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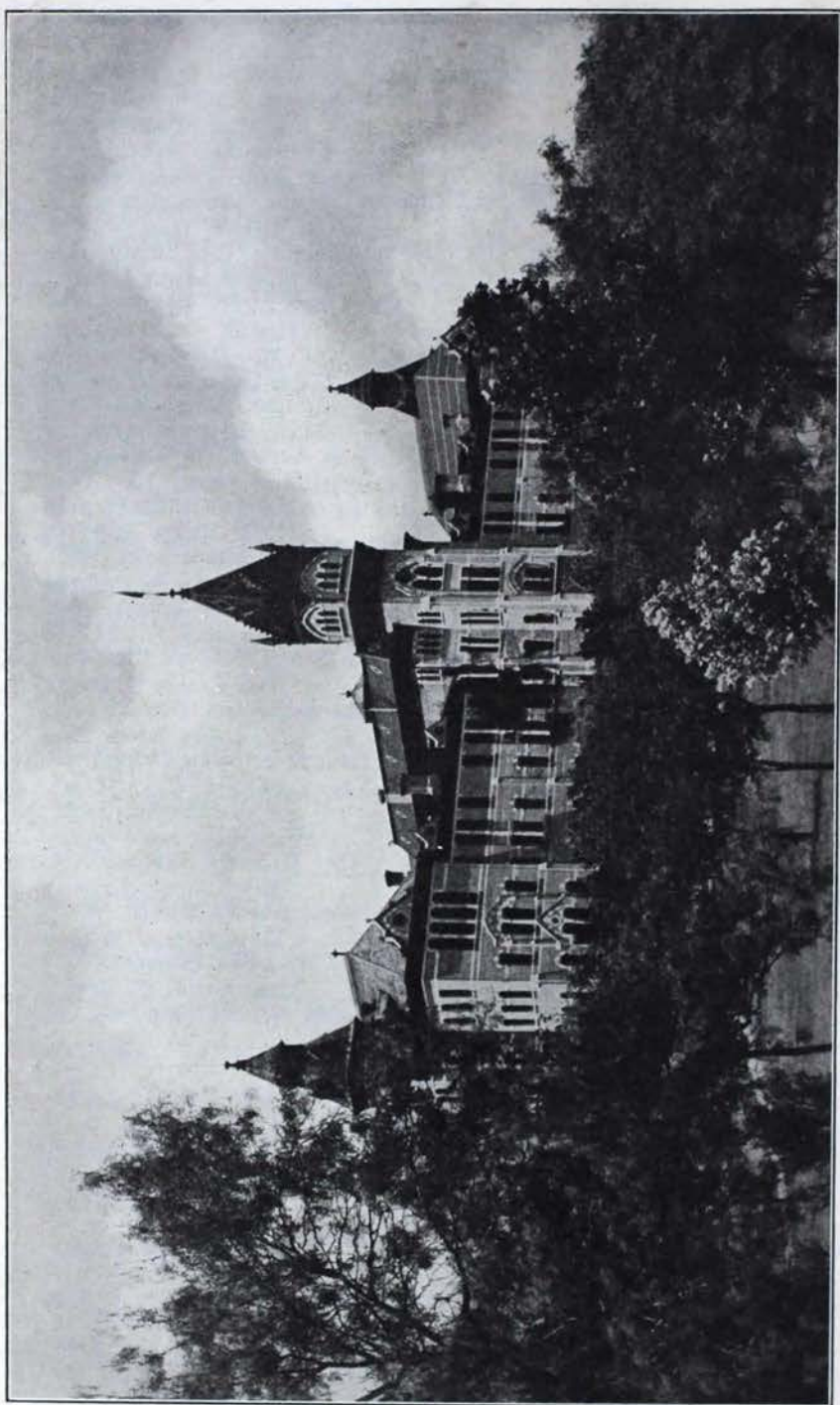
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The University of Texas

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The University of Texas has recently celebrated its twenty-fifth anniversary. Its history during this quarter-century is typical of a large class of state institutions. No student of educational conditions in America can overlook the phenomenal development within the past decade of western state universities. Particularly rapid has been the growth of the Universities of Wisconsin, Michigan, Illinois and California, not only in the number of students, but also in equipment, in resources, in prestige, and in the value and appreciation of services rendered directly to the state. That the older and wealthier universities on the Atlantic coast are feeling keenly the effects of competition with these schools is openly acknowledged. Texas can not claim equal rank with the universities named, but a few facts will make it clear that she is being stirred by similar impulses.

September fifteenth, one thousand eight hundred and eighty-three the University began its career. The first faculty contained two professors of law, with six professors and four instructors, or assistants in the academic department. That year there were enrolled two hundred and twenty-one students, all of whom were taught in one wing of the present main building. Five years later there were two hundred and seventy-eight students; ten years later, four hundred and eighty-two; fifteen years later, nine hundred and eighty-six; twenty

years later, one thousand three hundred and forty-eight, and last year no less than two thousand four hundred and sixty-two. Exclusive of summer school students the enrollment last year reached one thousand eight hundred and thirty-seven, taught by a faculty numbering about one hundred and fifty. The main building is now twice its size twenty-five years ago, and in addition at the main university at Austin there have been erected separate buildings for the engineering and the law departments, a dormitory for men and one for women, and a chemical laboratory. At this time there is urgent need for a half-dozen new buildings, for the university is taxed to its capacity to accommodate its present body of students. Taking into account the probable development of this immense state and the more certain development of its educational forces, there seems no reason to doubt that the University of Texas will within the next fifteen years have to provide for four thousand students.

Internal changes in the institution have been less marked. At first only three departments were planned—the academic and law departments at Austin, and the medical department, located, as now, at Galveston. Since that time an engineering department has been created, and a department of education organized in close relation with the academic department. A graduate school has never been formed, and indeed Texas has stood almost alone among American universities of equal rank in not conferring the Ph. D. degree. Steps are now being taken to provide for the granting of this degree in future, but the conservative attitude of the faculty on this question makes it probable that the first candidate for the degree will have to wait several years before attaining it. The entrance requirements to the several departments have been raised consistently as educational conditions in the state at large appeared to justify the changes. A decided addition to the number of units required for entrance into the academic and engineering departments went into effect this year. Similar additions are planned for the next three years

in these departments, while in the departments of law and medicine a full year's academic work will soon be required for admission.

Possibly enough has been said to indicate the existence of an encouraging spirit of progress mixed with a wholesome conservatism in the government of the institution. The faculty consists very largely of men and women comparatively young, coming from various parts of the United States, and trained in the best American and European universities. A more cosmopolitan group of teachers would be hard to find in any college in the country. For these and other reasons connection with the University of Texas, whether as teacher or student, is sought after by many.

The affection of the people of Texas for their university is its strongest asset. To one who has been connected with several other institutions, the devotion of the students to their *alma mater*, the respect shown to the faculty, and the almost entire absence of that rowdyism which disgraces so many American colleges, seem noteworthy. The citizenship of Texas as a whole shows much the same spirit. The inception of the university dates back to a time almost fifty years before its doors were opened, when Mirabeau B. Lamar, first president of the Republic of Texas, advocated its establishment, and the Texas congress set aside land for the purpose. Years later, when the present state constitution was adopted, provision was made for the establishment and maintenance of "a university of the first class," and a million acres of land, to which another million acres were added afterwards, were set aside for its endowment. That the University of Texas is not now and never has been a university of the first class is not to be set down to the niggardliness of successive legislatures, which have really shown a desire to satisfy the institution's needs, but rather to executive timidity in making known certain wants and pressing them vigorously upon the law-makers. The real attitude of Texans towards the university is shown in the co-operation of high schools all over the state, in the friendliness

of denominational colleges, and in the erection at the cost of several hundred thousand dollars within the past twelve months of churches of three denominations, a theological seminary, a Bible training school, and a Young Men's Christian Association building, all of which are located on land adjoining or practically adjoining the campus, and were contributed to by citizens of all parts of Texas because they are to benefit students of the university.

At the same time the University of Texas has to overcome three distinct obstacles in order to make satisfactory progress within the next decade. First and most important of these is its isolation from other schools of the same rank. Texas itself is well called an empire, and to go outside of its borders involves a journey not to be lightly undertaken. Within the state at least two denominational colleges and the proposed Rice Institute at Houston give some promise of competition for the future, but they are scarcely furnishing it at present. This is an immense drawback to the institution, both in intellectual and in athletic interests, and narrows the horizon of faculty and students. A second obstacle is the backwardness of the secondary schools in the state, and the evils incident to a civilization not far removed from frontier life. By outsiders, however, this evil is apt to be overestimated. Texas schools are not yet equal to those of New England, but they are making rapid progress in the right direction and preparing students more thoroughly than most people would think. Finally, Texans are not spending sufficient money on their whole educational system to attain the results that they expect. The state is wealthy and can afford far more liberal appropriations for schools and colleges. It is now learning the truth and gives promise of profiting thereby.

Girls

By Walter C. Rodman, University of Pennsylvania

*"Mary, Mary, quite contrary,
How does your garden grow?"*

"It ought to be practical, not allegorical," was the objection of the girl to whom had been hinted the trend of this article. This was the Twentieth Century spirit, speaking its mind.

Now, my dear Mary, is there anything more practical than gardening? And if you think that flowers are going out of fashion, why do you wear them on your hat?

"But," Mary continues to object, "a hat is a mere incident. I am more concerned about my head." Truly, it must be confessed that the girls nowadays are concerning themselves mightily about their heads; whereas it used to be their hearts which gave them the most anxiety. Let us meet them on this debating ground, and consider in the first place, their heads. We shall have a word or two to say about their hearts, later on.

In these times of girls' colleges and co-educational universities, of higher education and the comradely association of girls, the feminine head is a subject of great interest.

Not long ago I saw in a garden at Yale, a great bed of pansies. There were thousands of them, and no two alike. Pansies are for thoughts, and in Mary's garden—which you will agree is a prettier way of putting it than to say "in Mary's head"—are myriads of thoughts, of all sorts, growing, blooming, changing and fading. Would it be practical, perhaps, to consider in a way more or less whimsical, what Mary has to do with these dwellers in her garden?

In our grandmother's days, the gardens were primly bordered with box, and stiffly set with old fashioned

flowers, which, when culled, were gathered into a "posy," whose very name is quaint and stilted. And there was a corresponding primness and keep-your-distance quality of the feminine mind, which we in our superior wisdom are pleased to characterize as old time prudery. Have we by any possibility replaced it by some traits none the less unlovely?

It was a pretty girlish pastime of those almost forgotten days, to go to the woods as spring came on, and gather the modest violet. There is nothing more appealingly sweet in nature than the first blue violet, hiding under its own leaves; nothing more delicately delicious than its breath, bearing the essence of earthy woodland; but I wonder if anyone else has had my experience in cultivating that deservedly esteemed but somewhat misunderstood flower? Long ago I transplanted a clump of violets into a corner of my garden, and was elated in the following spring to see them thriving. Ten years later I came back to my home, which in the meantime had been occupied by tenants, and found my violets romping so riotously and so pervasively, that I was compelled to weed them out, to make room for something less obtrusively modest. And so when afterward I saw Beauty flaunting at her corsage a monstrous mass of double violets, I made some sage reflections on the adjective, tradition has buckled to the flower, and asked myself the difference between native modesty and the too assiduously cultivated and too much paraded variety.

If I had the planting of Mary's garden I should not overlook the old fashioned flowers. There should be "rosemary—that's for remembrance"; for I would have Mary remember many things. I would have her remember that she is younger and less experienced than her mother, who in her day has had just such problems to solve, as to Mary seem peculiar to her own young life. I would have her remember that womanliness is woman's dearest charm; that to *be* is better than to *do*; and that home is a precious world where great theories get their first and best exposition. Then there should

be an abundance of honesty, which my dictionary says is "a flowering herb of the genus *lunaria*," and which perhaps I should re-name sincerity. For what is more wholesome than a true-hearted, downright, plain-spoken girl, who means what she says; yet is not so rude as always to speak out everything she may happen to think? But snap-dragon and touch-me-not I would banish unhesitatingly.

Do I hear some one speak up for the *fleur-de-lis*? Ah, truly, lilies too should thrive in Mary's garden. I would not have her slight one grace that Heaven has given her, nor any beauty. These are a part of blessed girlhood's charm, nor should they be ruthlessly pruned, nor hid behind the hedge. But I protest that the gorgeous poppy and the gigantic sun-flower are not to my mind at all suitable for my dear Mary's collection. I do not like self-assertiveness, nor large pretensions in any one; least of all in a girl of whom I am in a manner fond.

My selection would be for perfume rather than for coloring or form. Suggested virtues are wont to be more vital than those too prominently apparent. Yet I would not bar an occasional orchid, meaning, of course, a not disagreeable eccentricity or two. Individuality implies something of eccentricity; but let Mary beware that her fads are not mere queerinesses; and again beware that they are in fact individualities, and not copies of the extra-orbital freaks of some other girl or girls. Mannerisms are sometimes enchanting, but they are quite as apt to be irritating. A trick of speech or glance or gesture which identifies Mary—just Mary—may be distinctly lovable; but if Jane or Grace or Susan have the same trick, and had it first, how inane it appears in Mary! Unusual mental attitudes towards everyday questions; unconventional modes of dress or behavior; these may seem piquant, and produce a reputation for originality; but they may also warp character and mar manners.

Right here, let us inquire what Mary herself thinks of her garden? The purpose of it, I mean. Is it a place

where she may swing in her hammock, take her ease, and idly watch the growing of her flowers—and weeds? Or a place where what she fancies is thrown in, helter skelter, and pulled up from time to time, to make room for later favorites? Or is it perhaps solemnly planned and sedulously cultivated with such carefully selected botanical prodigies as Mary thinks will do greatest credit to her taste and industry? Ought it not rather to be a pleasant nook where they who hold Mary dear, may linger lovingly, marking this fair flower and that sweet one, and in each recalling Mary herself?

And this brings to mind our promise, to say a word about hearts. Now will anyone deny that the heart has always been, must always be, the Woman's Kingdom? Woman is the home-maker. If Mary will open her eyes and look about, she will see that the happiest home is that in which *love* is the lodestone that draws the household to the mother's side; with a drawing so gentle that there is no resenting it; yet so strong that there is no resisting it.

Then, say I, let Mary become wise, if she will, let her bestow within her head as much learning as she can; but let her not leave out of the reckoning that all-puisant heart of hers, that shall one day make her really worth while as a woman. Willing service, loving kindness, gentle word and gracious act; these, in the home and out of it, will make her heart glow as well as grow; and by and by, when Mary has slipped out of her girlhood, we shall find in her stead that most beautiful and beneficent of God's creations, a genuine, good and lovely—because lovable—woman.

The Service of the College to the Community

By A. B. Church, Buchtel College

The following is based on the assumption that the colleges of any state are largely a community and local interest. If a community interest, then there exist reciprocal interests and obligations between the college and the community.

About the first of last November a letter was sent to the presidents of twenty colleges of Ohio asking them to report not later than the first of December as to what service their institutions are rendering the community other than the work offered to students in regular and special courses. Every institution rendered a courteous report, the results of which are classified and tabulated as best such diversified reports can be in a limited space.

