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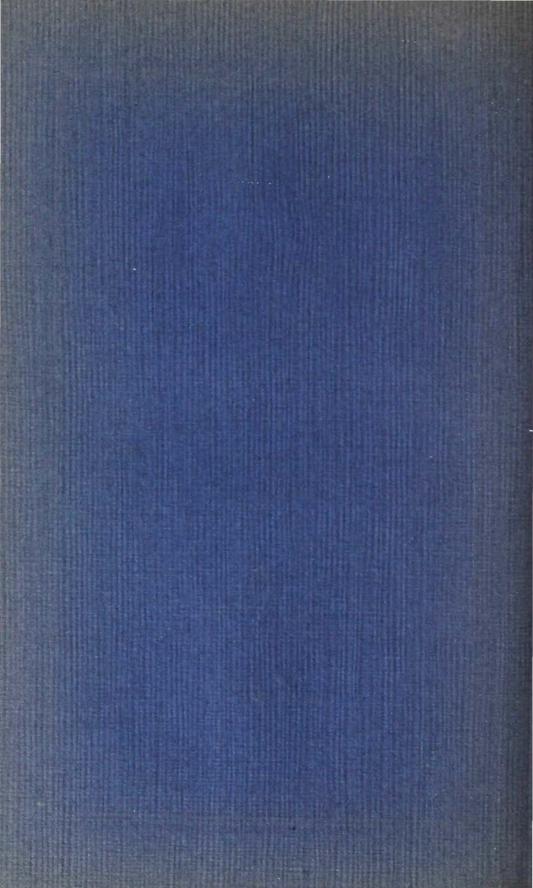
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Grand President's Greeting

ONVENTION, toward which our thoughts and plans have been so long directed, has become a matter of history. We are justly proud of the history made at Madison. So many splendid projects have been thought out and started during the past few years that will, in years to come, make us look back with thankfulness to those who labored so faithfully and hard to have Kappa Gamma Gamma stand for what is really worth while. Problems discussed at Convention so thoughtfully and broad-mindedly, have left this administration with a different function from that of any preceding one. To us belongs the responsibility of crystallizing the work so magnificently begun; with us rests the responsibility of seeing that the discussions shall avail much to those who were unable to be present at Convention and take part. We have, as a body, given much time and strength to the simplification of the internal working of the fraternity-eliminating detail wherever possible; that work is now complete for this administration. Perhaps our work will be more complicated than that of the past, though not requiring the same kind of labor.

We have a Scholarship Fund, started by an alumna of Kappa Kappa Gamma to aid fellow students. It is too small now to even begin to fulfill its mission; I earnestly hope that by our next Convention we may be ready to formulate plans

for its use; that by that time the sum raised may be so large that the interest alone will support one person at least, while she is preparing to bear her own burden. When we ask for an expression of the conditions for granting a Kappa Scholarship, I hope we may feel that it is to go to the student best fulfilling our conditions, be she Kappa or not. We have a committee on petitions to whom we can look for information on groups of petitioners and college conditions. Let us aid this committee in every way, that we may know, from all standpoints, why we grant or refuse a charter.

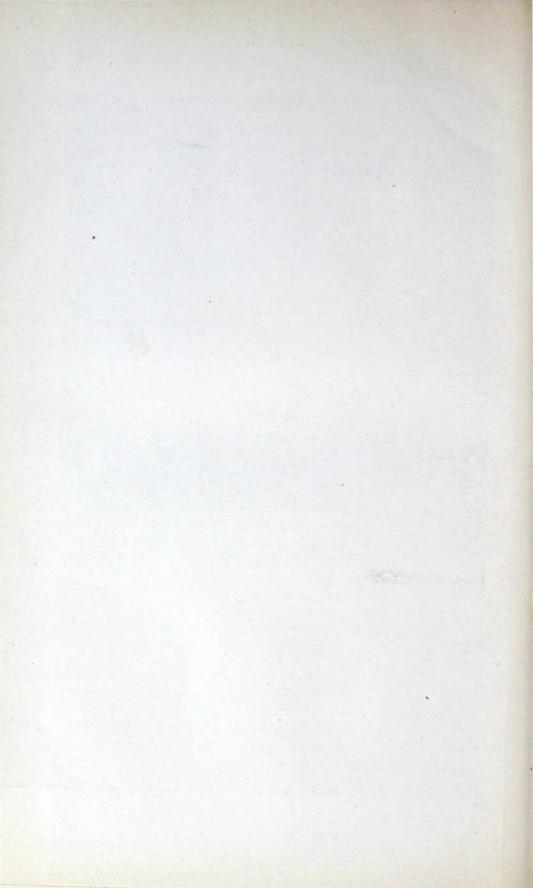
We have a committee on our scholarship in college. Let us see to it that the Presidents and Deans of our Universities and Colleges have only good to report of us.

We have an adviser of women on social questions. Let us see that our social conditions are beyond criticism.

Above all, let us remember that we are first of all women; second college women; and last, fraternity women. Let us remember that fraternity has no part in college affairs, in college elections, in behavior about the college buildings. Fraternity is a thing apart, not to be thrust in the face of those who are co-workers in the larger body of students. Let us so conduct ourselves that any one may say that we are helpful; good to be with; true to ourselves as women; true to our college and our associates; it follows that we will be true to our fraternity.

Some of us have been, for the time being, placed in office for the carrying out of things that we agree are for our mutual well being. Remember that we are first women; second college women; third fraternity women, and last and for a short time only, Grand Council members. We have every interest of the fraternity as deeply at heart as have the members of any active chapter; we look over the whole where those younger in fraternity life see only a part; if we seem not always to appreciate the difficulties of active chapter life, come to us and talk it over. We are human and make mistakes; you are human and make mistakes; let us help each other, for we are traveling the same road, the same aim is ours; to give the best that is in us; to be the best we can.





May I quote from a member of Sigma Chapter who has so beautifully expressed our Kappa love for each other.

"There is a mystic borderland that lies
Just past the limits of our work-day world,
And it is peopled with the friends we met
And loved, a year, a month, a week or day,
And parted from with aching hearts, yet knew
That through the distance we must loose the hold
Of hand with hand, and only clasp the thread of memory.
But still so close we feel this hand,
So sure we are that these same hearts are true,
That when in waking dreams there comes a call
That sets the thread of memory aglow;
We know that just by stretching out the hand
In written word of love, or book, or flower,
The waiting hand will clasp our own once more,
Just for an instant, in the same old way."

Faithfully yours,

Mary D. Griffith.

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The Convention |

The Eighteenth National Convention of Kappa Kappa Gamma was held at Madison, Wis., August 21st to August 27th, with Eta chapter. The thirty-two active chapters and twenty-two of the alumnae associations were represented by delegates, and besides these there were about three hundred women present, this being the largest Convention in the history of the fraternity. The following Council members were selected:

Grand President—Mary D. Griffith, of Philadelphia, formerly a student at the University of Pennsylvania, and for four years Grand Secretary.

Grand Secretary—George Challoner, of Oshkosh, Wis., a graduate of the University of Wisconsin, and for two years Grand Treasurer.

Grand Treasurer—Elizabeth Voris Lawry, Vancouver, B. C., a graduate of Leland Stanford, Jr., University, and for the past year editor of the Key.

