary, April 28, Mag-
 dalena, N. M.
 Ralph E. Gill, M '01, and Mary Irene Frank, July 3, Shanghai,
 China.
 Donald R. Holt, X '25, and Elizabeth Dorsey, February 26,
 Washington.
 Laurance L. Hurd, E '23, and Nancy Albright, April 30,
 Buffalo.
 Minsur, EΔ '24, and Alice Louise Phelps, April 9, Fitchburg,
 Mass.
 Richard Penfield, EΔ '21, and Jeanette Sawyer, January 14,
 Portland.
 James W. Donoghue, Z '14, and Gertrude Callaghan, Septem-
 ber 15, Marseille, France.

BLESSED IN THE BOND

Edward R. Coop, Y '24, March 29—Edward Perry.
 Willard E. Roth, Z '15, April 29—Clarice Blanche.
 Chester N. Gould, T, May 5—Loyal Norman.
 Edgar Farr Russell, H '22, May 9—Edgar Farr, Jr.
 James C. Nicoll, I '20, April 12—Henry Carlton.
 Frank Richard Hill, T '21—Frank Richard, Jr.
 John H. Heindel, AΔ '16, April 1—John Benjamin.
 Harold M. Taylor, Y '15, March 18—Harold Murdock, Jr.
 J. T. Finnegan, A '12, March 19—Francis Joseph.



RICHARDSON
(See page 103)



CHAPPEL
Franklin and Marshall

THE BOOKSHELF

EIGHT O'CLOCK CHAPEL, by Cornelius Howard Patton and Walter Taylor Field. Houghton, Mifflin Company.

"A study of New England college life in the eighties." As such this book is obviously for New Englanders. They will be happy looking for references to their alma maters and for other familiar bits. Eventually they will probably look up the authors and finding them both Amherst men of the class of '83 will nod their heads convincingly and mutter, "That explains it,"—whatever "it" may be. This reader lingered lovingly over Bill Pratt, "the Bucksaw Philosopher," campus character and lineal descendant from Shakespeare's "corrupters of words." Bill's famous Bee Hill Address is mentioned, beginning thus: "Gentlemen of the noble conjugation! I greet you with the testaments of munification, huminity, proserpy, and destruction." Of fraternities the authors say: "At Dartmouth, Williams and Amherst they were at their best. There the chapter houses had many of the characteristics of the home; the older brothers exercised a 'brotherly'—in some cases almost a parental—influence over the younger and many a freshman or sophomore was saved from disgrace, if not from moral ruin, by the restraints that were put upon him 'for the honor of the fraternity.'"

HOW TO STUDY IN COLLEGE, by Leal A. Headley. Henry Holt & Company.

Fourteen chapters: "How to Concentrate; How to Remember; How to Reason; How to Make Notes; How to Meet an Examination." One is naturally suspicious of so much direction. After all the way to learn to swim is to swim. Allow yourself to be thrown overboard beyond your depth. And yet this is really a very suggestive and stimulating book. For example: Work and play are synonymous, "to become engrossed in the attainment of a goal." "The following rules for the use of anger." "Have faith in your decisions." To concentrate "1. predict what is coming; 2. reconstruct what is presented; 3. search for a hidden meaning; 4. supplement what is presented; 5. judge the truth and value of what is presented." In writing an examination paper "make cross references."

There must be something in here for almost every undergraduate. The book should be in every chapter library.

THE ALUMNI CLUBS

DIRECTORY

CHARTERED CLUBS

New York—Secretary, Frederick Griswold, Z '21, 15 Park Row. Luncheon every Thursday, 12:30, Fraternity Clubs Building, Madison Ave. & 38th St.

Seattle—Secretary, Amos F. Olsen, AA '23, 7084 17 N. E. Luncheon every Friday, 12:15, Blanc's, 315 Marion St.

Baltimore—Secretary, W. C. Baxter, Σ '23, 1163 Calvert Bldg. Luncheon every Thursday, 12:30, Engineers Club, 6 W. Fayette St.