It is, however, but fair to say that an intelligent survey of the field makes it evident that the size and prevailing characteristics of the college, and especially the nature and density of the populated community about the college make a decided difference in the amount and kind of service the college is able to render.

The following is the classification of the services of the twenty colleges to their respective communities as reported.

1. Religious: Including missions, preaching, Sunday school work, Young Men's Christian Association and Young Women's Christian Association work by students or faculty.

2. Educational (a): Extension courses, courses to teachers and to school pupils in domestic science, etc.

3. Educational (b): Lectures and concerts open to the public. Addresses to teachers' institutes and high schools, and to horticultural and agricultural meetings.

4. Official service to schools, as superintendents and examiners.

5. Civic offices: Members of official boards, commissions, etc.

6. Civic services: Surveying, boards of trade, investigating conditions of labor, wages and housing, charities and corrections, civic hygiene, morals, and beauty. Social settlement work.

7. Co-operation in moral, social and civic reforms.

The above reports show fourteen colleges engaged, through faculty and students, in specific religious work in their communities; four giving educational courses of a technical nature; seventeen rendering an educational service of a more general nature; four rendering official services to schools; three rendering official civic services; thirteen rendering civic services of a more general nature; and nine co-operating in the social, moral, and civic reforms of the community.

While these reports show a volume of services quite surprising and gratifying in variety, yet I wish to call attention to a point of discrimination in these services between those rendered by the members of the college through the college as a distinct institution in the community, and those rendered by members of the college in discharge of their citizenship in the community.

Is the mere fact that a member of a college faculty, or a student, has taught a class in Sunday school, led a prayer-meeting, served on a local school board, sat on a local water commission, been town crier, campaigned and voted "wet or dry," or taken part in a public entertainment in common with other citizens in the community any more a distinctive service of the college to the community than it is a distinctive service of the church or lodge to which he belongs, or is it merely a legitimate and obligated discharge of his Christian citizenship in that community? While it is gratifying to know that the members of our colleges are discharging their citizenship duties, yet is it not worth while to consider what distinctive service, if any, the college can

render as an educational institution; whether it can add anything distinctive to the community life other than it is giving through its regularly prescribed tuitioned courses?

In his inaugural address at the installation of D. A. Ross Hill as president of Missouri University, President Schurman set forth "the aim and final goal of education as the uplifting of the whole people. It is neither in the interests of science nor of citizenship alone, and dangerous indeed to both, when scholars and scientists lose touch with the intellectual life of the people as a whole. The unsolved problem of our universities, therefore, is the intellectual elevation of the whole people. The ultimate educational aim should be to give to every individual a chance to attain a maximum of personal culture and social efficiency according to his intellectual gifts and strength of his will." He then suggests the ways of doing this through "extension lectures, correspondence with individuals who desire knowledge, but can not leave home to attain it, by encouraging evening and continuous schools, by sending out teachers in the liberal arts, in the sciences, and in the several technical callings, and by conducting co-operative scientific experiments which may serve as object lessons to farmers and others who wish to bring the light of science to their daily callings."

Relative to these suggestions by President Schurman it may be said in passing that the University of Wisconsin is probably doing the most extensive and efficient work of this nature in its state of any of the universities. It will interest you to read their reports, which may be had for the asking.

The local conditions of each community and the means at hand in each college will have to determine the methods and extent of these services. Sure it is that in every community there are (1) people so tied to daily toil that they can devote only their evenings to their intellectual and social betterment; (2) people who have grown mature before the desire for knowledge has become active in their lives; (3) people who have

pursued higher education to a greater or less extent, and who are now anxious to supply their former defects and to continue their intellectual refreshment; (4) also people who have rounded out the prescribed years in college, securing a degree and would like to continue the college associations and inspirations in their college town life.

Ought not the college to feel that it is its privilege, and even duty, to minister in some way to the needs and tastes of these different classes of people, rather than force them to turn to the inefficiently equipped and more poorly manned Young Men's Christian Association and Young Women's Christian Association educational courses, to the commercialized local lecture course committees, the more commercialized correspondence schools, and the popularized and often haphazard Chautauqua courses? Ought it not to be the business of the college in conjunction with the public schools to look after and supply the intellectual needs of the community, as it is for the churches and allied organizations to look after the religious needs, and the banks, stores, and shops to look after the financial and physical needs of the community?

Besides the lack of means, which is always perplexing, the chief hindrance to this generalized educational service to the community must be acknowledged to be the pressure brought to bear on the college to maintain a high standard, and thereby permit only an exclusive patronage and a limited service. Reasonable and uniform standards should and must be maintained for the degree stamp of educational institutions, do not lose sight of that; but the egotistical maintenance of an exclusive standard which sets the college quite above and apart from the community is not meeting the aims of education nor justifying the maintenance of the college by the community or state. The aims of true education in democratic America should keep the colleges free from a rigid maintenance of such exclusive

standards as will exclude from any educational participation the large numbers of worthy men and women who are not free to seek a systematic training.

Besides these co-operative educational services to the community the college will set a wholesome and confidence-inspiring example to the community in business methods and transactions such as the reliable investment of funds; the economical, but not penurious expenditure of money; a willingness to pay what an article is worth without a frigid "hold-up" for "a rebate out of respect for the cause;" a general practice of home trade and consumption with all conditions approximately equal; and a frequent word of appreciation and commendation to the public for their co-operation and support.

Then the college can render an encouraging and uplifting service to the public schools of the community by sympathetic association with the teachers, by critically visiting all the grades in an uncritical manner and entering into short, *short*, suggestive, but undidactic conversation with teacher and pupils.

Another suggestive service is the attitude of the college toward, and management of athletic sports. Does the college sanction and maintain them as games in which the determination to win outweighs all other considerations, under which may enter all the attendant evils of deceit, tricks and imminent risk of life and limb, and over which gambling and debauchery is an attendant pastime and business? Or does the college sanction and maintain them only so far as they can be used as a legitimate part of a system of education, which includes the culture and the training of the body as co-ordinate with that of the mind?

These are two distinct questions, and ones on which the college will soon have to answer to the people in no uncertain reply.

Happy and prosperous the college that serves best its day and community and fortunate the community that has a college to serve and support.

National Panhellenic Achievements in Seven Years

A. In the conference itself.

1. Increase in membership from seven to twelve fraternities.

2. Establishment of standard for a national college fraternity: "Not less than five college chapters and none in an institution below college rank."

3. Change of name from Intersorority Conference to National Panhellenic.

4. Adoption of a working constitution insuring the permanency of the annual conferences.

B. In the national fraternity life.

1. Co-operation and frank discussion among national officers of the special problems in special colleges.

2. Exchange among fraternity officers of the journals of the women's fraternities.

C. In the college fraternity life.

1. The abolishment of pledging among preparatory students, except at the University of Michigan, where, owing to peculiar local conditions, the national fraternity chapters there have been granted permission to pledge high school seniors only until September, 1909.

2. Formation of college Panhellenics wherever two or more nationals are represented. These Panhellenics consist of one alumna and one active member from every national fraternity represented in the college.

3. A pledge day in every college fixed by the college Panhellenic Association.

4. No part of the initiation ceremony to take place in public.

5. Universal discountenancing of "lifting."

6. Women's fraternities interested in general college activities and taking active steps in formation of women's leagues.

D. Important publications.

1. Reports of the annual conferences.

2. A model college Panhellenic constitution.
3. A model women's league constitution.
4. Report on social customs in co-educational colleges in the United States.

5. Report on present conditions of Panhellenics in the United States.

6. Two circulars for fraternity *alumnæ* setting forth the aims and purposes of the National Panhellenic.

E. Incidental achievements.

1. Two meetings of fraternity delegates with the Conference of Deans of Women, where a frank discussion of fraternity life in the college—its advantages and shortcomings—left with the fraternities many ideas for the improvement of fraternity life.

2. A great increase in trust and respect among rival fraternity chapters.

F. Present activities.

1. Organizing, in each university community, of resident *alumnæ* of all fraternities to study local problems and advise steps for their solution.

2. Efforts for later pledge day.

3. Definite university scholarship attainment among the qualifications for eligibility to fraternity membership.

4. Panhellenic efforts to restrict the excessive social life of the fraternity women in its college. Also co-operation in the reduction of the elaborateness and expense of social functions.

5. More efforts toward securing the co-operation of fraternity *alumnæ* in dealing with fraternity problems.

6. Raising scholarship standards in fraternity chapters.

7. Increasing the dignity of the office of chapter house chaperone and the securing of suitable women for these important positions.

8. Formation of a code of etiquette regarding dismissals, pledging, etc.

G. Conclusion. The breadth of these present activities, touching all phases of college life, as contrasted with the avowed purpose of the 1902 (first) conference to "discuss pledging and rushing, suggesting a set of by-laws for the amelioration of existing rushing conditions," is the best proof of the progressive usefulness and strength of this organization so characteristic of the very finest fraternity spirit. May the next seven years see even greater achievement and a constantly broadening field for influential co-operation for the improvement of women's fraternity life.

Parthenon

Summer * Summer school, that bugbear to the inex-
School perience, ceases to be a terrible name to the
initiated, and becomes to them only a pleasant
memory. We tried it at Beta Delta this
summer, and at the end of the eight weeks' term we
were ready to supplement the "Ladies' Home Journal"
with articles on "How to Be Happy Though Hot," or
"Housekeeping Under a Limited Time System," or any
of those long-titled editorials which seem to make the
impossible feasible—only in this case it was both possible
and feasible.

There were four of us; and we lived in the chapter house, scorning cooks and boarding houses. At first the wide hall and long parlors seemed strangely empty and quiet; and the dining room, with its two tables shut up to diminutive squares, gave us a hungry feeling. But before the first week was ended we had learned to spread our belongings over the best part of the house. We shut off one parlor, to facilitate dusting, chose each a separate bedroom, for coolness, opened an account with the corner grocery, and began housekeeping in earnest. It is not well to be too systematic in the summer time. She who came home earliest from classes prepared luncheon; and she who first wearied of tennis in the afternoon peeled the potatoes for supper. Breakfast was an individual matter, ranging from a glass of fresh milk to bacon and eggs with cream-of-wheat and fruit. The publication of menus is beyond the scope of this paper; but those of you who wish to try housekeeping in summer school, may profitably observe three rules:

1. Criticise your own concoctions, but eat the rest discreetly and in silence, praising whenever possible.
2. Make a business-like division of the Saturday's cleaning. Little dusting is necessary during the week.
3. When all else fails, cook cream-of-wheat.

Living thus, in a free and happy fashion, we found many golden opportunities open before us. In the first place, we learned to know our housemates very well—far better than in the rush of winter duties. There used to be a quiet hour at the end of luncheon when, over the cool-clinking ice in our tea glasses, we launched into long discussions of life and fate, and ethics of the fraternity and college—discussions which lasted into the inevitable dish-washing period, and lightened our culinary tasks. Then there were games of tennis in the afternoon, and walks on starry summer nights, and all the opportunities of close companionship that come to a few people living together. We came to know the “out-of-house” girls better too; and once we all gathered together, sprinkled wax over the floors, summoned our friends, and had a summer dance. Pleasant surprises in the way of visits happened almost every week. Girls of our chapter, passing through Ann Arbor, dropped in to spend a night with us; and once a Kappa from a far chapter came to town; and we had all the fun of getting acquainted with her, and doing the honors of the house. We had dinner parties occasionally, and picnics, and a jolly vacation on the Fourth; and sometimes—happy, happy times—we were invited out to tea.

Quite aside from fraternity affairs, our class reunions gave us some pleasant afternoons. All the senior girls in town met once a week for a sewing-bee and a good old-fashioned chat, so that we, too, a little circle out of a big class, felt as if we knew each other at the end of the summer.

When, in August, examination time came, we could not realize that summer school was over. A memory lasts well for eight weeks, and we found extensive “cramming” unnecessary. It had been almost as good as camping in the Adirondacks, this summer school of ours. We had eight shining hours of credit, and had learned to cook besides. So we say, “Three cheers for summer school!” And let any Kappas who are planning to spend the summer in Ann Arbor, communicate with Beta Delta before the end of June, and help

our summer students to turn work into play, and to have some Kappa good times through July and August.

ELEANOR WHEELER, *Beta Delta*.



**Broader
College
Life**

In the past the fraternity system has sometimes been censured harshly and, we think, unjustly. Our fraternity life has meant much to us and we are loath to hear it ill spoken of. The grounds of censure are, first, that the fraternity girl enjoys many pleasures which are denied to the non-fraternity girl, in the way of parties and social events; secondly, that the non-fraternity girl is made to feel she is an inferior and is slighted, particularly during rushing season; and thirdly, that fraternities do not achieve what is supposed to be their aim, namely, the broadening of their members. It should be to the credit of every fraternity to improve where improvement is needed along these lines, and surely Kappa will not be lacking in doing her part toward disproving these assertions.

The first accusation needs little consideration, for the fraternity girl cannot be responsible for any one but herself in the matter of social success. She does not receive invitations because she is a fraternity girl, but because she is entertaining and interesting. It is that quality which made her attractive to those already in the fraternity and which gained for her an invitation to become a member.

Although a fraternity girl can not take the responsibility for lack of social events which the non-fraternity girls sometimes feel, she is responsible largely for the pleasure of the girls among themselves. The fraternity girl is recognized as a leader. It is her duty, if she will maintain the place she is supposed to occupy in society, to go more than half way in making things pleasant for the non-fraternity girls in the dormitories, on the campus, and in the recitation halls. The fraternity girl can not afford to be selfish for her own sake, for the sake of other college girls, and for the sake of the good name of her fra-

ternity. She should take trouble to be considerate. She must not, during rushing season, make the contrast between those for whom she cares and those in whom she is uninterested obvious, lest it be felt keenly by the non-fraternity girl. It takes but a little thought to smile or to say a pleasant word. But that little thought, that little unselfish act, makes the girl who gives it a more attractive fraternity girl and, surely, a Kappa more true blue.

The objection so often advanced that altho the fraternity members may be developed socially, they are narrowed in thought and action is an argument to be refuted only by our lives. The narrowness of thought lies largely in the way in which we regard the members of other sororities. We should not think of them as rivals but as girls like ourselves, whose ideals are just as high as ours. We must also prove ourselves sincere in action as in thought. During rushing season we often make great protestations of devotion to a girl and, after she has refused us in order to join another sorority, we drop her entirely. Such cases furnish grounds to our opponents for saying we are insincere and that we are narrowed by our fraternity connection.

Can not Kappa rise above her temptations? Can we not learn to be more unselfish and more considerate of non-fraternity girls? Can we not make the first move, if need be, for Panhellenic good feeling? Let us prove that our fraternity life does not narrow us, but that it makes college life more pleasant and helps to fit us for the larger life of the world.

MARGARET BROWN MOORE, *Beta Gamma*.



As an argument against fraternities it has been said that they are a parasitic growth, sapping the college life and spirit. Against fraternity organization, as a whole, which has as its basal principle the desire to inspire with higher ideals, this objection can not be validly urged. But that there are individual chapters which are parasitic can not be denied. Such a chapter is one which contributes nothing of good to the college where it flourishes and diverts the activity of its members from the normal channels of college life.

As a test take these questions regarding the chapter's attitude toward the vital interests of the college.