Grand Registrar—Edith Stoner, of Kansas City, Mo., a graduate of the University of Missouri.

The editor of the Key is no longer a Council member, but an officer of the fraternity elected for a term of ten years. The new editor is Elizabeth Gray Potter, of Peabody, Kan., a graduate of the University of California. Mrs. Potter is also Historian, having been appointed to that office a year ago upon the resignation of May C. Whiting Westermann.

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An Alumnae View of Convention

The Convention of 1906 brought together more of the Kappa Kappa Gamma alumnae than any previous Convention. The alumnae came prepared to give more to the fraternity than ordinarily, they realized that Council, chapters and alumnae have more in common than merely name and badge, and they brought their plans, ideals, loyalty to serve the fraternity. In return, since we receive in kind what we give, they brought away more of inspiration and of unity than even from previous Conventions.

Of first importance to alumnae was the presence at Convention of two ex-Grand Presidents, Mrs. Kuhns, the first executive officer, and Mrs. Allan, elected in 1890, who with the outgoing and the incoming Grand Presidents formed a noteworthy quartet. Mrs. Kuhns, as Convention speaker, as banquet speaker, as fraternity sister, was a delight. She brought the inspiration of years of service to Kappa Kappa Gamma and an enthusiasm unequalled by that of the youngest initiate. She and Mrs. Allan both added much to the interest and unity of Convention.

It was not only the past that claimed the interest of returning alumnae; the present proved more vital and more encouraging. There has been a distinct advance, in the memory of many of the alumnae present, not in nobility of the ideals of our fraternity but in the practical working out of those ideals and the living, not merely the promising, of Kappa principles. There was a time when the Council stood merely as Executive Board. It has developed now into a working Committee of sympathetic counsellors, whose chief function is to develop the personality and the practical womanhood of fraternity members at large. There was a time when one biennial Convention met for the transaction of business. Through the untiring preliminary work of the Grand Council and the presiding officer's excellent management, this Convention was able to dispatch the absolutely necessary routine business in short order and to resolve itself into a conference on really vital matters; the choice of women to continue our fraternity; the qualities in ourselves to be cultivated so as to attract the most desirable women; the education of initiates; co-operation with college faculties; the standard of scholarship; the elimination of rushing evils; pledge day and Pan-Hellenism. One can hardly overestimate the value to delegates and undergraduates of such a Convention, touching as it does the factors that make or mar a woman's college and fraternity life. That fraternity is not an end in itself, but a means to an end, and that a chapter has no excuse for existence unless it is a definite factor for good in its own college, are the truths that this Convention impressed upon its delegates.

To Alumnae this Convention brought a peculiarly happy outlook for the future. The alumnae voted for a simple alumnae organization, providing for three officers to be elected by the delegates of all alumnae associations complying with the easy regulations. Convention recognized this organization and provided further for an alumnae vote on granting and withdrawal of charters and the dismissal of alumnae members. The alumnae were so fortunate as to secure as officers Mrs. Elmie Warner Mallory, our out-going Grand President, a chief executive, Mrs. Minnie Royse Walker, 504 W. 112th St., New York City, as Secretary; Mrs. Helen Olin, Madison, Wis., as financial officer. With this board we are assured of a thoroughly successful administration of alumnae affairs.

A further important factor in our fraternity policy was the vote for the appointment of an alumna of each chapter to organize the chapter alumnae. The practical help that our chapter alumnae associations have already given their undergraduates, and the special bond uniting the sympathies and interests of every Kappa to her local chapter, make this method of alumnae organization a particularly promising one, which should be fruitful of good results.

Elizabeth Meserole Rhodes, Psi.

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The Undergraduate at Convention

After having been for several years in one chapter and knowing women in only one or two others, I think that going to Convention, meeting women from thirty-two chapters and from every part of the country, was as important a step in my fraternity history as being initiated into Kappa Kappa Gamma after being only a pledge, and I think the difference between the two experiences is just as great.

Of course I had heard of all these women, had written to many of them, and had a vague sort of idea that they were my Kappa sisters. But they were not my sisters, they were only Kappa cousins—about forty-second, I think—until I went with them to Madison, met them at meals, in their rooms, at one or two business sessions a day, and at social functions of every description, so that I learned that to be a Kappa meant not only a whole lot of good friends in your own college and city, but a host of them scattered in every direction, and all of them ready to offer you the Kappa grip of hospitality whenever or wherever you met them.

I suppose I was prejudiced when I went there but I think I have never met women who simply walked into my heart as did those I met at Convention, and I am sure you will all agree with me, if you ever go, that they are the most attractive and altogether fascinating women as well as the most sensible and refined that you may ever hope to meet.

It is fine to know too that your Grand Council, whom you are accustomed to associate with Standing Rule sixty-three,

six times, six dollars, Private Annual Reports, et cetera, are after all just human beings, perhaps of an exceptionally charming sort, but Kappas too and anxious to do for you their very best. To see and understand better than you possibly can otherwise the intricate governings of the fraternity; to change and make new rulings yourself possibly; to hear others' experiences and methods in regard to chapter government, fraternity-house problems, rushing, and so many other things in which we are all concerned; to witness the ingenuity and resources of your Kappa sisters on "stunt night"; to hear the college yells, chapter songs and parodies impromptu that go from table to table on banquet night, all these and a hundred other experiences which you will meet nowhere else are what makes Convention such an inspiration and an experience.

In closing I can simply say that no matter what sacrifice you may have to make to get there, if you ever go to a National Convention, you will never regret it.

Mabel Felger, Beta Gamma.

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Relation of Alumnae and Chapters To those who attended the last National Convention of Kappa Kappa Gamma, the question of the relation of alumnae to active chapters has taken on a new aspect. Now that

alumnae associations have the power to vote on certain questions they must naturally feel that they have, more than ever, an active interest in the fraternity and its welfare. They will have a greater feeling of responsibility, and will be more apt to keep in touch with the progressive life of the fraternity. Now it is all very well for the alumnae of a certain chapter to assist that chapter in every way possible, even if they are not organized. But wherever it can be done successfully a regular alumnae association should be formed as part of the national organization, paying its national dues, and keeping up an active interest, not only in its own small nucleus, but in the national life of Kappa Kappa Gamma.

We owe it to ourselves, to our chapter, and to our national organization to promote the interests of Kappa Kappa Gamma everywhere, and how can we do so better than as a strongly organized alumnae body? For this we need the active co-operation of every Kappa. The active women should "get after" the alumnae who live near them, and try to renew their interest in the fraternity. Tell them they are needed, and that we not only need them, but that they need us; that we do not want only their money, and their houses for "rushing," but we want them, and their active co-operation. The alumnae should lend a willing and ready ear to such advice, and if they have been out of the fraternity for so long that their interest has sort of "oozed" away, let them get back into the "thick" of it again. Just see if they do not feel the same old-time thrill of pride and joy in this our great fraternity. So working side by

side and with such an able leader as our late Grand President, what ends may we not hope to accomplish?

We have just passed through a splendid and most successful Convention. We have exchanged ideas with women from all over the country; we have stood at the inmost shrine of Kappa Kappa Gamma, and the inspiration and love that we have received will be with us for many days.