Pittsburgh—Secretary, Paul J. Guinther, Λ '22, 506 Keystone Bank Building. Luncheon daily at 12:30, Moore's Restaurant, Fifth Ave.

Detroit—

Philadelphia—Secretary, E. S. Bechtel, K '23, 4912 Knox St., Germantown, Pa. Luncheon every Friday, 12:30, Arcadia Café.

Amherst—

Chicago—Secretary, Earl F. Schoening, AA '22, 7400 Crandon Ave. Luncheon every Tuesday, 12 N., Mandel Brothers Grill.

Minnesota—

Springfield—

Northern Ohio—

San Francisco—

Milwaukee—Secretary, Dr. W. W. Earle, ZA '19, 4055 Plankington Bldg.

Washington—Secretary, Charles R. Huff, 3800 14th St., N. W. Birmingham (Ala.)—

Vermont—Secretary, Marcell Conway, Λ '22, Barre, Vt.

UNCHARTERED CLUBS

Spokane—Secretary, H. O. Kent, N '09, 312 Symons Bldg. Luncheon last Wednesday of month, University Club.

Harrisburg—Secretary R. R. Burtner, K '22, Agricultural Extension Association.

Dallas—Luncheon every Thursday, 1 P. M., Baker Hotel.

Georgia—Secretary, R. G. Geitzen, KA '26, 263 Tenth St., N. E., Atlanta. Meeting last Friday of month, 6:30, Athletic Club.

Butte—Secretary, John Cooney, MA '25, Cooney Brokerage Co. Luncheon 1st Tuesday of month, Finlen Hotel.

The Chicago Club disported itself in a picnic at Harms Woods Forest Preserve, Evanston, on June 25.

PHI SIGMA KAPPA CLUB OF NEW YORK

The activities of another successful year were duly recorded when on Wednesday, the 23d of February, the New York Club of Phi Sigma Kappa held its Annual Meeting at the Club House, located at 38th Street and Madison Avenue. A goodly number of members were present when Brother Rockett, President of the Club, called the meeting to order. The reports of the various committees were, indeed, encouraging, for without exception they all sounded a note of progress. The current problems confronting the Club were discussed and the few rough places ironed out to the satisfaction of all present.

It was the unanimous opinion of the members that it would be for the best interests of the Club to reelect for another term Harold C. Rockett, N '21, as President, and Frederick Griswold, Z '21, as Secretary.

An interesting feature of the evening was the initiation ceremony at the close of the meeting. The room was temporarily transformed into the appropriate setting and the initiation team from the Stevens Chapter administered the ritual to Mr. John Beresford Rogers. Mr. Rogers was a member of the former Oregon Local, which was granted a Charter last year. The ceremony was impressively executed and recalled fond memories, especially to the older members who witnessed it. After Brother Rogers had received the grip, the adjoining room was thrown open and refreshments served. It was not long before the walls were re-echoing the praises of Phi Sigma Kappa as the boys crowded around the piano.

PACIFIC OARSMEN

Phi Sigma Kappa contributed three first boat oarsmen to the Pacific crews last spring: Moe, who rowed stroke for California; and Hart and Kaufmann, Numbers 6 and 5 for Washington.

FOCH ADDRESSES LEGION

Marshal Foch, in addressing the veterans of the two nations he led to victory, remarked:—

“If there is truth in the saying that the strength of the sentiments is only revealed when they are put to the test, a brief summary will suffice to prove this to us to-day.”

The marshal then reviewed briefly America's role in the Great War from its inception and continued:—

“After contributing to the victory of 1918, the Legion now seeks to assure peace. It desires to extend advantages and generous benefits not only to its own people, but also to all men of good will by assuring peace and liberty to the toilers and by helping the weak. It aspires to realize that American idealism, which is also ours, and to enable us once more to understand one another.”

PHI SIGS AFIELD

A NOVEL PHILANTHROPY

One of Phi's generous alumni has offered the Chapter \$100.00 for every place above the last in the scholarship rating of the Fraternities at Swarthmore in which Phi finds itself.