Is each member of the chapter urged to maintain the highest standard of scholarship of which that member is capable?

Are the members of the chapter permitted or encouraged to regard college life as a mere background for social events?

Does the chapter discountenance violation of faculty rules?

Do the members of the chapter take an active and interested part in general student activities?

Does the chapter teach its members to place college spirit before fraternity spirit?

To sum up many questions in one, do the members of the chapter regard fraternity and its interests as the main thing, the all absorbing interest of their college life, or as a factor, delightful to be sure, but necessarily subordinate to college interests and serious college work?

Let your chapter ask itself these and similar questions, that it may detect whether or not there lurk in it unsuspected parasitic elements which lead men to ask; has it a right to live?

ELIZABETH GRACE PARKER, *Epsilon*.

After our three months of summer vacation with no thought of such things as text-
Scholarship books and professors, now at the beginning of a new school year, we suddenly find ourselves again on the campus, once more in the old life and facing the old problems—such problems as what our standard of work shall be.

For what girl does not start into her school life in September with a new desire, if not a firm resolution, to keep her work up to a standard which she sets for herself? The standard varies with the girl. But whether it is very near perfection or not so high, if it represents the ability of the girl, it is good to have.

In many cases the resolution is forgotten in the distraction of rushing season. But why should it be? Surely the right sort of rushee is not favorably impressed with the girl who cuts classes to rush or who laughs at her low grades. Is it any wonder that freshmen coming into a chapter where such girls may be do not realize the importance of scholarship? To be sure this is overdrawn but never-the-less the situation is a true one.

It is the freshmen who should be impressed with the value of high scholarship and the rushing season is a good time to begin it. It sometimes happens that with the wrong sort of start and too little encouragement in the right direction, a freshman falls behind in her work, loses interest and in a year or two, drops out of school, thus incurring a loss to herself as well as to the fraternity.

How much better is the example of the girls who say as one girl said: "I will graduate for the fraternity if not for myself." And this may also be followed in attaining scholarship—if not for ourselves, then to uphold the standard of Kappa Kappa Gamma. The help should be mutual, Kappa in giving the inspiration and the girls in showing their loyalty to her by devoted service in preserving her standards.

A reputation of a high grade of work gives an inestimable benefit to a fraternity. It gives the respect of the faculty and other fraternities and the admiration of the non-fraternity world where there seems to be an

almost universal idea that fraternity means purely social life with nothing of a serious nature connected with it.

Surely a high standard of scholarship is in accordance with the spirit of Kappa Kappa Gamma as well as to her advantage, and it should be our aim as true and earnest Kappas to give her the benefit of a high grade of scholarship.

HELEN ZELLER, Beta Nu.

Editorial

Scarcely more than ten years ago the Grand Council of Kappa Kappa Gamma took the first steps to encourage the alumnae to form themselves into associations, either as members of the same chapter, or as Kappas belonging to different chapters but living in the same locality. The work and purpose of these organizations was not definitely stated, for the Council knew that each association would find its own place in the community in which it existed. The important thing was to have the alumnae organize in small groups all over the country, for such a union composed of strong college women endeavoring to live the Kappa ideals, could not fail to produce results, each according to the opportunities offered.

Only a few responded to the call at first, but gradually the value of the plan has asserted itself, and each year the number and the influence of these associations is steadily increasing. Our alumnae secretary states that she is receiving communications from groups of Kappas scattered all over the United States, relative to forming themselves into associations. She urges that all such clubs become a part of the national organization, since in this way they will become stronger and more efficient.

At first the alumnae associations were purely social, but gradually, as the opportunity came, some began to take up a definite line of work. Because of this, in almost every instance, the meetings of the organization have been better attended, and the members more united. The following letter from the secretary of the Denver Alumnae Association, tells of the excellent work which is being carried on by that organization.



To the Editor of THE KEY:

The members of the Denver Alumnae Association were especially interested in the letter from the Kansas City Association published in THE KEY, for we, too, have done a little, a very little though it is, that we feel is worth while, this year.

There is a young woman here, a college girl, who came to Denver several years ago for her health. She

worked as long as she was able, longer indeed, but was forced at last to give up. She was in a hospital without money or near friends. The members of her own fraternity in Denver were too few to supply all that she needed, and we have been helping them. Each member contributes a stated sum every month to a fund which is managed by a committee of one. From this fund the sum promised toward the support of our friend is deducted, and the surplus is used for the benefit of any of our own members who are ill or in trouble, and for sending flowers, books, or in some other way contributing to their comfort or amusement. We have one member who is confined to her room most of the time. I suppose it was because of her that we thought of making this a permanent fund for that purpose. Any way, it seems a very good plan, for occasions were constantly arising for something of this sort.

We have also tried this winter to raise a little money for the benefits of the competitive scholarship offered to women at the Marine Biological Laboratory at Wood's Holl, Massachusetts. To accomplish this Mrs. Lewis C. Greenlee (Rachael Baumann, Epsilon) very generously gave a dramatic recital of Dickens's *Tale of Two Cities*.

I wonder if I may be pardoned for quoting what the *News* says of her work? "Mrs. Greenlee gave a wonderful dramatic recital of Dickens's great story 'A Tale of Two Cities.' It was given with great tenderness and true artistic interpretation. The large audience was held spell-bound and showed its appreciation by the rapt attention with which it was received." This cleared for us a very neat sum.

Doubtless other associations have aided or will aid this fund. We, as Kappas, can not afford to let such a royal chance of doing a little good work go by. It seems to me we ought to seize it as a long-looked for opportunity.

The Denver Association has never had much trouble in drawing its members together, but since the institution of our present plan, the meetings have been exceptionally well attended and the members feel, I think, almost as closely united as members of the same college chapter.

CARRIE E. ORTON.



Alpha Province

Phi—University of Boston

Dear Kappas:

Seventeen weeks was brimful of jolly times, of course, and we all enjoyed them to the utmost, even though the thought would creep in that we were saying farewell to so many of our girls. There were seven Kappas in '09.

One of the happiest events for us was the election of Elizabeth Jackson, '09, to Phi Beta Kappa.

On Saturday, May twenty-ninth, our alumnae gave us a luncheon at Riverbank Court, in Cambridge. The senior banquet came in the evening and several of the girls feared they would be unable to cope with the situation, but they all succeeded admirably and live to tell the tale.

On Monday, May thirty-first, the seniors were entertained at the rooms by the rest of the chapter. We were happy to have with us again Helen Hicks of Delta. Tradition has it that no Christmas or commencement party is a complete success without the announcement of an engagement, and we were not disappointed this time, for Beatrice M. Gair, '10, told us that the suspicions we had been entertaining for some time were true and that she was engaged to Mr. Luther T. Nelson. Mr. Nelson is a Boston University

man, of the class of '05, a student at the Harvard Medical School, and a member of the Beta Theta Pi fraternity.

The senior play, "Of His Own Household," was given on the evening of June third, and we are very proud to say that it was most successful, for Marion Treadwell and Mabel Case took the leading parts for women.

On Friday, June fourth, we went to our farewell "time" together, our annual trip to the rocky shores of Marblehead Neck. Here we had another engagement announced to us, that of Corene Bryant, ex-'11, to Mr. Lawrence Somers, Harvard Divinity School, '11.

The house party was held at Green Harbor, Massachusetts, and from the enthusiastic letters of the girls who went, we judge that there must have been splendid times there.

Ruth A. Baker, '10, has been elected president of the Young Women's Christian Association. She and Marion Butterworth, '09, attended the conference at Silver Bay in June.

In May we pledged to Kappa Kappa Gamma, Louise Anderson, '12.

FLORENCE McARDLE.



Beta Epsilon—Barnard College

Beta Epsilon began the summer with its time-honored custom, "camp," on July tenth. A number of graduates beside the undergraduate chapter and six out of seven of our initiates spent a very happy week together in the final Kappa gathering of the year. There is no actual camping out but the chapter generally selects a place which will yield none of the cares and most of the joys of camp life. Lake Waramaug, near New Preston, Connecticut, proved this year to be an excellent choice. We stayed in a big, comfortable farm house overlooking the long, winding lake. During the day there was riding, boating, swimming and walking, and at night, story-telling around the open fire. But the part of camp which

everyone enjoyed most was the hour after supper on the lake with the sun setting, the dusk creeping up and the music of Kappa songs rising over the waters.

Katherina Doty, Alice Haskell, Virginia Gildersleeve, Hilda Wood, Eleanor Curran, Laura Armstrong, Marguerite Newland and May Newland have been spending the summer in Europe.

Priscilla Stanton has announced her engagement to Howland Auchincloss, Yale, Psi Upsilon.

Antoinette Fransioli was among those receiving special mention for high standing in the recent City Board examinations for teachers.

Hilda Wood is intending to study for her Master of Arts degree in Latin and Greek at Columbia this winter.

Barnard is trying an interesting experiment in the matter of pledge day this year. The date has been changed from the first Monday in April to the first Monday in December of sophomore year. All freshman rushing has been forbidden, thus limiting the rushing period to practically two months. We are hoping for better results than ever before from this recent change.

With our present flourishing chapter, Beta Epsilon has every reason to expect an unusually successful year.

KATHARINE GAY.



Beta Sigma—Adelphi College

The month of May was a short and happy one for Beta Sigma. On the eighth we initiated our two pledges and now wish to introduce C. Louise Avery and Helen E. Brady to our sister chapters.

On the twentieth we celebrated our chapter's birthday, and had a most enjoyable time.

Another never-to-be-forgotten house party has come and gone. Sparta, New Jersey, was the place where we spent a week together this year—a week overflowing with happiness and Kappa enthusiasm.

We expect to begin our new college year with twelve active members. We shall miss very much Ethel

Howell, Ethel Kipp, Marie Lyons, and Ruth Waldo whom we lose by graduation, and Ruth Wells and Louise Avery, who intend to continue their work at Mount Holyoke.

We are glad to welcome back again Elsie Kraemer, who spent a year at the University of West Virginia.

Abigail Remsen, '11, has announced her engagement to William Kouwenhoven.

Best wishes to all chapters for a successful college year.

EDNA M. HERBST.



Psi—Cornell University

It was with sorrow that the happy Kappa group saw the approach of commencement, especially as we lost by graduation our senior, Anna Mae Deniton.

Anna Clegg Stryke was elected to Sigma Xi, and Margaret H. Riggs to Phi Beta Kappa.

Alice E. Holbert was married in August. Caroline C. Crawford was maid of honor, and many Kappas were present. The bride will make her future home in Ithaca, and we are looking forward to having her "on the faculty."

Anna C. Stryke was an assistant in entomology at Summer School.

We are looking forward to the fall to see if our six weeks' rushing season will be as successful as it was last year.

With greetings to all Kappas.

WILHELMINE C. WISSMANN.



Beta Tau—Syracuse University

Beta Tau closed the college year with mingled feelings of joy and sorrow—joy at the success of our class of '09, and sorrow that they were so soon to leave us. Mable Allen and Sarah Lamoreaux were graduated with honor, and Sarah was awarded first honor in her department, history. The seniors who are going to

teach all have positions for next year. Marion Brainard is to be in Pittsford, New York; Sarah Lamoreaux in New Rochelle, New York; Mable Allen at Springville, New York, and Flora Wright at Franklin, New York. Marguerite Stuart and Ruby Bryan will spend the year at home.

Commencement, this year, was a time of more enthusiasm than usual because it was held in the new Archbold gymnasium. Syracuse has always regretted that she had no auditorium large enough to accommodate those who wished to be present at Commencement, but in the gymnasium everyone was comfortably provided for. At that time it was announced that John D. Archbold had given us an additional gift of three hundred thousand dollars. Greater expense than was anticipated had to be incurred in the erection of the gymnasium, and this sum liquidates the debt thus contracted. President McLean of the university of the state of Iowa was the orator and was very enthusiastically received.

Matriculation day has been adopted as pledge day.

Beta Tau wishes success to all her sister chapters next year.

MARY Y. EVANS.



Beta Alpha—University of Pennsylvania

We are not Indians, nor yet nomads; but we are again on the trail; in other words, room hunting.

Two of our alumnae members have promised to find a suitable room for us. We wish them luck.

Several alumnae members have visited us in the past few months: Kate Nowlin, Alice Davisson, Mary G. Phillips, Ida Carley and Sally Barclay. Sally was our guest for almost two months, and all of us had the pleasure of entertaining her in our homes, according to a prearranged schedule.

Two of our girls have received prizes: Catherine W. Beekley, '10, the junior prize for highest standing in biology, open to those who took entrance examinations in that course; and Alice M. Rodman, '12, the

first prize, twenty-five dollars, for the best set of botanical slides.

In May the Philomathean Society of the university gave us all a treat by presenting Ben Greet and his celebrated company in Shaksperian plays. These were performed in the Botanical Gardens of the university.

We are proud to hear that our university has a very complete exhibit at the Seattle Exposition, each department being well represented.

Good luck and best wishes to all our Kappa sisters for a new year in college work.

HILDEGARD E. RODMAN.



Beta Iota—Swarthmore College

Dear Kappa Sisters:

Excitement reigns in Beta Iota, as the success or failure of our first sophomore pledge day is about to be realized. The strain is particularly great as several of our "hopefuls" and "doubtfuls" live in the village where all the Swarthmore chapters are represented. The last of September will bring relief, and we trust victory, as a reward for a year's patient waiting and watching.

The summer finds us scattered at various resorts, while two of our girls are traveling abroad. We were afraid that we would lose one of our "even dozen," who returned to her home in Spokane, Washington, but we have since heard that she expects to return soon.

When college opened in September many changes were noticed. Parrish Hall is devoted entirely to girls, as another wing has been added to the boys' dormitory, Wharton Hall. A new residence has been purchased for the president and his wife, the old one being remodeled for classrooms. A new observatory is another improvement on the way to completion.

The news of the sudden death of our prospective football captain reached us during the summer, and

can not fail to cast a gloom over all on their return to Swarthmore.

We met in the fall with renewed interest and enthusiasm. A few days after matriculation was pledge day.

Trusting that all of our sisters have had an enjoyable vacation and that they will have a successful winter, we send good will to all.

HELEN RODERFIELD PARKER.



Beta Upsilon—West Virginia University

Greetings:

Since our last letter much has happened to mould our characters and determine our destinies. Another of our impulsive members has taken unto herself a husband. It seems to be a habit Kappas have. On April twenty-first, Willa Hart Butcher of the nearby town, Fairmont, was married to John Lehman. Almost the entire chapter went to make things merry for loquacious "Billy." During our stay we were hospitably entertained by dutiful Kappas of the town.

An important part of the exercises of Commencement week, although the faculty failed to realize it, was the Kappa breakfast. A number of the out-of-town girls were present. We intend making it an annual affair.

As a number of the girls stayed for summer school, with the resident Kappas we were able to hold enthusiastic bi-weekly meetings.

More fortunate members broadened their minds by extensive travels. Gertrude Pollock spent three months in Europe. Cilda Langfitt Smith viewed the wonders of Yellowstone Park and received a liberal education from the Exposition at Seattle. Elizabeth Stalnacker spent the summer in Canada. Marjorie Patterson also spent some time around the lakes and in Canada. A number

of Kappas led the simple life (with complications) in a camp along the mountain stream Cheat.