I think that we have all come away from Madison with new and better ideas concerning our fraternity. We are one, whether active or alumnae. We are united forever in the bonds of love and sympathy; and may our relation henceforth be a closer, a stronger and a truer one; then may we look forward with joy to what our next Convention will bring forth.

Florence J. Speck, Upsilon.

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Enthusiasm

Convention has come and gone again, and many Kappas have been refilled with the fire of Kappa enthusiasm. I feel that these Kappas hold a great responsibility, that of conveying

a renewed spirit of strength back to their sisters in chapters and associations, that of incorporating it into all local thought so that through each individual chapter the national fraternity will be strengthened and enriched. If each one who has gained so much from Convention believes that she can aid in the upbuilding of her chapter, and of her fraternity, I know she will do her best to give all she has received. It is this enthusiasm which gives life to our fraternity, that we may overcome all obstacles, surmount all difficulties, and climb to the heights of our ideals. Of what use are our vows, our rituals and our ideals, unless with them, under them and through them runs an unconquerable spirit of power and love? Words may be passed from lip to lip, but more than this-an indefinable spirit must be passed from heart to heart. So I plead that we add all in our power to the river of Kappa life which flows on and on, ever and for aye from Kappa to Kappa.

Ella Blakeslee Wallace, Beta Tau, '07.

Fraternity Spirit verses College Spirit Very often the remark is made that fraternity spirit is a serious check to college spirit and for this reason fraternities ought not to be tolerated. It is unfortunate that this state-

ment is all too true with reference to many institutions. The striving for supremacy in politics, the clamor for honors won by scheming diplomatists, causes college interests to be very much subordinated, in fact ignored at times, to the desire of fraternity men to come out on top. Can this be called true spirit? Does it show an ardent love for either fraternity or college welfare? It is more a craving for fame and glory than a desire for advancing friendship.

It is time for the people in the Greek world to awaken to the fact that their organizations came into existence, not to govern the college, but to aid it in so far as they could. To be true college students we must have college spirit; to be loyal fraternity members we must have fraternity spirit; yet why need the one prevent the other? Let us remember that the college gave birth to the Greek-letter society and allow the enthusiasm produced by each to be guided in its own channel. If one has the true idea of the meaning and purpose of fraternities, he will realize that they are subordinate to the institutions with which they are connected. Because many fail to understand this the existence of national organizations has been prohibited in some of our best universities, in others the footing of fraternities is wavering. It will strengthen fraternities as well as colleges if we recognize their true relationship and do what we can in the interests of both.

Helen E. McClintock, Gamma Rho.

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Inter-Fraternity Friendships Here is a little suggestion along the line of inter-fraternity relations, a suggestion which sounds very crude, I know, but which may be the beginning of splendid results. Of

this I am sure for it has been tried. The suggestion is this; let each one see to it that she is well enough acquainted with at least one woman in the other fraternities to care for her personally as a friend? I do not mean to imply that we are to use any mathematical rule by which to choose our friends, nor do I mean to seek our most intimate associations outside of our Kappa circle. I mean that we should build up in other fraternities staunch friendships which will stand the tests of fraternity rivalry in all its phases, yes, even the test of rushing.

Do you realize how hard it is for the freshmen to make friends in other fraternities and how often they confine their time entirely to the women of their own chapter? This should not be so. It leads them to look at their sister Greeks as a class of outsiders and not co-workers with them in the broad Greek world.

The practical effect of this is seen every time a clash of any sort comes between fraternities. We do not stop to investigate as carefully as we should. But if we have a friend in that other chapter, for her sake at any rate, we will be anxious to understand and we will learn to like each Greek sister better because we love one who has before her ideals, noble and beautiful we know, but not identical with ours. It is just an application of the old rule that sympathy follows knowledge and it surely will be a help in the adjustment of inter-fraternity relations, and more than that, the beginning of deep and lasting inter-fraternity friendships.

Julia Holder, Epsilon.

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Wider Kappa Acquaintance

Some months ago an illuminating article in the KEY, on sentimentalism in fraternity life, referred to the volatile nature of our initial enthusiasms, and the rapidity with which

the burning hopes and aspirations of initiation night cool and shrink in the subsequent routine of chapter life. All this is true enough, and luckily so, since few of us could healthily breathe the thin air of these high planes of ecstasy for any great length of time, but the fact remains that there is a tangible something at the basis of our fraternity experience, a grounding of sentiment, not sentimentality, which colors and sweetens all our relations with one another.

Now granted that this Kappa spirit, if we may so call it, is a good and desirable possession, a conclusion which none is likely to deny, should we not try to discover its sources and increase our individual share of it? There may be many such sources, but one that comes strongly to mind is the obvious one, so obvious that its application is often overlooked, of fellowship with other Kappas, hence this plea for more extended acquaintance among chapters as well as individuals.

In the case of the individual, it follows that the more Kappas one comes in touch with, the better for oneself and one's chapter. Take Convention as an illustration. It may be stated as a certainty that much increase of enthusiasm and efficiency in individuals may be traced to the inspiring contact with the many kindred spirits at Convention. It is also likely that the members of our Grand Council who traveled among us last winter, if expressing their own opinion of the matter, would assert that they received quite as much benefit from the experience as did the women whom they visited. A quickening and freshening of interest, and a broadening of outlook are the inevitable results of such intercourse.

The opportunities cited are of course exceptional, since comparatively few of us can go to Convention, and fewer yet ever enjoy Grand Council privileges, but there are other methods of enlarging our Kappa acquaintance which are within reach of most of us. If either your college or your home is located in a city, there are sure to be alumnae for you to keep in touch with, not only those who come to you, but those whom you must seek out. Then, too, your summer travels or winter excursions may take you through towns where there are chapters or alumnae associations; look them up, even if you have to miss a train or two, and see whether the pleasure and profit gained do not outweigh the time and trouble expended. Moreover, you have only to invoke the aid of the magic two-cent stamp in order to conjure up a host of Kappa friends, whose members are limited only by your time and inclination.

The question of chapter intercourse is a more difficult one, since so many of our chapters are widely scattered, but there are a number of them which are within easy reach of at least one other, and in such cases a special effort might be made to exchange visits, or to send a delegate or two from one chapter to another. No matter how satisfied with its policy and conduct of affairs a chapter may be it is sure to gain something valuable by the comparison of other methods with its own. Correspondence is a further means of establishing personal relationship between chapters, a result not accomplished by our newsletters and articles in the KEY.

Wider acquaintance among Kappas, brought about by methods suggested above, and by others which will occur to the readers, ought to be a prime factor in the acquisition of that spirit which we believe to be the test of true Kappas, both in chapter and individual.

Juliette G. Hollenback, Beta Sigma.

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A Kappa Kappa Gamma Scrap-Book Every chapter has customs and traditions which have been handed down during the succeeding years and which each member cherishes among her dearest memories. Is it

not the right of each freshman to have none lost, to have them all handed down to her? Of course at first she knows only the present chapter, but she soon learns that her fraternity has a glorious history and a reputation which she is to help sustain. And every little tradition which makes the past seem more real will be of the greatest help and interest to her. This offers a place, Epsilon has found, for a scrap-book or memory book outside the realm of formal history. For the past year or two we have kept such a book and it is already a source of pleasure to look back over its pages. And how we wish it had been kept through all the thirty-three years of our chapter's life. What a treasure-house of fraternity memories it would be!