THREE COLLEGE MANAGERS

Three officials of Phi Sigma Kappa are now serving as financial managers of colleges or universities. William T. Middlebrook, T '12, Chapter Adviser for Beta Deuteron, is Comptroller of the University of Minnesota; Wendell H. Kayser, O '18, and Adviser for his chapter, is Business Manager of Wellesley College; and Ralph J. Watts, A '07, Secretary and Treasurer of the Council, is Business Manager of Lawrence College.

DR. TRUITT ADVANCED

Thirty thousand dollars has been appropriated by the Commonwealth Fund of New York City to provide a mental hygiene clinic for the Mental Hygiene Society of Maryland, officers of the society announced yesterday. An additional \$23,000 also has been conditionally appropriated by the Commonwealth Fund and will be advanced if the work of the clinic is satisfactory and the support is needed.

The clinic will be established in quarters provided by the medical department of the University of Maryland, and it is expected that it will be in operation some time in October.

The director of the clinic will be Dr. Ralph P. Truitt, of New York, who is at present the director of the department for the prevention of delinquency of the National Committee for Mental Hygiene. He has done extensive work throughout the United States in establishing such clinics.

THE RIDDERS ENTER ST. PAUL

This excerpt from a two-page story in *Editor and Publisher*, August 20, is the story of three Phi Sig brothers, all of Columbia.

The Ridder Brothers with Leo E. Owens, general manager of the *New York Journal of Commerce*, a Ridder paper, have purchased the *St. Paul Dispatch* and *Pioneer-Press* from C. K. Blandin, who intends to retire from newspaper work and devote his time to his paper mills at Grand Rapids, Minn.

A sum between \$5,000,000 and \$5,500,000 was paid for the property, according to reliable report. The purchase includes all assets, plant, and good will of morning, evening and Sunday papers.

And thus growth is chalked up for another American newspaper chain, because the Ridder brothers, with associates, now own five daily and two

Sunday newspapers. In addition to the three St. Paul acquisitions Ridder papers are: the *New Yorker Staats-Zeitung and Herold*, daily and Sunday, in which they have as associates Julius Holz and Felix Arnold; *Jamaica-Long Island Press*, six-day evening paper; and the *New York Journal of Commerce and Commercial*, six-day morning.

Bernard H. Ridder, eldest of the three brothers, left New York for St. Paul on Wednesday evening of last week with the expectation that he would make the formal announcement of the purchase of the Blandin papers in that city on Friday evening, August 12. The announcement eventually was made Sunday, August 14.

A new publishing company has been formed to succeed the Blandin interests with Victor Ridder as president; L. E. Owens, vice-president; Joseph Ridder, treasurer; and Bernard Ridder, secretary. All four will be listed as publishers of the paper. Mr. Owens, a native of that section of the country, will move from New York to be resident publisher, while the Ridder twins and their elder brother will spend their time in turn in St. Paul.

The Ridder family has been in the newspaper publishing business in New York for more than half a century. Herman Ridder, the father of the present owners of the *New Yorker Staats-Zeitung and Evening Herold*, began publishing a German Catholic weekly in New York called the *Katholisches Volksblatt* in 1875. He became owner of the *Staats-Zeitung* in 1889. All three of his sons were born in New York and attended Columbia University.

Bernard Ridder was first to enter newspaper work, receiving his early training on the *Brooklyn Eagle*. In January, 1905, he became connected with the *Staats-Zeitung*. Victor followed his older brother on that paper, joining the staff in May, 1905.

Joseph Ridder graduated from Columbia with the class of 1906, as a mechanical engineer, and immediately became associated with his father and brothers on the German language daily. His first work was to superintend the removal of the paper from its old plant on the site of the Municipal Building to its present home.

When Herman Ridder organized the International Typesetting Machine Company in 1912, now the Intertype Corporation, Joseph Ridder was appointed general manager of the firm, continuing in that capacity until 1916. Then he returned as a director of the *Staats-Zeitung*, in charge of production.