Harriet Stalnacker attended summer school at Columbia.

Flora Hayes, who was dangerously ill for so long a time, is slowly recovering.

May Sullivan has accepted a position in the high school at Shinnston.

Myrtle Chaney will not return this year, but will teach in the high school at Washington, Pennsylvania.

Elsie Kramer, the original and only affiliate of Beta Upsilon, will not be with us this year, to our exceeding great sorrow.

PEARL LOUISE REINER.



Beta Province

Lambda—Buchtel College

To all Kappas, Greeting:

It seems strange to recall things which happened so long ago at this summer season when each one is enjoying her vacation. One of the first festivities before Commencement was the party the girls gave for their mothers. It was the annual spread given in the rooms in honor of the mothers of the active girls.

On the twenty-seventh of May the girls gave a party for their friends at Oak Crest, the cottage of Helen Knight at State Mills.

Commencement began on the thirteenth of June with the baccalaureate sermon, delivered by Rev. Dr. Atwood of Rochester, New York. Buchtel's Commencement was unusually interesting this year. The Alumni Club took the affair in charge, and with the opening of the new Science Hall as a special feature, strove to make the whole Commencement season a glowing success. Alumni of over thirty years were present. A class of eighteen were graduated. One of the prettiest affairs of the week was the "senior prom." The president's reception was held Tuesday evening, after which

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the fraternities had open house. Lambda received her friends in the rooms during the evening. Wednesday evening the Science Hall was opened formally, after which all adjourned to the campus, where old English dances were enjoyed. The evening ended with the annual alumni banquet in the gymnasium, where with the exception of two all the classes since Butchel's founding were represented. Lambda ended the year by a luncheon, at which fifty were present. Mrs. Kolbe acted as toastmistress, while toasts were responded to by Mrs. Mallory, Mary Grace Canfield and Bess Hart.

Our Panhellenic meeting was held just after Commencement and our contract made for next fall. The rushing season will come at Thanksgiving time this year.

With best wishes to all Kappas for a splendid year.

KATHERINE OTIS.



Beta Gamma—Wooster University

Again Beta Gamma is ready, after a three months' rest, to start in on a new year's work, and although five girls graduated and two others are not coming back, the fifteen remaining girls expect great results from the season's rushing. Our Panhellenic rules for the coming year were made last spring, with pledge day on the ninth of November; but at the last meeting of the trustees of the university it was decided that no fraternity or sorority could send out invitations to join until the second semester. This will mean a long and less strenuous rushing season, in accordance with the national policy of the fraternity.

As usual, Commencement Week was the time for the reunion of all old Wooster students, and the college entertained an unusual number of visitors. Our alumnae gave a luncheon in honor of the active chapter, and we gave a reception in the fraternity hall to our alumnae and friends. Then with many tears and sighs

we left the girls we had known and loved, hoping to meet them all again within a few years.

Spring term brought the engagement of Lois Axtell and Paul Bunn, Alpha Tau Omega. During the year she is teaching in Portland, Indiana. Helen Moore has accepted a position as instructor of art in Vandergrift Art School; Martha Taggart will take post-graduate work at Wooster; Anne Gray will be in her home in Sewickley, Pennsylvania; and Margaret Browne has gone to Wellesley to finish her college work.

Since there was no convention to bring the girls together during the summer, we have had our chapter round letters to keep up interest in the fraternity and to furnish new ideas for the year's work.

Beta Gamma sends love and best wishes for a successful season to all Kappas, and especially to our new sisters in Missoula.



Beta Nu—Ohio State University

The day after commencement, ten Beta Nu girls went to Clear Lake, Indiana, for a house party at the Carrolls' summer home. For three weeks a glorious good time was enjoyed by every one, and then the girls separated for the summer.

This year, quite an innovation at the University was a May Day fete on the campus. There were dances by each class, and the May Queen crowned. It was so successful that it is to be made an annual affair. An out-of-door production of "Twelfth Night" was given in May by one of the literary societies, and was repeated commencement week. It was put on exceptionally well. Helen Morrison carrying off a large share of the honors as Malvolio.

Beta Nu lost three girls at commencement—Florence Newlove, Marie Carroll, and Myra Sherman, and it is hard to realize how we can get along without them. Since our last letter to THE KEY we have a new pledge, Elizabeth Brown, whom we are very proud to introduce to you.

The Panhellenic Association has made new rules for this year, having a Thanksgiving pledge day, and doing away with all summer rushing. We are all anxious to see the outcome.

Beta Nu sends greetings and all good wishes for a successful rushing season to all chapters.

BERRY CARROLL.



Xi—Adrian College

To all Kappa Sisters, Greeting:

No Commencement Week in the history of Adrian College has equaled the glorious one of last June, the semi-centennial. Every effort was made to make it a week long to be remembered, and the faculty and their friends were well repaid for their work, for of the fifty classes that have been graduated, forty-three were represented.

One special feature was the booths in the gymnasium. Each organization of the college had been asked to be represented by a booth.

On Monday afternoon, June fourteenth, the Sigma Alpha Epsilon fraternity gave their first reception in their new chapter house, to which all the fraternity girls and several others were invited.

Early Tuesday the annual Kappa banquet was held at the Colonial Home. There were covers laid for thirty-four, and Kappa enthusiasm and gaiety ran high. Upon a motion by Grace Van Auken it was voted that a telegram of good wishes be sent to Grace Thomas, who had lately become Mrs. Grace Thomas Browning. Later in the evening the last number on the choral course was given in Down's Hall. The chorus was assisted by Mrs. Peacock and Mr. Wm. A. Kerr, of Detroit. During the evening the formal dedication of the new twenty thousand dollar pipe organ took place, and the greatest appreciation was expressed to Mrs. Larned, who has worked so faithfully to strengthen Adrian's conservatory of music.

Wednesday was alumnæ day, and Thursday morning Commencement, by which we lost two of our best girls, Lena Beem and Maebelle Price.

Among the guests for Commencement were Marian Walker, '07, Nila Link-Winn, '06, Tatt Link, '06, Elvira Davis, Olive Neer, Edna Neer Dickerson, Florence Atwood, Mrs. Enid Ware Foster, Mrs. Lane, Mrs. Johnson and Mrs. Jennie Gilkey Boyd.

One night in May a number of members of the alumnæ association came to the fraternity meeting, and a most pleasant evening was spent together. Another evening, one of our seniors gave a dainty "farewell" tea to the active chapter.

Xi sends best wishes for success in the coming year to all the chapters.

MARGARET MATTHEWS.



Kappa—Hillsdale College

During Commencement Week we gave our annual breakfast. About thirty-five were present, many of whom were the "Kappas of other days," who had come to visit their Alma Mater.

The Michigan Inter-Collegiate Athletic Association held their field meet at Hillsdale this spring, and, although the heavens frowned, a rather satisfactory meet was held. The championship of both the ladies' singles and doubles were won by Kappas, Harriett French winning the ladies' singles, and she and Merle McIntosh, both '10, scoring first in doubles.

Bertha Clement, '10, also distinguished herself in the athletic line, winning the Simpson athletic medal for best physical development.

At the close of commencement week, Kappa chapter adjourned to Baw-Beese Lake for a week-end party, and, of course, had the good time that Kappas always have.

The next week occurred the wedding of Della McIntosh. The chapter in a body attended the ceremony, after which we parted for the summer.

Joy Mauck, '11, has been spending the summer with her mother in Colorado.

We are disappointed to learn that Lura Thompson, '12, will not be with us when we meet this fall, other plans making it impossible for her to return.

We shall also miss our graduates, Ruth Gurney and Zora Sawyer, with whom we have spent so many happy hours.

The rest of us will soon be together once more, however, for work and play, and we hope for the best year ever spent by Kappa. To all, Kappa wishes success.

FAITH ELLIOTT.



Gamma Province

Iota—De Pauw University

Dear Kappa Sisters:

One more college year is history in our lives, and to some of our number it closed the college career. Iota loses four active girls by graduation, Myrta Smith, Mildred Pyke, De Etta Walker and Mary French. We were proud of the honor of having Phi Beta Kappa conferred upon Mildred Pyke. As our class prophetess, Mary French won general praise by her clever prophecy, and was composer of the class song as well.

During Commencement we had many of our alumnae with us. The annual alumnae banquet was given Saturday night in the dormitory parlor, and was an unusual success. On Monday afternoon we had informal open house to alumnae visiting and town. At this time we were fortunate in having with us Mrs. Cora Bennett Stevenson, who has recently brought honor to our fraternity by the publication of her book, "The Hand of God." The book is winning extensive literary notice and commendation, and Kappa can be justly proud to claim its authoress.

During the last term occurred the minstrel show given by the college men for the benefit of athletics.

During Commencement was given the music school festival, which is always one of our best musical features of the year.

The rushing rules drawn up by the Panhellenic are somewhat different from the last few years. The rushing will last two weeks. The rules are fewer but still maintain much concerning the use of rigs, alumnae homes. The plan is by way of an experiment, the result of which we anxiously await.

On the whole, the prospects for the coming year are of the brightest. With the majority of the girls returning and with fine freshmen in line, we are all eager for fall and return to the campus.

With Iota's best wishes for a successful year to all Kappas.

MARY ALICE GILMORE.



Mu—Butler College

At the beginning of the spring term, Mu initiated two new girls, Catherine Martin, of Jamestown, Indiana, and Mary Montgomery, of Greenfield, Indiana. We opened the term with a little dance at the home of Elizabeth Brayton.

April sixteenth and seventeenth, the State Young Women's Christian Association Cabinet met at Butler. We entertained a number of guests at the dormitory, among them Florence Brown, an Iota Kappa.

May third, the annual Butler Baseball Vaudeville was given. Several of the Kappas took part in it.

May eighteenth we were delighted to have Mrs. Roth come to make us a visit. She was entertained at the home of President Howe, whose wife is a Kappa. During her stay a luncheon was given for her, a reception at Mrs. Scott's, and a dinner at Mrs. Howe's.

May twenty-eighth the Mu girls gave a little play, "Monsieur," for the benefit of the Butler College Settlement. It was very successful in every way.

Commencement Week was a time of great festivities. Our freshmen gave us a picnic and dance, and Elizabeth Brayton, one of our seniors, gave a dance at her home.

As usual, Class Day was a great success. The Kappas had an attractive sandwich booth in one of the summer houses. In the class play, one of our girls, Elizabeth Bogert, took the leading part.

June seventeenth, we gave our annual commencement dance at the Propylaeum in honor of our seniors, Elizabeth Brayton and Elizabeth Bogert.

Three of the chapter, Bernice Sinclair, Juel Cochrane and Lucile Sellers, remained in school for the summer term.

During the summer several house parties have been given at the homes of the different girls.

The first week in August the chapter camped on a creek near Thorntown, Indiana. We entertained guests and all had a glorious time.

Our outlook for fall is very bright. Our pledge day is not until January fifteenth, but there will be at least eight of the old girls back in the chapter.

GERTRUDE M. PRUITT.



Eta—University of Wisconsin

The second Saturday in May the Kappa freshmen entertained the freshmen of Kappa Alpha Theta, Alpha Phi, Gamma Phi Beta, Delta Gamma, and Pi Beta Phi at a matinee dance at the house. It proved a very pleasant way of getting better acquainted. On May twentieth the active chapter was at home from eight to ten to faculty and town friends.

Interscholastic rushing proved very successful this year. The sophomore class gave a melodrama written by Rowe Wright, '11, entitled "The Great White Diamond," or "The Black Oath," which was very clever. Owing to the new Panhellenic regulations, we were unable to pledge at interscholastic time, so we are anxiously looking forward to fall to see how well the new regulations will work out. On June fourth an informal dance was held at the house. Clara Terry was elected to Red Domino, the girls' dramatic society of the university.

One June sixteenth, Florence DeLap, '06, was married to Sidney Steele, Psi Upsilon. A number of the girls stayed over for commencement this year. The Saturday night preceding commencement, a small alumnae banquet was held. Covers were laid for thirty-five.

June twenty-third found us with commencement over and our chapter scattered for the summer.

Eta sends sincerest greetings to every chapter.

GERTRUDE E. SMITH.



Beta Lambda—University of Illinois

The wedding of Alice Eager, ex-'09, to Ralph G. Cornell, '08, Phi Gamma Delta, took place at the home of the bride's sister in Aurora, Illinois, June fifteenth. Helen Milligan was the only attendant. Mr. and Mrs. Cornell will make their home in Aurora.

Beta Lambda was delighted with long visits from Annabel Frazer and Eleanor Beardsley this spring.

The sophomore class gave a hayrack ride and picnic a little before commencement time.

Eleanor Perry was elected a member of Phi Delta Psi, the honorary junior fraternity, this spring.

The engagement of Antoinette Schwartzkopf, '09, to Earl Donoho, '07, Phi Gamma Delta, and that of Rachael Weir, '12, to Allen Roseborough, a member of Beta Theta Pi, at Washington University, St. Louis, was announced at commencement time.

Katherine Seaman gave a luncheon, and Margaret Herdman a picnic, to all the Beta Lambda girls in Chicago early this summer. They were both voted great successes by all who were fortunate enough to be able to attend them.

We were glad to have Grace Matthews of Mu, who was attending summer school, with us this summer.

Genevieve Rohrer will continue teaching in Clinton, Illinois, this winter.

Madge Gundy is expecting to teach in Danville.

The Key

We are hoping for a large number back this fall, among them Theodora Abbott, who was with us year before last.

Rushing rules are about the same as those last fall, with the exception of a more limited number of functions. Ruth Llewellyn is rushing captain.

We wish you all the best of fortune for the new year.

CORA WALLACE.



Upsilon—Northwestern University

Dear Kappas:

About fifteen of Upsilon's girls attended a house party at Muscatowe, Michigan, the first two weeks of August, and they had such a good time.

Edith Bradley was married in June to Roy Lamb, and in August Eva Roberts was married to Victor Elstrom, and Louise Ray to Arthur Mayo.

Commencement was most enjoyable this year, the class "stunts" being especially good. Shortly before school closed we had a little informal party at Kennilworth, and everybody pronounced it one of the most successful affairs we'd had all year.

We are all looking forward with great interest to this coming year. Upsilon's prospects are of the brightest, and we all intend to work hard.

May you all have a happy and prosperous year.

MARY C. HOTCHKISS.



Epsilon—Illinois Wesleyan

This year we have ten girls to begin the year, having lost six by graduation. We hope to be assisted in rushing by Louise Barnes, from Beta Delta, and Mary Winter, from Ohio, both former Epsilon girls.

Our rushing season will be unusually interesting on account of the three Epsilon weddings: Zola Green, '08, to Leonard Jeffers, Tau Kappa Epsilon, '08; Maude Ayers to Dr. Ziegler, of Mason City; and Etta Roe to Louis S. Kuhn, '07, Sigma Chi.

We feel that we have a new inspiration for freshmen scholarship; Myra Sinclair presented Epsilon chapter with a loving cup, on which is to be engraved the name of the girl who has received the highest grades during her entire freshman year.

Myra Jarrett heads the list, and Jesse Driskell received the honor last year.