If any of the other chapters are not keeping a book like this, let us urge you to begin at once that the Kappas of after years may not lose a single bit of the lore that is so dear to us.

Julia Holder, Epsilon.

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For all College Women

How often and in how many ways is the fact brought home to college women that the world expects more from them than from other women! We read it in books and maga-

zines, we hear it all around us. In the home, in the business world, in the social and literary circles, it is to the woman who has had college training and advantages that one generally looks to do the things most worth while. It is a rightly deserved tribute of which we may indeed be proud.

But does every college woman realize the responsibility which this tribute puts upon her? It becomes a duty to her college and to herself to strive with the best that is in her to make herself truly worthy of these hopes and expectations. Just as a word of commendation, wisely given, becomes an aid toward better things, so should the world's tribute to college women became an inspiration.

Alice Holbert, Psi.

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A Chapter Fund How much better it would be if every chapter had a fund and some definite use for it. We started last spring to raise money for a chapter house and it is surprising how our

account is increasing. By sacrificing a few things and being a little economical we are advancing beyond our highest expectations. This coming winter we have decided not to give our annual spring party, but each one is to pay her regular assessment and place the money in our fund. This is only one of the many ways we have planned to accomplish our purpose. We counted a great deal on our alumnae and they seem to be

glad for the trust we have placed in them. They have something to work for and it makes a common aim for the alumnae and active chapter. Our one regret is that we did not start this sooner.

Ada Williams, Omega.

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A Problem

There was one problem that Beta Mu had last year which she could not solve. I will give it as it appeared to us and if any of the other chapters had the same difficulty and

found a way out of it, we should be glad to hear about it.

At the beginning of this year we had a long discussion about our selfishness and made a resolution to turn over a new leaf right from the start. We realized that there would be a great many homesick freshman girls about the campus the first few weeks of school and thought of how happy we all were in our little Kappa family and decided to bring these freshman girls to the house one or two at a time and let them share our happiness for awhile, and forget their loneliness and longing for home.

One day two of our number saw a freshman sitting on the bank of our little lake all alone; her cheeks were flushed and her eyes were red and swollen; the two sat down by her and began to talk to her. They found that she didn't like her boarding place because the others there all seemed to be acquainted and paid no attention to her; she didn't like her room or roommate; she didn't like the university; in fact there was no place she did like but home. The girls took her over to the chapter house, found some one who was going to the same class, then brought her back to dinner. After dinner we sang all the college songs we knew and since it was late by that time we took her home. She had already begun to like the university better.

We took care to notice her now and then to see when she got homesick or discouraged, and frequently we brought her over to the house to study with some of us, or to stay to dinner or lunch. In a short time we heard that the other fraternities thought we were rushing her. That didn't bother us in the least and we kept merrily on, but a few days later we learned that the girl herself thought she was being rushed and we were in a dilemma. We didn't want to hurt her by "dropping" her and we didn't want to be raising her hopes only to shatter them again. This is only one example. We had one other very much like this and we were a little more careful after that.

The way we arranged it afterwards was this: Every Friday night two or three girls went home to stay until Sunday evening and as on week days our table was full we took this opportunity to invite girls to dinner. In this way we could have more at a time. Several times we invited other fraternity girls at the same time. We thought that this would keep us from being misunderstood.

Laura Williams, Beta Mu.

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Campus Day at the University of Washington Every college has its customs and among Washington's, Campus Day is perhaps the dearest. Only a small portion of our three hundred and fifty-five acres has been improved

and the remainder is still in its wild natural state, covered with giant trees and a dense undergrowth. Among its beauties are a shore line of over a mile on Lake Washington and a quarter of a mile on Lake Union and a large natural amphitheatre.

Campus Day, as the name signifies, is a day set apart every year in the month of May when the entire student body and the faculty "armed with implements of toil and a spirit that laughs at obstacles appear early in the morning to devote a whole day to hard work," in order to beautify our already lovely campus.

About a week before the appointed day a notice is posted on the bulletin board on which the work to be done by the different departments and the leader of that work are assigned; for example, the senior engineers to repair the old and build new trails through the ravines, the junior "Lits" to clear the underbrush and construct paths and rustic seats on the Lake Washington shore line, the faculty, or awkward squad as they are called, to blast the stumps from the amphitheatre, and so on through all the classes and departments. To the women is given the work of preparing and serving the dinner, the tables being spread on the lawn in front of the women's dormitory.

Can you imagine the scene when the bell rings at twelve o'clock and from all points of the campus the different squads come pouring in, the freshmen flaunting their colors at the head of their ranks, while the sophomores, too tired and hungry to accept the challenge, wait till after dinner to avenge the deed? And here come the faculty and the President, trying to look as though they were used to the work, while behind them come the seniors forgetting their accustomed dignity and shouting and yelling like Indians. It is a sight once seen never to be forgotten. In the background the mountains, the lakes and the forest; in the foreground the long tables, the hungry men, the women hurrying to and fro with trays of steaming coffee and baked beans, the jokes, the laughter, and above all the spirit of good fellowship and loyalty.

Dinner over, all return to work until five o'clock, when the bell rings again, this time to call in the tired army of workers. In the evening an informal dance is always held in the gymnasium and so is brought to a close another Campus Day.

Gertrude Walsh, Beta Pi.



Editorial

Aside from the fact that the Eighteenth National Convention was the largest one ever held; aside from the fact that a National Alumnae association was formed; aside from the fact that we had four Grand Presidents with us; aside from the fact that more enthusiasm and interest was displayed by alumnae, as well as active members, than ever before; this convention will ever be memorable because in the Conference, as Miss Rhodes so fittingly names it, probably for the first time in our history we emerged completely from the realm of sentiment and descended to good, solid, substantial facts. We realized that we as a fraternity have reached the point where we must enter upon a new phase of our career. Fraternities have always been the leaders in college life socially; they have always been more or less of an aid financially because where there are fraternity houses the amount needed for dormitory funds is diminished by hundreds of dollars; but it must be confessed that fraternities have not, as a rule, been the leaders in scholarship, nor have they taken the part that they should in college activities aside from the purely social matters.

The fact that the majority of the leading men and women of our country to-day are members of fraternities proves that the minds of fraternity people are not inferior—it is merely that they are not exerted to the extent of showing their greatest possibilities until after college days are over. In nine cases out of ten a student does not really learn how to study until he is out of college; he lacks the power of concentration and it follows easily enough that he will never startle the

world with his brilliant college record. This is due to the present undergraduate conditions, which are not normal nor sane enough to warrant the best results; there are too many distractions which neither improve us morally nor mentally. It is our duty to change these conditions in so far as we are able and any such advance on the part of one fraternity is bound to have its influence for good on all. Our progress must necessarily be slow but as "the dropping of water wears away the stone" so will our efforts eventually be awarded. We cannot expect to accomplish this, either, without the counsel and aid of the older members of the fraternity, those who have seen something of the world and can judge college conditions impartially. Our duty to the college and fraternity is not cancelled with graduation. Each of us has helped to make the present college conditions what they are and it is not fair for us to leave the undergraduates to battle with these alone.