On the death of his father in November, 1915, Bernard Ridder was elected president of the *Staats-Zeitung* and has held that office continually since, becoming president of the Staats-Herold Corporation on the amalgamation of the *Staats-Zeitung* and the *German Herold*.

Victor Ridder has always been prominent in affairs of the American Newspaper Publishers' Association and the Publishers' Association of New York City. He is at present chairman of the technical schools committee of the A. N. P. A., and a member of the legislative committee of the local publishers group.

PRAISE FOR DR. COTTON

From the *New York Sun* of August 21:

LONDON, July 21 (A.P.).—Dr. William Hunter, well-known English medical authority, is quoted by the *Westminster Gazette's* Edinburgh correspondent as saying at a meeting of the British Medical Association that a large proportion of the insanity among asylum inmates is due to poisoning of the brain chiefly through bad teeth.

He urged the authorities of mental hospitals to provide fully equipped dental departments and nose, throat and ear specialists.

Dr. Hunter praised the "pioneer work in this field" of Dr. H. A. Cotton, medical director of the New Jersey State Hospital for the Insane.

VISITS "THE TABLET"

Among the Phi Sigs who pilgrimed to Amherst, our Foundation, this summer was Brother Otto, of the Court, who was on a six weeks' tour of New England and Canada.

CARISS, PENN'S GREAT COACH

From the *Philadelphia Bulletin* of June 2:

When Pennsylvania pinned Columbia down, 3-1, in a Quadrangular Cup game on Tuesday and virtually clinched the league championship series with Cornell, Columbia and Dartmouth, it marked the 132d baseball victory since Dr. Walter Cariss took charge of the coaching seven years ago.

Over that stretch, which included the winning of the Quadrangular trophy in 1925, the first season it was put up, Penn had lost but 54 games and tied 4. That gives Coach Cariss' teams an average of .710. Not since the coaching régime of the late Arthur Irwin have Red and Blue nines been such consistent winners.

So far this season the team has won seventeen, lost but five and tied one game with four more still to be played.

Several of Coach Cariss' pupils have gone into the major leagues, the outstanding star being Eddie Farrell, now starring with the New York Giants.

Dr. Cariss is a great believer in "inside baseball." The boys like to play for him, which partly accounts for the success of the teams.

WILLARD MADE DOCTOR OF LAWS

ATHENS, OHIO, June 7.—Honorary degrees were conferred at the 112th annual commencement exercises of Ohio University here to-day upon Daniel Willard, President of the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad, and Charles Edward Skinner, electrical engineer of the Westinghouse Electric and Manufacturing Company of East Pittsburgh, Pa.

The degree of doctor of science was conferred upon Mr. Skinner and the degree of doctor of laws upon Mr. Willard.

THE CONLEYS IN SPAIN

Latest (May) reports from Dr. Conley, Court, are that he was touring the Cathedral cities of Spain.

MARRIES THE DAUGHTER OF MEXICAN PRESIDENT

Mr. Robinson and Mr. Smithers are both Theta '14. The item is taken from the *New York Sun* of May 17:

NOGALES, ARIZ., May 17 (A.P.).—Love refused to-day to wait on Paris modistes, and the wedding of Senorita Ernestina Calles, daughter of the President of Mexico, and Thomas Arnold Robinson, young New York business man, will take place on schedule to-night whether a missing trousseau arrives or not.

A simple frock of white satin, a family heirloom, interwoven with strands of silver and overlapped with fine mantilla gauze, will be Senorita Ernestina's wedding gown instead of an \$8,000 Parisian creation for which she has been waiting. Non-arrival of the trousseau caused postponement of the marriage from last Sunday to to-night.

The nuptials, in the form of a civil ceremony performed by Judge Juan Cabrere, will take place at 8 o'clock at the home of Senora Elodia Manriquez in Nogales, Sonora, just across the international line from here. This was announced definitely when it was discovered that the old Presidential train, the famous Yellow Special, on which the ceremony originally was scheduled to be held, would be inadequate for the event.