We closed our last year with two very enjoyable events. We entertained some of the college men at a seven o'clock breakfast at Miller Park during Commencement Week. Hazel Berg, Delta Gamma; Ruth Felmley, Beta Lambda; and Lola Yerkes, a former Epsilon, were guests.

The next day, Mrs. Benjamin welcomed us to her beautiful country home east of the city for an all day picnic. This annual event is always looked forward to with pleasure by all our active and alumnae members and visiting Kappas.

Myra Sinclair and Margaret Hunter have been spending the summer in California. We expect new ideas from them for rushing season. We hope to have and shall strive to have a most successful year.

We also hope for the success of our sister chapters.

ELSIE F. WELCH.



Delta Province

Chi—University of Minnesota

As has been the custom for a number of years, the Kappas spent a week full of good times at Prior Lake soon after college closed.

The alumnae association and the active chapter have had several meetings together this summer at Lake Minnetouka.

We have rented a cosy little apartment, where the out-of-town girls can live and all be together this year, and are planning many good times in our new home.

After a two years' trial of the April pledge day system, which proved unsuccessful, Panhellenic agreed to go back to the old "grab" system with no pledge day at all.

JANET FERGUSON.

Sigma—Nebraska State University

Sigma chapter has lost three active members this year, through graduation: Viola Barnes, Fern Leet, and Fay Myers. We are very proud of our seniors, two of whom received Phi Beta Kappa, Fay Myers ranking the entire class, and Viola Barnes standing third. Mrs. H. H. Wilson, an alumna of Sigma chapter, was also initiated into Phi Beta Kappa. At the time she graduated from Nebraska, the chapter of the honorary fraternity had not been installed. Three Phi Beta Kappas in one year is record breaking for Sigma, and we are wondering if future classes will be able to go beyond that.

The first week of July, Etta Mae Gravelle of Fairbury gave a house party to all the Sigma girls who were able to come. Men were not excluded, and the jolliest kind of a time was had by everyone.

The Omaha girls state that they are doing a little summer rushing, and we are extremely proud of them. The hot weather seems to have affected the rest of us, or perhaps we are saving our energy to prepare for the grand tug-of-war during "rush" week. Two of our "stunts" are to be rival plays, one by the Omaha girls and one by the Lincoln girls. As the talent is about equally divided, the competition promises to be warm.

Our alumnae, or a part of them, have taken into their hands the procuring of a chaperone, and have promised to find one who is absolutely ideal. Whether they will succeed in this tremendous task remains to be seen, but we have great faith in our alumnae, and they have not failed us, so far.

We were fortunate in renting our fraternity house this year. We are to be in the same house next year, and then have the promise of a brand new house "made to order." We certainly shall be glad of such a one, as we feel that we are rapidly outgrowing the one in which we are at the present time.

A chapter of Sigma Nu fraternity was installed in the University of Nebraska, the last of the school year, and it is reported that the new men are to occupy a fine new house next year. This makes eleven national men's fraternities, and nine women's, which have chapters in our university.

Mary Minor surprised us very much by "going off and getting married." Of course, we had suspected it for some time, and had even suspected the man was to be Robert Thompson, Alpha Theta Chi, but the suddenness of the event quite took away our breath. Mr. and Mrs. Thompson are living in Denver.

Hazel Hanna has announced her engagement to Frederick Stubbs Albertson, Phi Gamma Delta, of Kansas City. The wedding will not take place for a year.

The inter-sorority council has passed stricter rushing rules for next fall, with the idea of simplifying it as much as possible. So complicated are some of the rules that we are spending all of our spare time this summer in learning them verbatim, so that we shall make no mistakes in the fall when "rush" week comes, thereby incurring all kinds of dire penalties.

Sigma girls are looking forward to a year even more successful than was last, and we wish all of our sister chapters the most successful year of their existence

JETTIE ARNOLD TAYLOR.



Omega—Kansas State University

Greetings to all Kappas:

Another rushing season will soon be here, and we hope all our chapters will have a successful one.

Omega chapter worked hard, but was unable to get a term pledge this year and had to give in to the other three sororities and accept a ten days' rushing season. We were very much disappointed, because the early pledging does not seem at all advisable. However, we hope for better luck next year.

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We are glad to say that Panhellenic has limited rushing expenses for next year, because the parties had been growing more and more elaborate from year to year. We hope in time to get rushing—if there must be rushing—down to a very simple and natural affair.

With best wishes for a very successful school year for all Kappas.

HELEN T. PHILLIPS.



Epsilon Province

Beta Mu—Colorado State University

The holiday months have been very pleasant ones to the members of Beta Mu. They have been spent in the usual holiday manner by most of the girls, although a few spent six weeks of vacation time in summer school at Boulder.

Those who attended summer school had many delightful times together, picnicking and merry-making. Ruth Wise, '07, entertained most delightfully those who remained in Boulder, by a real barn dance, and every one enjoyed it immensely.

Great plans for rushing have been made this year, especially by the Kappas in Denver, who have prepared many novel entertainments for rushing week. We are sure of a successful year and hope to win for Kappa many strong girls who will be a credit to the fraternity.

Beta Mu sends best wishes to all chapters for a most successful year.

LENORE BROWNE.



Beta Xi—University of Texas

Soon after the rush of examinations we had a pleasant surprise in the form of a dinner given by our chaperone, Miss Lockett, on her birthday.

On the fifteenth of May we gave Miss Lockett a reception, which we had planned as a surprise for her. Bennie Brown, Miss Lockett's niece, came down for the

reception, and during the spring, Annie Stratton and Harriet Cooper paid us a short visit.

May sixteenth was the date of the annual "Varsity" circus, in which each "frat" took a part. Mammie Searcy, Jessie Lee Rhembert, Cornelia Rice, and May Shelmire represented the Kappas in the parade. Katherine Searcy and Grace Prather were both re-elected as librarians. We are all so glad of this, for we are anxious to have them with us next year.

The final German during Commencement Week, was led by Mammie Searcy.

We had four graduates this year, and we had our annual senior breakfast at the Driskell Hotel, Monday, June seventh. Beside the active chapter, and town girls, there were the following out-of-town Kappas: Fannie West Harris, Charlie Thurmond, Kittie Devine, Annie Stratton, and Bennie Brown.

Margaret Runge, Nelwyn Petty, and Lolla Judge had their weddings announced at the breakfast.

MATTIE G. GOOCH.



Zeta Province

Beta Eta—Standford University

This year our house opened on the twenty-fifth of August, with seventeen active girls. Miss Ida Dunlap, from Los Angeles, is to be our house mother. We were very glad to welcome Ruby Cornell from Sigma. Helen White, who was traveling in Europe last semester, has returned to us. May Cunningham, '08, has returned for a post-graduate course. Eulavelle Sweetland is visiting us indefinitely.

We were delighted to have Carol Larkens, Edith Cory, Bess Evans, Hazel Burge, Ethel Wallace, and Ann Shillingsburg return for short visits.

Anita McLachlan sailed for Honolulu a few days before college opened, but we are expecting her back the twenty-fourth of September. Helen Starr, originally from Beta Pi, who has been with us for three

years, did not return, but we expect her back next semester to graduate.

Last semester, Edith Coombe and Helen Starr took important parts in the junior opera. Adaline Wright was leading lady in the senior play, "The Liars."

We were pleased to have with us for a few short hours Miss Pattee, from Chi.

RUTH MADDOX.



Beta Pi—University of Washington

This summer has been a long and very pleasant one to the members of Beta Pi, and our only regret is that we were not able to meet more Kappas who were visiting the Alaska-Yukon-Pacific Exposition. Unfortunately we were not in a position to keep open house this summer, and consequently could not extend the hospitality which, under other circumstances, we would have been delighted to show.

There is never much to tell in the way of news in the summer time, but since the last issue of THE KEY two Kappas have been married, and before this letter appears a third one will have been. On September first, Rita Sinclair was married to Dr. Frank Tozer Wilt, Sigma Nu; on the second of September, Fanchon Borie was married to Russell Wayland, Phi Gamma Delta; and on next Tuesday, the fourteenth of September, Alice May Lyon will marry Manche Bennett, Sigma Nu. The two latter young couples will live in Alaska.

The University of Washington does not open this year until the fourth of October, so we have still a month ahead of us; but there are many plans to be made, not the least among which are those for moving into a new house, something for which we have been striving for a long time.

Beta Pi sends best wishes for a successful rushing season.

ELLEN T. HOWE.

In Memoriam

Gertrude Morrison Morrow

Gertrude Morrison Morrow, '03, died at her home in Altoona, Pennsylvania. Her loss is deeply felt by Beta Gamma Chapter and by all who knew her.



Alumnae ❀❀❀
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Phi

In June, the engagement of Augusta M. Farnum, '07, to Mr. Myron Clark was announced. Mr. Clark is a graduate of Massachusetts Institute of Technology, '03. The wedding is to take place in October.

Ethel May Rich, '07, has announced her engagement to Doctor Heman B. Chase, Amherst, '04, Harvard Medical School, '08.

Florence M. Felton, '09, is to teach in the High School, at Gorham, Maine, this year.

Elizabeth Jackson, '09, has a position in the High School at Littleton, Massachusetts.

Ethel Ham, '09, is to teach in the Morgan School, at Clinton, Connecticut.

Marion Treadwell, Mabel Case, and Marion Butterworth, all of '09, are expecting to take the course in secretarial studies at Simmons College this year.

FLORENCE MCARDLE.



Psi

Dr. Mary Merritt Crawford is house surgeon—which means head surgeon and chief of staff—at the Williamsburg Hospital in Brooklyn. Dr. Crawford is the first woman to hold such a post in an important city hospital. She is head of a staff of seven men and will hold the position a year.

Beta Iota

The engagement is announced of Mary Wyman Lawrence, Chi and Beta Iota, and William Blaine Webb, of Manila, Philippine Islands.

Mrs. Paul Bentley Lum (Alda Preston) is living in Cleveland, Ohio.

Mary and Elizabeth Verlenden, '07, are visiting Mary Wyman Lawrence in Wabasha, Minnesota. They were much pleased to meet several Chi Kappas while in St. Paul. Mary Verlenden has spent the summer traveling through the West and Canada.

**Beta Gamma**

Catherine Vance, '07, spent the summer in California.

Helen Mealy-DeMuth, ex-'09, is home from Vienna, where she spent the winter.

Margaret Frame, '05, and Sallie Taylor, '04, will study at Columbia University this year.

Elenita Allis, ex-'06, will travel in Europe this year.

Lucy Kinney, '08, will teach in Paducah, Kentucky.

Florence McClure, '04, has left Wooster to make her home in Perris, Illinois.

Edith Maxwell Page, ex-'02, has gone to Ashville, North Carolina, for her health.

Mary Mateer, '00, is teaching in Daretown, New Jersey.

Edith Reese, '07, and Margaret France, '05, taught Bible classes in the Young Women's Christian Association convention at Mt. Lake Park, Maryland.

**Kappa**

Maude Terwilliger, '08, spent part of the summer with the Kappa girls who live at Central City, Iowa.

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Ruth Gurney, who graduated in June, will teach in North Adams this year. She has spent several weeks with Lutie Thayer, '10, at Goblesville, Michigan.

One of the pretty events of the season was the marriage of Della Knight McIntosh to Mr. Ralph Rowe, a member of the Delta Tau Delta fraternity. The wedding was a very quiet one, only the families and the active chapters of Kappa Kappa Gamma and Delta Tau Delta being present. After a trip up the St. Lawrence, they returned to Camden, Michigan, where they will reside.

Kappa is happy to announce the birth, on April twenty-seventh, of a baby daughter to Mr. and Mrs. Thomas A. Buell (nee Mable Stewart).



Mu

The engagement of Sue Brown and Frank Doudican, Delta Tau Delta, has been announced. The wedding will take place this fall.

Marie and Flora Howald, ex-'10, are traveling in Europe.

Lola Carver, who has been teaching for several years in Council Bluffs, Iowa, will teach this winter in the Indianapolis Deaf and Dumb Institute.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. St. Clair Parry (Madge Guffin), a boy, St. Clair, Jr.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Ellis Hunter (Lila Keyes), a daughter, Flora Elizabeth.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. B. A. Scofield (Lena Baird), a son, John Gant.



Chi

The marriage of Elizabeth Sheffield Brown, '06, to the Rev. Charles Harold Fitch, took place on the nineteenth of June, in Elmira, New York. The Rev. and

Mrs. Fitch are at home at Manor Grange, City Road, Sheffield, England.

Ruth Chamberlain and Mr. Albert Charles Koch, Beta Theta Pi, were married on July the twentieth. Mr. and Mrs. Koch will make their home in Milwaukee.

The marriage of Gertrude Louise Hale to Dr. Arthur Clarence Strachauer, Delta Kappa Epsilon, took place on June the ninth. Dr. and Mrs. Strachauer are traveling abroad this summer and will be for the winter in Berlin, where Dr. Strachauer will spend some time in study.

The marriage of Elizabeth McKennan Hawley to Mr. Frederick Butterfield Chute, took place on the twenty-sixth of May.

Harriet Hamilton Brearley, '07, and Mr. Frank Shiland Lyon, Beta Theta Pi, were married on June ninth. They are at home at 702 Ninth Avenue South, Minneapolis.

The marriage of Edith Randall Moore, '04, to Mr. Frank Emerson Whitman, occurred June twenty-second. Mr. and Mrs. Whitman have been spending the summer abroad.

Hazel Seerley, of Upsilon, has been spending a few weeks with Elizabeth Shepardson.

The engagement of Mary Wyman Lawrence, of Chi and Beta Iota, to Mr. William Blaine Webb, Delta Kappa Epsilon, of Manila, Philippine Islands, is announced.

Elizabeth Clapp Bruchholz, '08, is to be the Young Women's Christian Association Secretary at the University of Minnesota this year.

The marriage of Esther McDavitt, '08, to Mr. Carl Smith, Zeta Psi, occurred on June the third.

Kate Ladue and Mr. Albert Choate Crombie, of New York, were recently married in Philadelphia.

The marriage of Ida Dobbryn to Mr. John Armstrong, took place in June.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Seavey Moor Bailey (Flora Edwards, '03), a daughter.

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Born to Mr. and Mrs. D. Edmund Smith (Alice Dyer), a daughter.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Chandler Ide, (Harriet McDonald), a son, Herbert Chandler Ide, Jr.

Kate Fairchild is spending several months at Redlands, Cal.

Lieutenant and Mrs. James Woolnough (Elsie Kopper) are at Fort Logan, Colorado. They expect to sail for the Philippines in September.

Alta Stanton, of Omega chapter, has taken a position in Minneapolis East Side High School.

Louise Hill is in Florida.

Lieutenant and Mrs. Ralph Talbott (Marguerite Morgan, '08) are on their way to the Philippine Islands, where Lieutenant Talbott has been stationed.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Alfred E. Dickey (June Clark), March fifth, a daughter, Jean.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. George Satterthwaite (Inez Lord, '03), a son.



Beta Mu

Harriett Allen and Grace Pollard have been spending the summer in Europe.

The marriage of Anna Bowler to Mr. Arle C. Hampton, Beta Theta Pi, occurred July sixteenth in Denver. They are now at home in Pendleton, Oregon.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Davey (Eva Corley), on March twenty-fifth, a daughter, Isabel Clare.