Mr. Clarence F. Birdseye says in a recent article in the Outlook, "We must appreciate that the alumni are the permanent body and the undergraduates the transient body—completely changing every three years." Realizing this fact we organized our alumnae into a national association with a strong central organization to direct the local associations; with such an organization we expect to be far better able to bear the responsibility which falls upon us as the permanent body, of exerting a good influence over the undergraduates, socially, morally and mentally, and of directing their energies into the proper channels—in return we would have the undergraduates freely seek the advice and instruction of the alumnae. We feel that the strength of our fraternity depends wholly upon the amount of good that we exert upon our own members and upon the colleges in which we are located.

It is with regret that the present editor gives up her work with the KEY for, though it has been difficult, it has been none the less pleasant and in this work she feels that she has had the hearty co-operation and support of council, chapters and alumnae. The editor thanks you all most heartily for this.

The splendid work of Mrs. Walker, as Alumnae Editor, and Mrs. Smith, as Exchange Editor, speaks for itself; the

success of the KEY has depended largely upon their efforts. Though the work of Miss Brouse, as deputy, has been of a kind that is not apparent to those not closely connected with the KEY, she has been a willing and an untiring worker. To these three helpers the editor is especially grateful.

To the new editor the KEY wishes all good things. It is enough to say that we wish her an equal success with that which she has met as fraternity historian. And now the KEY adds its good wishes to each member of Kappa Kappa Gamma in all that she may undertake.



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Cleora Clark Wheeler.

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Since there were many inquiries at Convention how a pin identical with the one made by Mr. Newman under my direction might be ordered, I take this opportunity to answer all definitely.

If, in addition to the two general specifications that it be of rose gold with fifteen pearls, crown set, the words "To be a duplicate of the pin furnished Miss Wheeler" be placed at the top of the order blank, all further specifications (that the letters be small, the background stippled, the ward smaller and the stem lighter than the regulation design) will be understood, since they were filed under my name for reference. Mr. Newman makes this pin for ten dollars. A more prompt delivery is assured if money order accompanies blank.

Cleora Clark Wheeler.

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Do not forget that both the alumnae and active subscription price of the KEY is one dollar.



Chapter Letters

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Phi-University of Boston

By the time this letter is printed we shall be back again to our college "in the heart of old Boston," busy once more with the old duties and the excitement of rushing. We have been pretty well scattered since the house-party, but expect to meet together at the fraternity rooms for a quiet talk and to plan the fall campaign some time before Registration Day. We are enjoying our vacation but when the time comes shall be ready and willing to take up our burdens as well as our pleasures again.

Convention is about to begin and we hope that all the delegates will return full of new enthusiasm and many helpful thoughts for the coming year.

The weather was pleasant all Commencement week for which our five seniors were very grateful.

Phi wishes every Kappa a happy and prosperous year and hopes that each chapter will have the best of success in its rushing.

Genevieve Elder.

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Beta Epsilon—Barnard College

At Commencement last June Juliet Stuart Points '07 received Phi Beta Kappa. Alice Haskell '06, who also received Phi Beta Kappa in her junior year, 1905, was awarded highest general honors, and Josephine Paddocls, '06, departmental honors.

June 15-22 we enjoyed our annual "Kappa Camp" at Delaware Water Gap.

Our new headquarters next year will be in Marimpol Court, 515 West 122nd Street, the temporary college dormitory.

Margaret Hart Bailey.

Beta Sigma—Hdelphi College

For Beta Sigma summer does not mean separation, we are glad to say. Summer means beach parties, sewing parties, and best of all our annual house party. For one whole week we are together, and a jolly week it is, too.

From house party to beach parties and sewing parties is but a short step, and almost weekly during the past two months groups of Beta Sigma girls have met together. This is one advantage which we have over dormitory colleges, when summer so often means merely letters for the chapter. We have not all been together, however, and we are eager for the opening of college to begin our second year of chapter life. This year will no doubt be brimming with success, for the inspiration of Convention will be with us for the first time.

May all happiness be yours during this coming year!

Florence A. Boole.

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Psi-Cornell University

Psi Chapter lost last June by graduation Charlotte Crawford, Alice Du Breuil, Margaret Stecker, Anna Kirchner and Blanch Seelye. Phebe Du Bois, '08, also leaves us this year to continue her medical course at the college in New York.

The Round Robin letter is flying around the country this summer, keeping us in touch with one another.

Those of us who return to Cornell in the fall are looking forward to the four weeks' rushing season, arranged by Pan-Hellenic. The contract this year is very similar to the one used last year, and retains the important clause which brought us so much relief, "No rushing on Mondays and Thursdays."

The College of Arts and Science expects to have the use of the new building, "Goldwin Smith Hall," in the fall. A change which will take effect this coming year has been made in that college, from the entirely elective to the partly elective system.

Alice Holbert.

Beta Cau-Syracuse University

College opens September 18.

At Convention Beta Tau was represented by three active girls—Gwladys Erskine, Ella Wallace, Jessie Carpenter, and by two alumnae—Harriet Blakeslee Wallace and Charlotte Lennard Probasco.

Many of our Beta Tau girls attended the boat races held Saturday, June 23, at Poughkeepsie, in which Syracuse won the freshman race and came out second in the four-oared, and third in the Varsity.

Ida Louise Allis.

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Beta Alpha-University of Pennsylvania

Throughout the summer the members of Beta Alpha have been scattered far and wide, but as usual have kept in touch by means of a "Round Robin."

Three of us—Josephine L. Reed, delegate; Martha B. Shoemaker, and Sally Mark Barclay hope to meet at Convention.

By the time this is published we shall have started on another year of college work. Beta Alpha sends best wishes for all success.

Sally Mark Barclay.

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Beta Tota-Swarthmore College

June 14 to 21, house party at Brown's Mills in the Pines.

New library at college, now under way; new shops also being built. We are glad to hear that our new dean of women is to be Miss Mateer, who has been at Colorado. August 20 four of us start for Convention.

Elizabeth Lane Verlenden.

Gamma Rho-Allegheny College

June 20 the annual banquet was held at the Parish House. Elsie Ball, one of our seniors, was elected to Phi Beta Kappa. She also received the second prize in the E. B. Heckel biological contest.

The annual Kappa picnic at Waldemere Park was held August 15. There were eleven Gamma Rho girls and one Beta Delta in attendance. After the picnic Eva Hart entertained several of the girls at a house party at her home in Girard, Pa.

The gifts to Allegheny College this year amounted to \$100,000, of which \$25,000 came from John F. Eberhart of Chicago, for the general endowment; \$50,000 from Mrs. Sarah B. Cochran of Dawson, Pa., for the building of a college commons, and \$25,000 from Andrew Carnegie, for the library fund.

Jennie Fowler.

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Lambda—Buchtel College

Several of Lambda Kappas were away for the summer but those of us who remained at home enjoyed meeting together more than once. In July we met with the Akron Alumnae Association at a garden party given by Mrs. Lizzie Slade Voris. In August we again had a hay-ride to Brady Lake where we were entertained at the cottage of Mrs. Kathrine Huggins Evans.

Best wishes to all chapters.

Mabel Wilcox.