The home where the President's daughter will be wed is a modest bungalow of California type, furnishing a background of simplicity for the ceremony, which itself will be without pomp. A banquet for 100 guests will follow. Then the couple will leave for New York.

President Calles alone of the prospective bride's family will not be present at the marriage, pressing business in the capital city making it impossible for him to attend.

Senora Nutalia de Calles, her mother, will give Senorita Ernestina away. Warren Robinson and A. F. Smithers, brother and chum respectively of the bridegroom-to-be, and Carlos Herrera will be the other witnesses.

Senorita Calles approves of the American flapper and enjoys her freedom. She smoked a cigarette as she told reporters of her wedding plans.

SCHOLZ AT STOCKHOLM

Brother Scholz is M '11 and chapter adviser for Mu.

"I have been spending the past few months in Europe, attending the Congress of the International Chamber of Commerce at Stockholm, as delegate of the Philadelphia Chamber of Commerce; later I visited Russia for a few weeks to study economic conditions there, and at present I am attending a conference of students from all parts of the world, here at Honfleur. I expect to be back home about September 10th."

TO BUILD ANOTHER MADISON SQUARE GARDEN

This excerpt is taken from *The Bulletin* for May 17. Brother Richardson is an Oregon man.

With the return of James J. Richardson from the East, the plans of the Pacific Coast Amusement Company, who will build a second Madison Square Garden in San Francisco within the next couple of months, have taken on several decided changes.

Richardson, who is one of the directors in the new company, went East with the Olympic Club boxing team and remained several weeks looking over the amusement building situation. He visited the large armories, Madison Square Garden in New York, boxing arenas, several ice skating rinks and other amusement places in order to get the newest ideas in equipment so that they may be installed in the Winter Garden here.

Richardson stated to Ritchie that six-day bicycle racing would also be included, as the sport has taken the Eastern cities by storm and that there is much interest shown in the national French and Italian sport. The building will have a six-lap-to-the-mile track, which is regulation.

The building will be erected on one of two locations near the Civic Center, on which the company now has options, and will be 225 x 175 with a total of 45,000 square feet of floor space. The ice hockey field, on which will be held intercity games, will have an ice surface of 180 x 80, the largest on the coast.

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GREEKLETS

I have seen youths that have been kept up most of the night undergoing the ordeal of an informal initiation and who had to be prodded to be kept awake through the formal parts of the ritual.—*Tomahawk* (Α Σ Φ).

Dean Everett Lord of Boston University estimates the value of a college education at \$65,000.—*Sigma Phi Sigma Mowad*.

Jefferson Davis, president of the Confederacy, was the only man ever elected to honorary membership in Kappa Sigma.—*Emerald* (Σ Π).

The part of the automobile that causes the most accidents is the nut that holds the steering wheel.—*Theta News* (Θ Κ Ν).

By action of the conclave the national publication (of Sigma Tau Gamma) was changed from *The Signet* to *The Saga*.—*Banta's Greek Exchange*.

After all what is fraternity but a place that exists in our hearts only?—*Rattle of Theta Chi*.

When South Carolina repealed the law prohibiting fraternities from its state institutions on March 31, it removed the last legal barrier to Greek letter societies in the United States.—*Scroll* (Φ Δ Θ).

Baird's Manual lists 128 professional organizations most of which are regarded by their members as in some degree honorary.—*Palm* (Α Τ Ω).

It is a known fact that a man with a Harvard diploma and ten cents can get a cup of coffee anywhere.—*Gettysburg Cannon Bawl*.

Alumni of ability are busy men and have difficulty in finding the time to give desired attention to the affairs of the active chapter, with the result that this is left to a few alumni who have little to do but follow their sporting instincts and who are unable to take to the chapter any ideals of value.—*California Monthly*.

Chapters of Tau Kappa Epsilon that fail to send in their letters to the editor of their magazine on time are fined \$15.00.—*Triad of Acacia*.

The fraternity pin worn by Daniel Webster has been presented to Dartmouth College.—*Magazine of Sigma Chi*.