Rebecca Kesner and Mr. Henry Griffiths McClain were married at Salida, Colorado, June tenth.

Hattie Pollard, Beth Babcock, and Irene Parks visited the exposition at Seattle this summer and then traveled extensively along the western coast, visiting Alaska and California. Laura Williams also has visited California this summer.



Beta Eta

Jess Barnard, '04, was married to Mr. Harry Nichols not long ago.

Anita Perrin, '03, was married to Mr. Knepper, a Beta Theta Pi from Stanford.

Bertha Henzel, '06, was married to Mr. William Warren, of San Francisco.

Hazel Maddox has announced her engagement to Mr. Carl Ferguson, a graduate of Stanford and member of the Theta Delta Chi fraternity.

A daughter has been born to Mrs. Charles Warren, '07.

A son has been born to Mrs. Arthur Cathcart.

Ruby and May Kimble have gone abroad.



Π

Mrs. A. E. Graupner (Elise Wenzelburger) has successfully raised a thousand dollars to supply the dependent babies of San Francisco with certified milk for one year. Records will be kept to show how much more resistance power these babies will have against disease than those brought up on condensed milk.

Mrs. James Marwood, is the happy mother of a son

Miss Elizabeth Mills returns home this month after a delightful trip abroad.

Mr. and Mrs. Corado Menicauti (Ruth Rising) of Rome, and their three children, are visiting Mrs. Menicauti's parents in Berkeley.



Syracuse Alumnae Association

Born to Mr. Friend Wells, Delta Upsilon, and to Ella Wallace Wells, '07, on September eighth, a daughter. This is Beta Tau's first granddaughter.

Harriet Blakeslee, '84, was one of the charter members of Beta Tau. She married Dr. W. L. Wallace, also of Syracuse University, and a Delta Kappa Epsilon. Their daughter was Beta Tau's first baby. Now in the same line comes the chapter's first granddaughter.

Beta Tau feels very proud of its grandmotherhood. It extends deep love to the blue and blue baby, its mother, and its grandmother.

The Key

Denver Association

Mrs. F. B. Reed (Florence Seeley, Beta Zeta) has returned from her long visit to California, and the Denver Kappas rejoice that she will be among them again this year.

Mrs. Albert Sechrist, Sigma, has also returned from a short trip to the Coast.

On September eleventh, Mrs. L. C. Greenlee, Epsilon, gave a most delightful afternoon in honor of her guest, Mrs. Benjamin, also of Epsilon.

Several of the Denver Kappas will attend the reception given at the Kappa house in Boulder by Beta Mu, on September thirteenth.

Exchanges

By Elizabeth Rhodes Jackson

Exchanges that receive three copies of THE KEY are asked to send exchange copies to Miss Edith Stoner, 1529 Wabash Avenue, Kansas City, Missouri; Mrs. Frederick W. Potter, 207 Pacific Avenue, Piedmont, California; Mrs. Ralph T. C. Jackson, 58 Bedford Street, Fall River, Massachusetts.

Acknowledgment is herewith made, with thanks, of the following exchanges:

March: *Rainbow* of Delta Tau Delta, *Alpha Tau Omega Palm*.

April: *Beta Theta Pi*, *Phi Chi Fraternity Quarterly*, *Arrow* of Pi Beta Phi, *Shield* of Phi Kappa Psi, *Scroll* of Phi Delta Theta.

May: *Delta Upsilon Quarterly*, *Delta* of Sigma Nu, *Beta Sigma Omicron*, *Alpha Phi Quarterly*, *Garnet and White*, *Record* of Sigma Alpha Epsilon, *Delta Chi Quarterly*.

June: *Rainbow* of Delta Tau Delta, *Scroll* of Phi Delta Theta, *Kappa Alpha Journal*, *Beta Theta Pi*, *Shield* of Phi Kappa Psi.

July: *Arrow* of Pi Beta Phi.

August: *Delta* of Sigma Nu, *Shield* of Phi Kappa Psi.

The *Anchora* of Delta Gamma shows the advantage of advertising in a fraternity journal.

The sorority magazine has an added value as a medium of advertisement which no newspaper or other periodical has. Readers of *The Century*, for instance, feel no obligation to patronize the dealers in various wares who advertise in its pages. Readers of the *Anchora* are joint stockholders in *Anchora*. They realize that the advertisements are addressed to them individually and that their patronage of *Anchora's* advertisers is an essential element in the prosperity of *Anchora*. The fraternity idea is loyalty to the national body. If advertisers could be made to realize that their sorority advertisements are carefully read and conscientiously remembered by the most loyal body of readers in this country this asset of sorority advertising would not be overlooked. The *Boston Evening Transcript* has a much larger

advertising rate than any other papers of the same circulation have. This is due to the quality of the circulation. Agents who solicit advertising for the *Anchora* can urge the same claim.

The Palladium, the organization of the eight oldest fraternities, has been reorganized and made into a much closer body. Monthly meetings are to be held at the houses of the members, at which times the delegates are to be entertained at dinner by that chapter which is the host. Another organization is in embryo. This is the so-called Panhellenic Council. No formal organization has been effected as yet and it is not likely that this council will ever reach the strength of the Palladium.—*Michigan Correspondent, Beta Theta Pi.*

The following is quoted from the *Shield* of Phi Kappa Psi:

Fortunate indeed is the chapter that begins its career with an idea of the eagerness with which its earliest history will be sought in later years—and with an idea of the sacredness with which all evidences and relics will be preserved. There is no time, no period, that to later generations is as interesting as the beginning, and if history based on data is not available, a history will be manufactured based, I may say, on myths and tradition; and so it will continue through the years; the present as it goes out into the alumni seas, is tossed and buffeted by the ravages of time, is wrecked on the island of fate, and then it puts in its appearance in the shadow world as mythical tales and unfounded tradition.

This is not satisfactory, either to the active or the graduate—the remedy is a systematic collection and record of events, dates, objects, biographies and records.

An officer shall be chosen from the active members, who is in a position to know of all chapter proceedings and who will be familiar with all the activities participated in by the various members of the chapter. This officer must possess as qualifications persistence and alertness.

The duty of this officer shall be to place in the archives of the chapter, first, all records and matters of interest and importance concerning the chapter as a body; second, all matters of interest and importance concerning the members of the fraternity in relation to their school or fraternity life.

Delta Chi Quarterly gives the following suggestions:

An exceptionally sane application of the educated ballot is revealed in the chapter letter from the $\Phi \Gamma \Delta$ chapter at Ohio State, which chapter holds regular examinations for the newly initiated, and the right to vote upon all questions is withheld until a satisfactory grade is obtained. This examination includes the history of the fra-

ternity, the history of the chapter and such general fraternity information as should be known by a good fraternity man. The idea appears to us as being tiptop, and if any chapters in ΔX are having difficulty in these respects, it might be well to give the plan a trial.

A circular letter is a splendid means whereby alumni may keep in touch with each other, after being scattered by graduation. This plan has been in use often during summer vacation by active men, but the Marietta alumni of ΔT are the first group of graduates that we have known to adopt it. They have a regular schedule, and the letter reaches each member of the circuit twice per year. When a brother receives the letter his contribution of the previous time is removed and a new one inserted and the whole bundle of news, greetings and good wishes sent on to the next brother.

The editor of the *Phi Gamma Delta* strongly advocates the establishment of the chapter library. He suggests that the chapter have a librarian whose official duties shall be to collect books from the active men and alumni, and adopt and enforce such rules and regulations as may be necessary for the care of new books. It is further suggested that the chapter subscribe for a dozen or more magazines and papers, "as the boys should have pleasant miscellaneous reading at hand of evenings;" and that each member be required to donate a volume at initiation and another upon graduation.

From the *Scroll of Phi Delta Theta*:

College Honors! What do those two words mean? Fraternity men are in the habit of proudly enumerating the college offices held by the members of their chapter and when the list is made up they entitle it "College Honors." If these offices have come as the spontaneous recognition of merit of fitness for the office, then they are indeed "honors." If, however, they are the result of scheming and unfair combinations in which a better man has been defeated, the word "honors" is a misnomer and we prefer to label them with the more correct term, "dishonors."

No one can criticise a fraternity for any other thing more than for this extreme clannishness, and when this ceases to be a characteristic of fraternities and fraternity men, the fraternity will be recognized as one of the greatest aids to the welfare of college students.—*Shield and Diamond of II K A*.

From the *Kappa Alpha Journal*:

During the past year considerable attention has been given in this department to the sororities, but whenever the girls turn out a good magazine, we believe in giving them the credit that is due. In the discussion of "live" questions, affecting Greek legislation and policies of a general interest, they have shown in their discussions of the past year a remarkable insight into governmental regulation, and a foresight that has not been seen in some of the older fraternity publications.

It is announced that Mr. W. R. Baird, author of "American College Fraternities," will this summer issue a supplement to the last (1905) edition of that manual.

From Beta Theta Pi:

Who and what like was the best Beta you ever knew in your under-graduate life? Do you ever ask yourself that question? I do, not infrequently. And the answer is rather enlightening. For my best Beta—yours, too, I fancy—is not necessarily, though it may in some cases happen to be, the most active, zealous, energetic chapter- and fraternity-worker of the crowd. At least, he must be something more and something elementally greater than that. I think, on the whole, our best Beta will prove to be he who combined most happily these two characteristics: first, a taste for and some progress in a broad, general, all-around culture, as distinguished from a lack of any real culture on the one hand, and from a narrow or specialized culture on the other; and, second, a genius for friendship, as distinguished both from a liking for solitude and a craving for popularity. Consider these two traits separately for a moment. The first distinguishing mark of the genuine fraternity man is his all-aroundness, his likeness to the great Greek

"Who saw life steadily, and saw it whole."

And in the next place, the best Beta you ever knew, the best exemplar of the art I am trying to expound to you, had an unusual capacity, natural or acquired, most probably both, for friendship. He neither shunned his fellows nor sought a shallow popularity, was neither a hedge-hog nor a trick elephant. Thoreau wouldn't have made a good Beta, nor Dante, nor John the Baptist—all excellent men in their way. Adaptability to the society of one's fellows is indispensable in the fraternity man. It is to be noted, however, that the fraternity relation itself brings out the social qualities—the friendliness—of many a youngster whose external bearing, from shyness or other natural defect, does not suggest his real quality to the casual observer; a fact that is brought home almost every year to almost every chapter, both by its hits and its misses. But even oftener than a chapter goes wrong in not taking the right fellow, because of failure to see the fraternity man in him behind some thin mask or disguise, it goes wrong—and further wrong at that—in taking the wrong fellow, solely because of some accidental or unessential gift or acquirement that makes for easy popularity, but has nothing to do with the real man or his fraternal quality. It may be prowess or promise in athletics, or a singing voice, or a gift for story-telling. All of these things attract, and all of them are ornaments—but they are not substance. Now, we do in fact, whether we know it or not, choose our chapter-mates in no small proportion of cases, not merely for intimate associates through two or three or four years of college residence, but for

lifelong acquaintances, possibly lifelong friends. And it is the real man and his capacity for real friendship that finally count, for whatever term the engagement is entered into. To be a Beta brother a man must first be a Beta spirit.

The general secretary of B @ II suggests that it might be "practicable to select a February day on which Beta reunions and banquets might be held all over the country". Φ Δ @ adopted such a plan twenty years ago and it has proved very successful.

From the *Rainbow*:

On February 12, 1909, the "First Philippine Inter-Fraternity Dinner" was held at the Hotel Metropole, Manila. Let the number of entertainments be limited, also their expense; have an agreement as to rushing, necessarily different at different colleges; put a brake on the athletic craze and, in general, create a public sentiment in favor of dignity and a clean life, either by assisting in faculty rules or persuading the faculties to pass sensible rules.

A contributor to the *Rainbow* advocates the formation of an "Inter-Fraternity Council," with two delegates from each fraternity, a dinner and business session to be held ten times a year, their decisions to be carried out by every fraternity represented. He continues:

Of the four incidents referred to above, the resolution adopted by the sixth general convention of the National Religious Education Association is of more than passing interest as indicative of the attitude of a representative body of this nature toward fraternities and their place in college life and affairs. The Panhellenic banquet in Manila and the dinner of the fraternity editors in New York were merely social in their nature and purposes. But they were both significant of the broader conception of real fraternity and of the growing elimination of the false barriers of distrust between the wearers of different badges. The gathering in Chicago was valuable as a demonstration of the co-operation we may expect when any particular danger to the general fraternity system arises.

Whether or not we agree with the *Rainbow's* editorial comment on this suggestion, we find it interesting.

Personally we do not agree with Brother McClurg in his suggestion of an interfraternity council with definite powers and stated meetings. In the first place, we do not believe such a confederation is needed. Those reforms in the fraternity system which are now general have been of natural growth and healthy evolution. None of them could have been adopted in a cut and dried manner and forced down the throats of all fraternities. They are generally the result of some

fraternity's pioneer enterprise. When one fraternity had demonstrated the value of the innovation, others were quick to follow. Practically no college has yet been thoroughly successful in organizing and running a Panhellenic association. For some years the sororities have had an operating national Panhellenic organization of very much the sort proposed by Brother McClurg. Even with all the conditions which would tend to make such a compact among the sororities more feasible, its success has been very doubtful. Some of the sororities have withdrawn from its operation their chapters at certain colleges, and many of them have expressed their dissatisfaction more or less privately.

We judge from this statement that the editor of the *Rainbow* has not been privileged to see the report of the ends accomplished by the Inter-Sorority Conference.

The following is from the *Alpha Tau Omega Palm*:

ABOUT ELECTION TIME

The "Prep" speaks:

Seniors and Juniors, many a time and oft
 In class, on campus, have you cut me dead;
 Ignored my humble bows and trembling mein.
 Still have I borne it with a patient *grin*,
 For *grinning* is the badge of us all, Preps.
 You called me "baby," "infant child," and "kid,"
 And calmly knocked my cap from off my head,
 And all for lack of that which men call Age.
 Well, then, it now appears you need my vote. Go to.
 You hunt me up and then you say to me:
 "Prep, we'd like your vote for Smith." You say so—
 You, that scarce knew me two short days ago;
 You, that have never cared to treat me well,
 To ease my homesick longings. Voting is your cry.
 Why should I vote to please you? Should I not say:
 Hath a Prep knowledge politic? Is't possible
 A Prep can vote, not being in the clique?" Or
 Shall I dissemble and with smiling face,
 With eager voice and friendly air, say this:
 "Good sir, the fellow up for President
 Doesn't know a thing 'bout parliamentary law;
 Yet—he's no worse than was the last;
 Besides, he's in the clique. So, for these reasons,
 I'll vote the ticket that you wish."

—*Chi Omega Eleusis.*

From the *Arrow*:

The Pittsburgh nominating committee struck a popular chord when it denounced certain unnamed individuals for indulging in ante-Congress electioneering. It was the only proper course for brave men to pursue and we noted with great pleasure the virile and explicit statement that, without further action, should be strong enough to effectually and forever eradicate this incipient evil—an evil, which, if allowed to go unchecked and unrebuked, would most certainly have been the source of no little anxiety in the future.