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Beta Gamma—Wooster University

Most of the Beta Gamma girls are scattered in every direction this summer, but we have all been "getting busy" for next year, with some very satisfactory results. Our prospects are very bright, and the fraternity house is already full to overflowing. As the number of new students increases so does the number of desirable girls each year.

For the sake of our friends who read the newspapers, I should like to say that the "bad case of poisoning" was not at all serious, but only slight. We thank them for their sympathy nevertheless, though we did not deserve it.

Mabel Felger.

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Beta Delta—University of Michigan

A minstrel show was given to raise money for the Michigan Union.

The freshmen of Gamma Phi Beta entertained the freshmen girls of the university at a reception.

May 17. The junior women of the university presented Alice in Seniorland in honor of the seniors.

May 25. Beta Delta entertained her pledges at an informal dance.

May 27. Beta Delta gave her annual Kappa Komedy play. Commencement week the senior girls gave the Knight of the Burning Pestle.

Beta Delta has a new pledge, Edith Taylor.

Xantha Swingle.

XI—Adrian College

Commencement, with its gaieties and losses, is now a thing of the past and Xi is almost ready to begin another year of work and pleasure. Although scattered in all directions the ever-flitting Round Robin has kept us united, but now we are fresh and ready for work and rushing season.

The exercises of Commencement week at Adrian this year were exceptionally well attended by alumnae and former students. This included a number of Kappas.

The alumnae campfire held Wednesday evening was one of the most enjoyable events.

Thursday afternoon of Commencement week the alumnae and active chapter met in the chapter hall and had a very enthusiastic and helpful meeting.

We who have attended Convention and were so royally entertained by Eta are anxious to get back to school and tell the many good things we heard at Convention.

With best wishes to each chapter for a successful year.

Olive Neer.

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Kappa-Killsdale College

Another summer is nearly gone and a very pleasant one it has been for Kappa Chapter, especially since many of the girls have been in town.

We will lose five of last year's girls—Bessie Camburn, Edith Cold, Belle Ammerman, Helen Mauck and Lena Rexford.

We wish each chapter a happy and successful year.

Ruth V. Mauck.

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Gamma Province

Delta—Indiana State University

On June 14 we gave an informal reception for Miss Griffith, who was visiting us, and the preceding evening the Bloomington Alumnae Association entertained for her. Outside of this her attention was mostly taken up with commencement festivities. The new student building was dedicated and Dr. Swain, Indiana's former President, but now of Swarthmore, was here for the occasion. We are all looking forward to the rushing season with a great deal of pleasure. In spite of the fact that we lost five of our strongest sisters

this year our spirits are high and we hope to win many new girls this fall. Delta extends best wishes of success to all of her sister chapters. Nell Reinhard.

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Tota-De Pauw University

June 9 Miss Mary D. Griffith visited our chapter and was present at the alumnae banquet.

This fall Iota moved into a new chapter house which is furnished by the active chapter with the aid of the alumnae.

All the Kappa sisters sympathize with Minnetta T. Taylor, whose father's death occurred early in the summer.

Lalah Ruth Randle.

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Eta—University of Wisconsin

The last weeks of life at college were very busy this year. On Saturday of June 2, the week following interscholastic rushing, a Pan-Hellenic meeting was held at Madison, at which most of the women's fraternities were represented by a national delegate. Local conditions were inspected and several suggestions, to be acted upon later, were made. A pledge day was set for next fall, which is to be the first day of registration. Mrs. Buel, of Kappa Alpha Theta, entertained for the visiting and active delegates.

On the evening of June 2 Mrs. Sharp, one of our alumnae, entertained the active chapter.

Our eight seniors gave a launch ride and luncheon to the chapter on June 3.

The last week of June Kappa Alpha Theta commenced work on its new house on Irving Court, which it expects to occupy next year.

Most of us left Madison on June 31, the day after the alumni ball, and because we expect to be reunited at Convention in August, not only among ourselves but with many other Kappas, it made it easier to separate and part with our eight seniors.

Ethel Wright.

Beta Cambda—University of Illinois

By the time this letter is published Convention will be over and each chapter will have received new life and inspiration.

Beta Lambda has great confidence of a most successful rushing season. Fourteen of our girls are coming back, and three sisters of Kappas expect to attend the university. One of our last year's seniors, Letta Banschbach, will attend the Library School another year.

The summer has sped by happily for Beta Lambda. Although separated the ever-welcome Round Robin has kept all united.

This fall we will find our already beautiful campus improved by an immense auditorium. A large Y. M. C. A. building is also being constructed.

Beta Lambda sends greetings to Kappas everywhere.

Alice Eager.

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Upsilon—Northwestern University

College opens September 27; rushing begins September 24, with a two weeks' pledge day. The summer has been a delightful one for all of us, for nineteen Upsilon girls, active and alumnae, greeted each other, and their sister chapters at Convention.

Next year promises to be a busy one for us, and in October our new president, Abram Winegartner Harris, is to be installed.

We are to have a large number of our chapter back this year, and Olive Seely, who was in college two years ago, is to be with us again.

Florence J. Speck.

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Upsilon—Tilinois Wesleyan University

June 29. Mabel and Bernice Brook entertained the active girls at their home.

July 2. An informal party was given to the active girls by Hilda Buescher.

July 4. Gave a picnic at the home of Bessie Cash, Towanda, Ill.

July 11. The active chapter met for an informal picnic at Orendorff Springs.

A number of Epsilon's members, who attended Convention, spent the week preceding at a house party given by Laurastine Marquis, at her summer home on Lake Geneva.

May and Maude Ayers will return to school this fall.

Alice Parker.

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Chi-University of Minnesota

The July meeting of Chi was held at Lake Minnetonka, July 10. It was an all day meeting with basket lunch. The August meeting was held at the home of Miss Avery Trask, together with the alumnae association.

Several Kappas from other chapters have visited in Minneapolis this summer. It is always such a pleasure for Chi to meet girls from other chapters, and we hope that any Kappas who are here will let us know about it.

Elizabeth Bruchholz.

Cheta-University of Missouri

An alumnae association was formed in Columbia this summer in time to send a delegate to Convention. Already it is designing a chapter house for us.

Mrs. Ridge and Mrs. Lawrence have been in Columbia at the Phi Delta Theta house all summer. Recently they entertained at a picnic for all Kappas.

Jack Withers.

Sigma—University of Nebraska

The new administration building, which contains the various executive offices of the university, is now completed and occupied. It was ready in time for registration week.

The new "Temple" building, given for social and religious purposes by John D. Rockefeller, and by the alumni of the university, and a new museum building are now in process of erection.

Eva Casey.

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Omega—Kansas State University

In a few weeks we will be back at work again. Although scattered all over the state during the summer we have kept in close touch with each other and have planned many things for the coming semester. Omega expects to have twelve active girls back this fall and with our alumnae members who never fail to return for the first few weeks, we hope to have a very prosperous year.

We are going to try a later pledge day than usual, believing it would be better for the fraternity to take more time in getting acquainted with the new women and in finding out if they will really be an addition to Kappa.

Omega sends greetings and wishes all chapters a most successful year.

Ada Williams.