The *Palm* is not now pleading for pure politics. The actions of those who compelled the nominating committee to speak were not inherently wrong. They were absolutely innocent and in themselves far from dangerous. They were neither impure nor unlawful. The *Palm*, therefore, now speaks for the elimination of anything that in the least resembles politics, log-rolling, or manipulation. The point is that even a very innocent movement along a certain line may prove disastrous, not so much because of its own force, but because of the force it may engender by continued and widespread usage. A certainly has the right to write to B asking him to support C for an office. But conceding him that right he has also the further right of inviting D, E, F, G and H to do likewise. The danger arises, when, instead of one A, there are a dozen, each of them pleading for as many C's and when all meet on a common field to fight the battle for supremacy. The truth is that just as often as one A writes to B, another A, moved by the force of the example, will write to another B, with the inevitable result that very soon our Congresses will be the scene of political turmoil and probably the victim of that game that only the trained politician can or will play.

At the University of Missouri a committee of six professors recently submitted to the president of the university a report as to the relative scholastic standing of the Greek-letter men and women and of the non-fraternity men and women who are students at Missouri. The investigations of this committee showed that the average of the Greek-letter men as a whole was below that of the non-fraternity men. The failures among the fraternity men totaled 26 per cent and among the non-fraternity men 22 per cent. It is interesting to note that the Greek-letter girls are 22 points ahead of the non-fraternity women. And of the three women's fraternities the girls of Missouri Alpha of Pi Beta Phi ranked first, with Kappa Kappa Gamma second, and Kappa Alpha Theta third. In the same connection the figures quoted by Dr. Edwin E. Slosson in a recent issue of the *Independent* are of interest. Dr. Slosson says that in 1908 the total per cent of failures among men students at Stanford was 18.3; among the women students the total per cent was 2.5. Statistics show that among fraternity men the per cent of failures was 28, although among the non-fraternity men who live in the dormitory the per cent was only 12.5.

The per cent of failures among the non-fraternity women resident in Roble Hall, the woman's dormitory, was 3.6, and among the members of the six sororities living in chapter houses the per cent of failures was 3.2. Although the figures in these two cases of course do not prove that all fraternity men are poor students, or that, vice versa all fraternity women are good students, yet, to quote Dr. Slosson: "It is curious to observe that joining a sorority makes no such difference to a young woman as joining a fraternity does to a young man. Comparing the records of the women living in the six sorority houses on the campus with the non-sorority women living in Roble Hall, we see that they are practically identical (half a girl is a negligible quantity surely). Yet the sororities, like the fraternities, are much more given to society than the Halls. One would think that the numerous social functions with the preliminary and subsequent conversation incident thereto would distract feminine attention from school work, but evidently they do not, at least not seriously enough to affect the record.

"We are then driven to the conclusion that there is something about fraternity life, but absent from sorority life, that is antagonistic to scholarship and conducive to infringement of discipline. The conclusion is distinctly encouraging, because it shows that the difficulty is not inherent in chapter-house residence or in active participation in social and other college affairs. It therefore can be removed without interference with the fraternity system, and those who believe that the fraternities are irremediable and must be abolished by the universities or the legislatures, have not proved their case. That is, the sororities may save the fraternities."

Vermont Beta writes of the plan that has been formulated to establish a library for the chapter. The local expenses are met by a monthly tax. A portion of this tax is to be used for the purchase of two books—one, recent fiction, the other some classic. If not previously read, the books will be perused by members and discussed informally. Last year we began to subscribe for the college weekly and the monthly. Such issues are kept on file.

It has been a custom of our chapter for the girls leaving school to give their school and reference books to the fraternity. This has been the case for six or seven years and our library is very useful. Most of these books are French, Latin, Spanish, and German texts, grammars, history, English, and sociology books. In fact we have books on nearly every university subject.

A chapter library should not seek to be a miniature of a college or public library. Its place is unique, hence books of general interest and value should become a part of it only after it contains matter of college interest, of general fraternity interest, and of chapter significance. So there should be books by or about alumnae of the college in which the chapter exists, as well as books concerning the history

and traditions of the school itself, and all annuals, magazines, or other publications put out by the student body. Books dealing with the evolution of the fraternity system; fraternity policy; the fraternity's relation to educational problems, to the college world, to the individual—in short, hand-books, manuals, historical sketches would be included as well as volumes of all fraternity magazines available. The chapter's chief pride and delight would however be in the possession of books written or compiled by its own initiates, and in volumes telling of work or life of well known fraternity women.

A custom that seems worth mentioning is that of a town girls' house party. It is held at Thanksgiving and is often repeated at Christmas. The town girls, with several alumnæ, move into the house shortly after the house girls have left for their vacation. Thus the town girls are afforded a glimpse of that side of fraternity life of which they are usually deprived. The dinner dance, the last night, to which are invited various other fraternity girls who live in town, is one of the most enjoyable affairs.—*Kappa Alpha Theta*.

The Key

College Notes

By Elizabeth Rhodes Jackson

An honorary fraternity, to include in its membership those who excel in oratory and debate, as Phi Beta Kappa includes those who excel in scholarship, has been founded, under the name of Tau Kappa Alpha. It elects to membership only those who are members of a winning debate team or representatives in an inter-collegiate contest in oratory. Its State meeting has recently been held at De Pauw.



The *Alpha Phi Quarterly*, quoting from an unnamed source, says:

The amount of the Boxer indemnity fund remitted by the United States is to be expended in educating about two thousand Chinese students in America. For four years one hundred students will be sent here annually, thereafter fifty annually, and they will be widely distributed geographically in this country. Their ages will vary from twelve to twenty years, and eighty per cent are to study manual arts and twenty per cent law and government.



Amherst College has entered the field of comic journalism with a new magazine, *The Fourleaf Clover*.



President Schurman, of Cornell University, recently spoke to the students on "The University and the Fraternities." Dr. Schurman is a believer in fraternities, and his advice has therefore the more weight:

If fraternities are to prosper in the university you must find some way of getting more work done; the intellectual life must be quickened. One evil of the fraternity system is the tendency to divide into groups. To me nothing seems worse than to see on the one hand a center of men in comfortable, and sometimes palatial houses, while on the other are the great number of poorer students. Beware of the development of a class system or caste spirit that gives rise to rivalry between fraternities and independents or among the fraternities themselves.

Guard against competing to have a larger and more luxurious house than any other on the campus. It is not easy for men to work when their main purpose is to live in fine houses, to have a good time and to give what is left to the professors. The university does not exist for that. The percentage of students forced to leave college each year is larger in fraternities than outside. Now and then you hear of

a house being not merely desolated but even emptied. That makes the fraternity system and its enjoyments hardly worth while. I believe that the greatest danger to you is the temptation to avert work, but unless you study and learn to cultivate the intellectual life and maintain a high standard of morals you will lose in the end.

I am greatly in favor of fraternities and have on many occasions defended them here at Cornell. It is because I believe in them that I want you to know the evils that exist, that you may stop them.



Novel university courses recently announced are those in the Swedish language and literature at Nebraska, and a summer course in library methods at Michigan. Michigan announces also a new course in landscape gardening.



The Scroll contributes the following co-educational items:

Segregation of the sexes is announced by ex-Governor John Lind, of Minnesota's board of regents, as the ultimate result of the new policy that the university will inaugurate in connection with its "greater campus" plans.

The trustees of Wesleyan University, Middletown, Conn., have surrendered to the demands of its male undergraduates and have voted that hereafter girls are to be excluded from that institution.

The Wisconsin assembly has before it a bill providing that classes at the university be open for all sexes. The bill is the outcome of a movement for segregation.



We quote from *The Record* the following items on rushing rules:

The "rushing rules" now in force at Nebraska will probably be changed, confining rushing to the first three weeks of each semester and forbidding initiations until after the mid-term reports, at which time delinquents will be debarred. In the last examinations at this institution, thirteen per cent of the fraternity men were conditioned, while the corresponding percentage of non-fraternity men was twenty-two.

A new faculty rule at Tennessee prohibits pledging until May of the freshman year, and initiation until after all freshman work has been passed. The rule was passed without any notice and comes as a great surprise to the fraternities.

The University of Washington faculty now requires a pledged man to gain twelve hours credit before he can be initiated.

From the Magazine World

By Elizabeth Rhodes Jackson

A defense of women's college fraternities and an attack on high school societies recently appeared in two widely read magazines. The *Ladies' Home Journal* for May has an article by Mary Bartol Theiss (Pi Beta Phi) on "The Value of Girls' Fraternities," from which we make the following citations:

The continued prosperity of women's college fraternities throughout the four decades of their existence and their flourishing condition to-day are in a large measure due to the fact that from the day of their inception these societies have played a useful part in the college world. . . . One objection urged is that they are harmful because of their organization. But are not the college Young Women's Christian Association and the glee club also well organized? Fraternity organization could be harmful to the college only if it were inimical to the college.

The charge that fraternities are inimical to the college is largely due to the feeling apparent among college presidents that any organization whose government they can not themselves control must be hostile to them and their politics. As a matter of fact, the truth is just the contrary. Were the fraternities antagonistic to the authorities they would lose the esteem of the best class of students from whom they wish to draw their members. Furthermore, every fraternity desires to stand well with the authorities. Hence, the governing body of each fraternity—this discussion is confined to national fraternities with alumnæ governing boards—would allow no act on the part of undergraduates that would call forth the hostility of the faculty.

As a matter of fact, the national fraternities work with the college authorities. Some years ago the twelve leading national fraternities organized the Woman's National Panhellenic Conference. In colleges where there are two or more national fraternities this body established Panhellenic Associations to regulate "rushing," fix a "pledge day," remedy alleged abuses, and co-operate with the college authorities and with other college organizations in matters of college interest. Furthermore, the conference itself met with the deans of the coeducational colleges, co-operating with them in prescribing social regulations affecting dormitory and chapter-house life; and these regulations the fraternities now compel their members to observe. Thus the very organization alleged to be inimical is a potent assistance to the college authorities.

Another reason advanced as an objection to fraternities is that they are secret societies. The constitutions of fraternities show high ideals, both social and ethical. The secrets are purely nominal, consisting only of a motto, a grip, a ritual of initiation, and a constitution. On the other hand, fraternity members wear conspicuous badges; the fraternities publish magazines which they exchange with one another; they have song books; they issue catalogues giving detailed information about their members, and upon request they show their constitutions to college faculties.

It is further urged against fraternities that they are exclusive, that they are undemocratic, and that they foster snobbishness. Naturally, the fraternity is exclusive, because it is built upon the foundation of congeniality. But if it is to be condemned because it brings together those who are agreeable to one another and keeps out the disagreeable, then the Church is likewise open to criticism for admitting to membership only those whose beliefs are similar. The same separation from others exists in the family.

The charge that fraternity members are not democratic probably grows out of the fact that members of the same fraternity are seen so much together. The fraternity woman does not refuse to associate with non-fraternity women; it is more often they who refuse to associate with the fraternity women, lest it be thought that they have some ulterior design.

The charge that the fraternity fosters snobbishness is palpably false. The fraternity is not interested in classes; it is interested in ideals. It looks for persons of similar ideas and aims, and it picks them from whatever class it finds them.

Again, it is claimed that fraternities emphasize the social rather than the scholastic side of college life. This is an evil that the fraternities themselves recognize and that the governing body of each fraternity is striving to remedy. But it is not true that fraternities emphasize the social side of college life to the exclusion of the scholastic side. Fraternities seek in every way possible to improve scholarship. Instead of saying "How poor the scholarship of these girls is," it would be more to the point to ask, "How much poorer would it have been had it not been for the fraternity?" One fraternity, Pi Beta Phi, has a scholarship committee in each of its thirty-nine chapters. Once every year an official of the fraternity visits each chapter, inspects all chapter records, confers with the Dean of each college, and tries to learn how the chapter stands in matters of scholarship and general conduct. Whenever the scholarship of any chapter becomes low, the governing body of the fraternity is swift and certain in its show of disapproval.

Besides attempting to compel their members to be good students the fraternities also stimulate their scholastic ambitions by the offer of prizes and material assistance. Alumnae associations of Alpha Phi maintain a loan fund for the benefit of their members at Boston

University, and scholarships for their girls at Syracuse and the Woman's College of Baltimore. At the University of Wisconsin the Alpha Phi alumnae provided a silver loving-cup which is held each year by the freshman member of the chapter who makes the best grades. Alumnae associations of Pi Beta Phi maintain a scholarship at Kansas University and a loan fund at Swarthmore. Kappa Kappa Gamma at the University of Pennsylvania gives an annual prize for excellence in biology; the same fraternity and Kappa Alpha Theta have established funds which are eventually to be converted into scholarships for their members. And several years ago Pi Beta Phi established for its members one graduate and two undergraduate fellowships.

Having examined some of the alleged disadvantages of the fraternity about which its opponents are continually talking, let us examine some of its advantages about which its opponents say nothing.

To begin with, the college is benefited by the fraternity. Many colleges have no dormitories for women. The fraternity steps in and provides homes for its members. The non-fraternity girl must live in a boarding-house. "Rooming houses are a poor substitute for home life," said the Dean of Women of the University of Michigan recently, in discussing this very topic. "There is a great deal said against fraternities, and some of it is justified. Under proper control, however, the fraternities offer the best solution of one of the most difficult problems that is presented in our work."

Strong-minded alumnae stand at the head of each national fraternity. Jealous of the good name of their fraternities, these women are quick to punish offenders.

Just as the fraternity girl is impelled to proper conduct by her fraternity, so she is urged to exert all her talents. The college is the gainer. Such ambitious workers in the varied fields of college activities add to the internal prosperity of the college.

The great benefit from the fraternity, however, is derived by its members. In the first place they have a home, with all its beneficent influences. They have true friends and strong associates from whom come sympathy, encouragement, inspiration or reproof, as the occasion demands.

Another material benefit accruing to the fraternity girl is the assistance of the various prizes and aids already mentioned.

Again, the fraternity is of aid in helping the graduate to get a foothold in the world. Frequently the help of her fraternity sister enables a woman to secure a position that she could not otherwise obtain. Furthermore, the various alumnae clubs insure pleasure for a girl in a strange city. And membership in a national Greek-letter society gives one a recognized standing among college women everywhere.

Most important of all the benefits received from the fraternity, however, is the development of strength of character. In a fraternity house the girls take turns in being steward. Thus they gain a training

in business management and the conduct of a house. Frequently social functions and the opportunity to play hostess give the fraternity girl a social finish and assurance greatly to be desired. Contact with sisters from other colleges widens her outlook.

The supreme test of the fraternity is the effect its influence has upon the lives of its members. Balance the fraternity woman against the non-fraternity woman, in the college, the office or the home, and the scale will tip on the side of the former. Could there be a stronger argument in favor of fraternities?



With a superficial air of flippancy and joyousness that covers an undercurrent of real seriousness, William Hard, in *Everybody's Magazine* for August, presents "High School Fraternities," with a sub-title of "Farce, Tragedy, and Statesmanship." He is ably seconded by the clever cartoonist, C. A. Briggs. His statement of the case we quote in part:

The main count against the high school fraternity is that it helps to make a nice little lamb into a foolish old sheep long before the proper date for the infliction of that penalty.

Why, in one of our Western high schools there is a sorority which simply will not take a girl in, no matter who she is, if she lives in a flat. The family must move to a house. *There's some social going for you!*

Those Pi Phi Psi boys, for instance, to take the history of a certain fraternity in one of the Chicago high schools for an illustration, soon observe that almost everybody eats lunch in the school lunch-room. The members of Pi Phi Psi, all of whom used to eat in the lunch-room, now go down the street at the noon hour to Ginanakoepopopoulos's fruit store and purchase an exclusive lunch of stale peanuts and aniline-dyed ice-cream.

Pretty soon, however, the Central Cryptic Conclave of the national organization of Mu Mu Mu establishes a local chapter in the school, and the new Mu Mu Mu's come tagging along and endeavor to hobnob. A farther remove becomes necessary. This time it is half a mile down the street to Kelly's stew store, well known as "The Blink," where one can vibrate quite familiarly for a few minutes around the free lunch counter. (It is curious how exclusiveness runs to sportiness, when one is very young. But it always has done so, and it always will.)

"The Blink" does very well for a while, but again those Mu Mu Mu's come tagging along. A new thought is needed. Ah! Here it is! A fraternity house! Of course all the members of Pi Phi Psi are living at home, already amply provided with meals and beds. Everybody already has a house. But why not another house?

So high school fraternity houses, club-houses for men of from thirteen to eighteen, without any adult supervision whatsoever, were rented, furnished, and occupied in various parts of various cities. They marked a winning round in the long fight made by the American child to skip its childhood and also, by separating the socially elect still farther from the socially ineligible in high school life, they drove the wedge of caste still deeper into that "citadel of American democracy," the public school system.

This was the deep down reason why that rather old fashioned educator, Mr. Cooley, spoke in such heat, and why most school authorities agreed with him, all the way from those of Seattle, in the West, who fought the high school fraternity question as far as the supreme court of the state, to those of Melrose, Massachusetts, in the East, who pugnaciously said: "We are firmly convinced that rather than lower our great system of public schools into schools of clique and caste, of contempt for humanity, scholarship and duty, it would be better for the youth and better for the commonwealth if our school-houses close their doors and the children labor for an honest livelihood."

One of the Chicago high schools for one whole semester kept all the records of all the members of all its fraternities and sororities in one tabulation.

The total number of boys and girls was one hundred and twenty-one. The average mark of all of them was seventy-four and nine-tenths, which was just below passing mark. The number of those who went above ninety in their studies was *one*. The number of those who fell below seventy-five was forty-nine.

It is curious how, when one is very young, exclusiveness runs not only to sportiveness but to willful ignorance. Curious—but it always has been so and always will be.

Occasionally, Mother has been found not only acquiescent in Agnes's desire to join a sorority, but eager about it.

This is usually because Mother is naturally anxious that Agnes shall have the best possible time socially while in high school, on much the same principle of maternal conduct which led to the epitaph: "Here lies Elizabeth who died at three of indigestion; it is a comfort to remember we never denied her anything she wanted to eat."

As for Father, he has taken no particular personal interest in the new organizations. He has only paid for them.

Father learned not to look surprised when at about eight o'clock some prominent young society man of fifteen came around in a livery carriage built for two and took Agnes off by herself to a "formal" dance.

And finally, after considerable practice, Father learned not to utter rude ejaculations of astonishment when Charlie, aged sixteen, said: "Well, I guess I won't be home for dinner to-night. And, by the way, I guess I'll sleep at the frat-house. So long!"

The high school fraternity has brought to an acute stage that disease of prematurity noted in American children (along with other

more admirable characteristics) by all foreign visitors. And the high school fraternity has stimulated prematurity in that part of adult life especially which, beyond all others, ought to be unknown to children; namely, the social struggle.

Social struggle, with all its blindness and all its bitterness, is likely enough to come some day. Why begin it at an age when our outward actions are crudest and most cruel while, at the same time, by the contradiction that produces many of the tragedies of childhood, our inner feelings are shyest and most attuned to suffering?

The disintegrating influence of high school fraternities on the student body is felt in almost every school in which they exist. This is just as true in a new state like Kansas as in an old state like New York. There are a few exceptions to the rule. For example, in one Chicago high school, a private institution, each fraternity takes in a member of the faculty as a full member and as a sponsor for its good behavior. There the fraternity system seems not to have injured the school as a school. But the nature of a fraternity is to foster not so much the "school spirit" as what a fraternity boy once called the "bunch spirit."

In one of the Chicago high schools, for instance, there used to be, before the advent of the fraternities, a School Social Club which gave parties, dances, and picnics. Everybody belonged to it. It was very popular and very successful. When the fraternities and sororities came, it fell sick, dwindled, and finally died. Instead of a common social life, that school now has a social life of cliques. Such is not the full purpose nor the full possibility of the public school system.

In another Chicago high school the fraternities gave up attending the Junior Promenade, which, being a class affair, was open to everybody. This was an agony of exclusiveness before which a mere college fraternity might well turn pale.

The college fraternities, contrary to a widespread assumption, are not connected with the high school fraternities. And they constitute a totally different question. Their members are much older, and most of them, being away from home, find a new home in their fraternity life. College fraternities, so far from being helped by high school fraternities, are injured by them, and the girls' college sororities have already taken semi-official action on the subject. The Inter-Sorority Conference, to which all the national college sororities send delegates, has recommended to its constituent bodies the adoption of a rule providing that after a certain date none of them will admit to membership any girl who has belonged to a high school Greek-letter society.

Some educators have come to believe that it will be easier and better to absorb the fraternity boys and girls into a well organized general school social life than simply to pulverize the student body back into individuals.

One of the Chicago high schools, a private school, is doing a work which is most curious, most suggestive, and most promising. Five dollars out of each tuition fee is set aside for the

furtherance of the social activities of the pupils. This term includes athletic teams and literary societies and musical clubs and so on, as well as what is usually called, strictly speaking, social life.

One phase of social life under the new auspices you may see if you will go out to the school building on a certain afternoon in any week. You will find a dance in progress which is open to all the pupils of the school. Nobody is obliged to be present, but everybody who comes must stay till the end. In a way, it is a class exercise.

There is an instructor present. She teaches waltzing and two-stepping, of course. But she also teaches figure dances, national dances, and folk dances. She gives dancing what it ought to have—a "festival" character, as well as a "society" character. And she uses it as the basis for a training in social forms and usages. Her department is really a department of social education, and she is regarded as one of the most important members of the faculty.

Looking at this dance, you will observe that the children are all dressed very simply. Girls who come too noticeably arrayed are admonished. It is not "good form."

And in speech and in manner, as well as in dress, you will observe the influence of proper instruction. Nothing could be more correct than the behavior of these children.

You will notice that no program cards are allowed. As each number in the dance comes along, the girl dances with the boy who first bows to her. And the affair is so punctiliously conducted, the dancing is so standardized that it becomes almost as natural for boys and girls of different social sets to take part in it together as it would be for them to walk together in a procession.

No girl may refuse a partner who offers himself. This rule will astonish and offend you beyond measure at first. But it is extraordinary how well it works out. No boy who is really distasteful to a girl continues to offer himself. The girl may be trusted for that. But among the boys whom she would never otherwise have met she finds many who please and attract her and give her a broader and friendlier view of the companions of her school days. The outcome is that many trivial social barriers are broken down, and that many personal experiences are pleasantly, and in a proper place and manner, enlarged.

As a "feeder" for this weekly dance, there are compulsory dancing classes, except in case of parental objection, for the pupils of the first two school years. The principle involved is that, since dancing is the entrance to the social life of the young people of the district, it is highly desirable that every pupil should at least go through that entrance and have a chance to look around.

Finally, in addition to the compulsory classes and the weekly afternoon parties, there are evening parties at various times during the year. The school authorities feel that the installation of these events as part of the education offered by the school has done a great deal to break up cliques and to introduce into the school a social life of breadth and human kindness.



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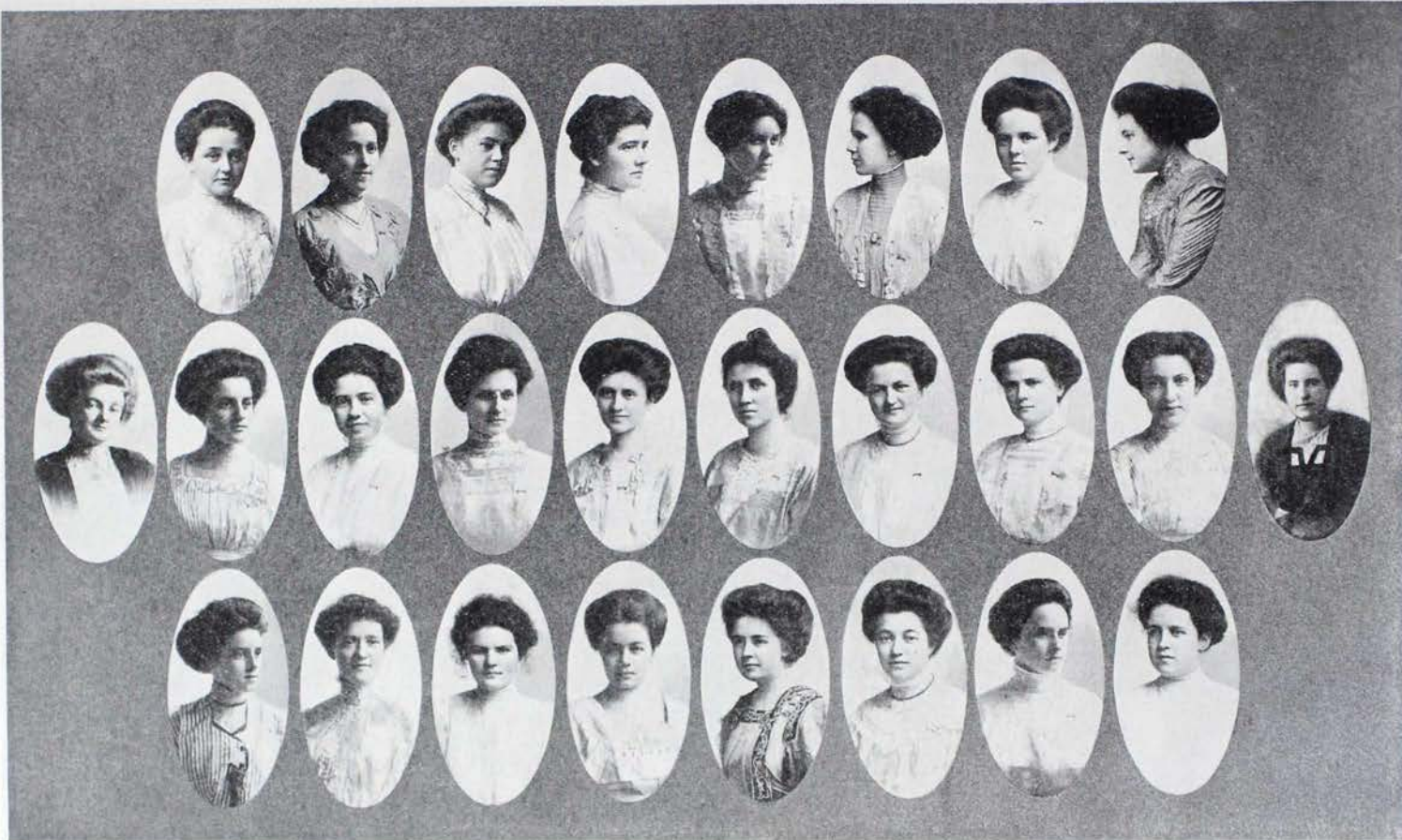
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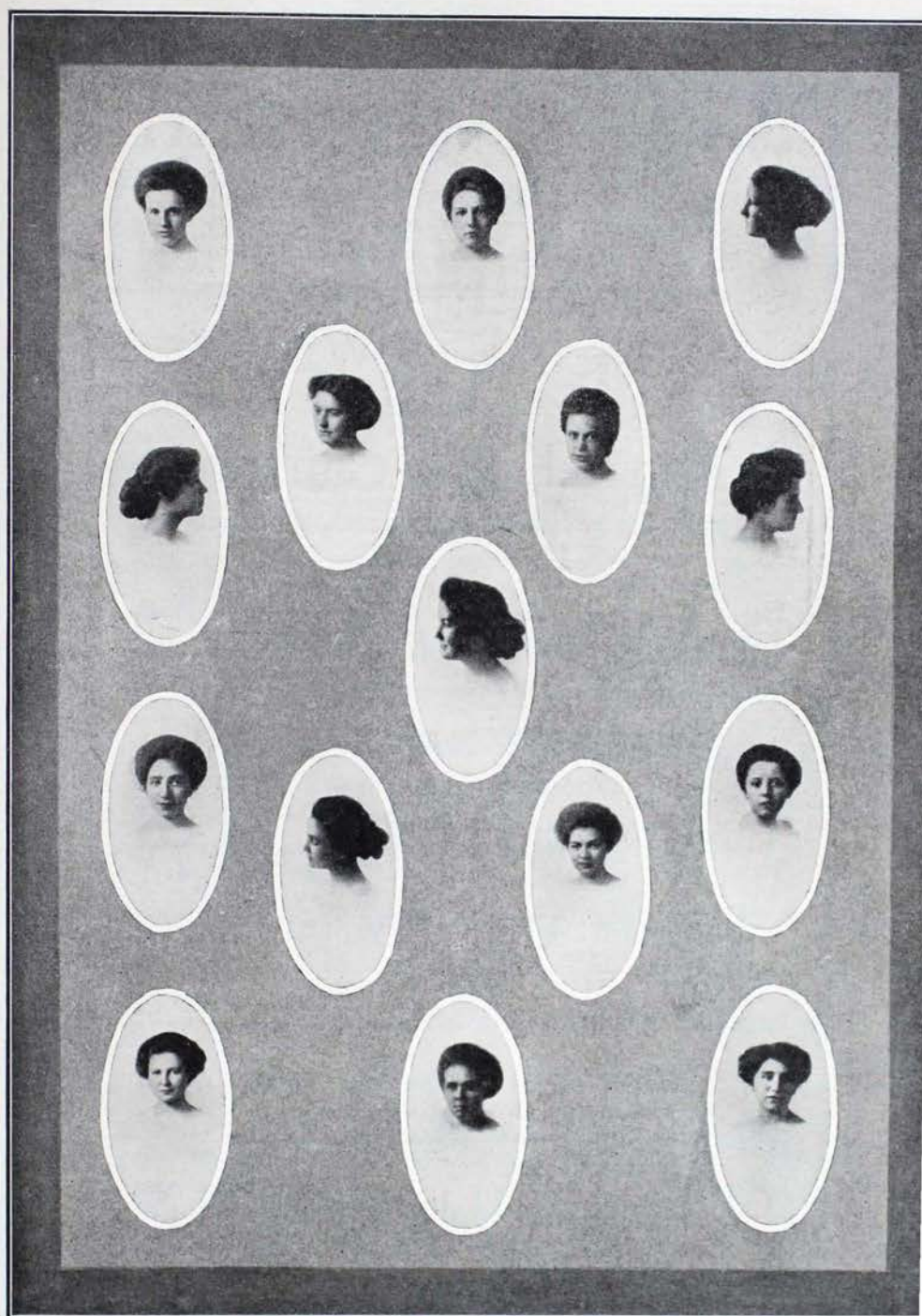


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