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Beti Pi—Univessity of Washington

The summer vacation has been very quiet for Beta Pi girls. Several meetings were held in the early part of the summer, but could not be continued as most of us were leaving town. College opens on September 24. This year our rushing season has been shortened to three weeks and Pan-Hellenic rules have been made so that the rushing season will not be as hard on the freshmen or fraternity as it was last year. Beta Pi wishes all Kappa chapters success for the coming college year.

Gertrude Walsh.

Obituary

Bessie Kershaw Welch

Bessie Kershaw Welch died June 11, 1906. She was initiated into Epsilon chapter November 18, 1905. Although her stay with us was short, she won our love by her kind, cheery manner and her enthusiastic support of college affairs. Early in May her health failed and she contracted lung trouble which compelled her to give up her college work a few weeks before commencement, at which time she was taken from us.

Faithful to her studies, with kind words and sympathy for all, and a faithful trust in God, the sweet character of our sister will remain an inspiration to us.

Whereas it has pleased God to call from our midst our beloved sister, Bessie Kershaw Welch, of Epsilon chapter of Kappa Kappa Gamma, be it

Resolved, that we, the members of Epsilon chapter, extend to her parents our most sincere sympathy in this their hour of sorrow, be it

Resolved, that a copy of these resolutions be sent to her bereaved mother; be it further

Resolved, that a copy of these resolutions be printed in the Key and placed in the records of the chapter.

> Flora Warlow, Grace Wells, Irene Cunningham.

Personals

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Miss Fall expects to enter the Law School. Miss Skerry was elected a member of Phi Beta Kappa.

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Born to Mr. and Mrs. M. C. C. Van Loben Sels (Helen A. Ellsworth) a daughter.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. O. P. Waud (Olive Morrison) a daughter.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. S. W. Fletcher (Margaret Rolston) a son.

The engagement is announced of Elizabeth Rhodes to Mr. Ralph Jackson, of Boston.

Edna Heustis, who studied miniature painting at the Art League, New York City, won a scholarship there for this coming year.

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Gamma Rho

Married—June 30, 1906, Philinda Gaston to Mr. Arthur Hastings, Delta Tau Delta.

Eleanor Hall, ex '05, was married in the Grace M. E. Church, Oil City, Pa., to the Rev. Simpson C. Lewis, of Chicago.

Married, Sept. 6, 1906, at Punxsutawney, Pa., Caroline Davis to Mr. Kyle, of Wilkinsburg, Pa.

Marian Fuller will teach Mathematics in the Seminary at Staunton, Va.

Helen E. McClintock, '04, received the M. A. degree in June, and is now at the head of the German Department of the High School of Sharon, Pa.

Evangeline Parsons, '03, is teaching Latin and English in the High School at Canonsburg, Pa.

Erma Rogers, '04, is doing post-graduate work at Columbia University.

Elsie Ball, 'o6, is teaching Science at the High School at Aspinwall, Pa.

Adelaide Otaway is teaching in the High School at Franklin, Pa.

Lambda

Several girls are away for the summer: Amy Saunders, Charlotte and Blanch Olin, in Northern Michigan; Cottie Shuman, in Pennsylvania; Jessie Lowry, in Poland, O.

Clara Brouse enters the Brooklyn Hospital, September, to receive training.

Mrs. Leonard (Bertha Houston) will leave soon for Boston, Mass.

Married, June 27, 1906, Miss Cora Showalter, Kent, to Mr. Frederick Hoyt; Katharine Huggins, Kent, to Mr. Griffith Evans; August 8, Miss Anna Durling, Wadsworth, and Mr. Clarence Carlton, Akron; September 1, Ethel Jefferson, to Mr. Harry E. Rowell, London, Ontario.

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Beta Gamma

Married, July 11, 1906, Bess Johnson, of Wooster, and ex-Representative Edward Wertz.



Beta Delta

The engagement is announced of Florence Burton, '05, to Mr. August Roth, Nu Sigma Nu.

The engagement is announced of Mabelle Stuart, '05, to Mr. Thomas Buell, Delta Tau Delta.

Lucy Eliot and Lisa Sundstrom are spending the summer in Switzerland.

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Married, June 30, 1906, Mary McCollum, '04, to Mr. George W. Ramsey, Sigma Alpha Epsilon, of Chicago, Ill.

The following Kappas attended Commencement: Myrtle McCollum, '05, Edna Neer, '04, Mayme Hearson, ex '05, Ethel Moorhead, '01, Marguerite Arnette, Bertha Krauss and Mildred Graham Layman.

Mildred Graham Layman is now living at Richwood, Ohio.

Kappa

Miss Ethel Gurney, '03 and Rev. Will Charles Chappell were married June 20th. They will make their home, 231 East 76th street, New York City, after their return from Europe in October.

Miss Jessie Bailey, 'or, and Mr. August N. Hasenkamp were married August 8th. Their home is Laramie, Wyoming. Mrs. Hattie Rice Bates, '87 has moved to Hillsdale.

Mrs. C. L. Newcomer, Claire Sands, Mrs. Zoe Smith Bradley, and Miss Bessie Camburn '06 have been visiting in Hillsdale this summer.

Mrs. Carl Bailey—Libbie Cilley—is visiting Mrs. Elva Bailey Griffen and Mrs. Jessie Bailey Hasenkamp in Laramie, Wyoming.

Miss Fannie Northrope, '05 will spend the year in California.

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The engagement is announced of Edith T. Cline, 'o6, to Mr. Harlan York of Columbia University, New York City.



Eta

Jessie Johnson, 'o6, will make her home in Tacoma, Washington.

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Upsilon

Polly Little is to teach the coming year at Mundee, Ill. Francis Bowdle is to teach in a small town near her home. Nina Vest has accepted the position of general secretary of the Y. W. C. A. at Northwestern University.

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Chi

The engagement is announced of Helen Pauline Burbridge, '04, to Mr. Venning Hollis.

Florence Powell, ex '97, sails from Seattle, September 2, for Manila, where her marriage to Mr. Gallagher is to take place. Mr. Gallagher is a member of the Sigma Chi fraternity.

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Beta Zeta

Married, Ethelind Swire to Mr. Hoyt Hugh Elbert, June 16, 1906.

Cheta

Fifille Willis enters Vassar this fall.

Mary Allen will be in Boston and Virginia until Christmas.

Maud Montgomery, who took a B. S. in education at the end of the summer session, will teach during the coming year at Evanston, Ind.

Madeline Branham is teaching drawing in the public school of Columbia.

Clara Hickman is also teaching in Columbia.

Helen Montgomery is to be in Farmington, Mo., this winter, teaching in a boarding school.

Margaret Murta entered Stanford in August.



Sigma

Lola Southwick, '05, attends Bryn Mawr this year.

Mary Minor returned in August from Europe, where she spent the past year.

Ethel Burket attends school in Washington, D. C., this year.

Florence Woods and Corine White will both attend college in the east this winter.

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Beta Mu

Miss Nellie Williams was married to Mr. Philip Argall, Sigma Alpha Epsilon, August 3.

Miss Mary Lannon was married to Mr. E. S. Merrill, Beta Theta Pi, August 7.

Miss Jeanne Coulter was married to Mr. Omar Garwood, Sigma Alpha Epsilon, July 3.

Miss Lee Brown was married to Mr. Harry Hills June 1.

Mrs. Edna Keyser was married to Mr. James Dennison— Phi Beta Kappa, June 6. Born to Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Turman (Della Gardner) a daughter.

Grace Woodward, of Odin, Illinois, is visiting in Boulder. Bonnie Anderson, of Beta Eta, made us a short visit Commencement week.

Miss Lillian McCracken, our chaperon for last year, will start the first of September for Germany, where she expects to study music.

Miss Hattie and Grace Pollard are spending the summer in Evanston, Illinois. Miss Hattie attended Chicago University summer school.

Mrs Herdegen, of Milwaukee, is spending the summer with her daughter Irma in Boulder.

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Beta Xi

The wedding of Annie Joe Gardner, '05, to I. Vance Duncan, ex'04, Phi Delta Theta, is announced to take place October 8, at Palestine.

Eleanor Brackenridge, 'o6, with her father and mother, has been making the trip through Yellowstone Park.

May Devol, Delta, has accepted a position as teacher of English in the High School at Cuero, Texas.

Carrie Gardner, ex 'o6, after a three months' visit to New York, Washington, and other points in the East, returned in time to resume her teaching in Palestine.

Bennie Brown, ex '08, will make her debut in Birmingham, Alabama, where she will spend the winter with relatives.

Margaret Runge, '09, will not enter school until November, remaining in Germany until then.

Katherine Searcy, 'o6, is principal of a grammar school in Brenham, Texas.

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Washington Hlumnae Association

Born to Mr. and Mrs. H. G. Fitch (Pearl Taylor) of Steilacoom, Wash., a son, May 24, 1906.

Exchanges

An article well worth the attention of every fraternity woman was published in the Trident for June. "Alumnae Association," a "history of the movement in general and in each fraternity," covers a vast amount of ground. A short sketch, by courtesy of respective grand presidents, of each women's national fraternity having six or more active alumnae associations, is given. The radical difference seems to be the power allowed the alumnae delegate at convention.

Pi Beta Phi, who with thirty-five active chapters has thirty alumnae clubs, gives representation on her grand council through the Grand Vice President, and at convention by an alumnae delegate.

In Delta Gamma each alumnae chapter "has a delegate to and vote in convention.

"Our alumnae chapters have equal legislative powers with active chapters, and their vote is required on all questions," says Gamma Phi Beta, while Kappa Alpha Theta is less definite, merely stating that "nearly all the associations study the constitution, take reviews and discuss the Journal, and prepare their delegate to convention for intelligent and definite suggestions along vital and active lines."

Chi Omega promises to make the alumnae question one of the major topics at her next convention.

Delta Delta Delta has a government even more powerful than Delta Gamma or Gamma Phi Beta, in that:

The alliance, as an organization, has its own constitution, by-laws and ritual, and holds special session at each National Convention to discuss and legislate upon all subjects relating to alliances only which are not provided for in the constitution. Each alliance is allowed a delegate to the National Convention, and there is allowed equal voting powers with the active delegates.

The greater part of the last Trident is given over to the alumnae. An article on "The Value of the Fraternity to the Alumnae," closes with these words:

If our connection were to be entirely severed on graduation, as the association receded with the years—we should come to regard it as one of the sacred illusions of youth; something beautiful while it lasted—but unreal and evanescent. But carried into our later life by the fraternity, it tends to strengthen our faith in the ideal and to keep our hearts young.

The Shield, of Phi Kappa Psi, gives a short sketch of the life of the late Carl Schurz, who was an honorary member of their fraternity.

At the opening session of the Fifty-eighth Annual Convention of Theta Delta Chi, Frederick W. Hamilton, acting President of Tufts College, gave an address, interesting not only to his own fraternity but to all inter-collegiate fraternal organizations. The last number of the Shield prints it intact, but one passage will present his views on a subject now under discussion in the college world. Dr. Hamilton said, in part:

"There has been a sweeping change in the attitude of all college faculties towards fraternities during the twenty-nine years in which I have been a member of Theta Delta Chi. When I first entered the fraternity, there were but very few institutions in which the head was in favor of the Greek movement, and the change of relation towards them was largely the result of the stand taken by our beloved Brother Capen in favor of them. The attitude to-day is most encouraging at practically all colleges. The faculties see the value of the fraternities."

If the banquet of our Theta Delta Chi brothers was as good as the "Toasts," the chef may well be proud.

The public report of their committee on "The Pan-Hellenic Fraternity Library" well merits discussion at the hands of the fraternal systems at large.

The Open Letter

In view of the steady growth of the College Fraternity System throughout the United States and Canada the publications edited by the separate units of the same are becoming steadily more numerous and valuable, as well as more difficult to handle in individual collections.

Every fraternity, at the best, has one or more complete files of its own literature and a heterogeneous mass of other material that is almost worthless on account of its incompleteness and lack of proper classification.

Concentration of effort and material is the watchword of to-day and the following fraternities and sororities have united in placing before the Fraternal system at large a scheme for the formation of a Pan-Hellenic Fraternity Library which shall be of no financial burden to the fraternities themselves and which will be managed in the interest of all College Fraternal Organizations equally.

All college fraternities are invited to express their opinions as to the wisdom of these suggestions, and each is especially urged to send the name and address of its Librarian, or such other person as may be empowered to act in his or her stead, to the chairman of the committee representing the above named fraternities for future correspondence concerning the matter.

Suggestions Offered by the Aforesaid Committee.

- 1. That the entire College Fraternity System throughout the United States and Canada unite in forming a Pan-Hellenic Library which shall include all college fraternal publications and such other material as may be related thereto.
- 2. That each individual organization supply said library with as complete a collection of its publications as may be possible, also aiding the library in procuring complete files of such other fraternity publications as it may be in need of.
- 3. That each fraternity shall continue to supply said library with such material as may be necessary to keep it at all times up to date.

- 4. That such material shall become the property of such library to be held, arranged and catalogued by it; the library agreeing at all times to welcome suggestions concerning the welfare of said property.
- 5. That each fraternity supplying said library with material shall appoint a librarian who shall be empowered to act for the organization in all matters pertaining to said library.
- 6. That said library, its supervision of care and material shall be of no expense to the various fraternities other than forwarding of material to the same.
- 7. That the aforesaid fraternity material be turned over to the care of the New York Public Library (Astor, Lenox and Tilden Foundations), which has assured the librarian of Delta Upsilon of its extreme willingness to supply room for said library and to handle such material under the conditions herein set forth.

It will be seen therefore that the plan contemplates simply the collection in a single institution of as complete a body of fraternity literature as possible without direct expense to any fraternity, and the repository selected, The New York City Library, is the most central one which could be chosen. It will also be seen that the plan is in its infancy and at present it is simply our endorsement that is requested and an authority to use our name in issuing the first prospectus.

The advantages of the movement are so self-evident that discussion of them seems unnecessary. The plan seems to your committee altogether commendable, and we therefore recommend that the Grand Lodge be empowered to give the desired official sanction to the issuance of the proposed prospectus over its name.

Respectfully submitted,

(Signed) J. BOYCE SMITH, Jr., Rho Deuteron, 'oi. ROBERT S. EMERSON, Zeta, '97.

The recommendation of the Committee was adopted.



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