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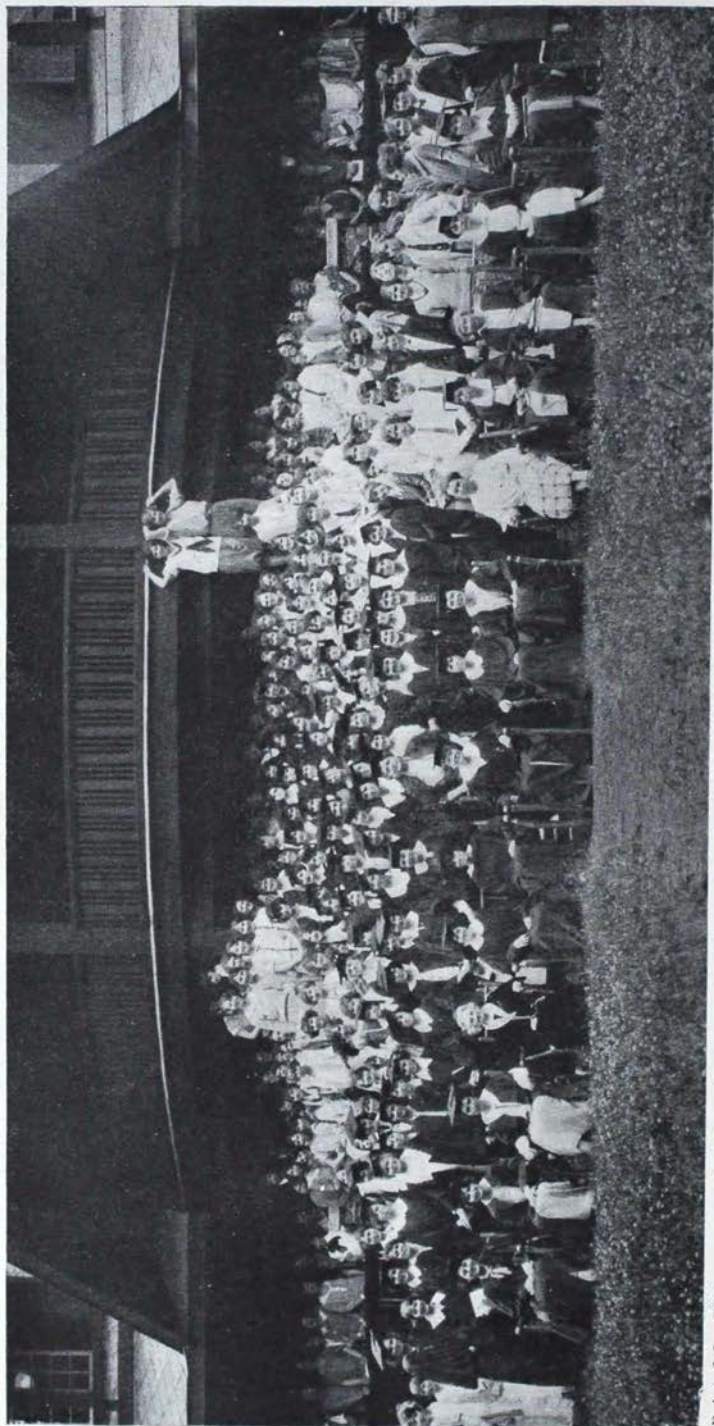
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## Convention in Canada

TO ATTEND a Kappa convention in the United States is sufficiently interesting, as our record-holding Mrs. Otstott will tell you. To attend one "over the border" has an added spice of interest. The fact that that border is (we have been told) the longest in the world which has not a fort to guard it merely makes the crossing more comfortable and emphasizes the good feeling existing on either side of "the line." Nevertheless, in the quest for new experiences, some of the Kappas searched for differences between the northern and southern countries—and reached the conclusion that where differences did exist, in speech, or customs, or the nature of the country itself, they were merely superficial, and the fundamentals were the same.

The outstanding feature of this convention was that the Canadians proved themselves truly royal hosts and that every one seemed to feel a personal responsibility for the happiness of every separate convention guest. Whether in Toronto or on the special train or at Bigwin itself, this feeling prevailed. If any northward-bound Kappa failed to be met and welcomed and cared for by the members of Beta Psi, it was because she traveled incognito and approached by stealth!

Opinions differ as to the number in attendance at convention, but the most reliable record gives it as four hundred and twenty-one. The award for long distance traveling to be present at convention would probably go to Mrs. Kuhns and Miss Ota Bartlett, who returned from Europe in time to be with us. Any mention of celebrities immediately brings to mind Beta Xi's delicious burlesque, on Stunt Night, of the opening session, and we can see the pseudo Mrs. Kuhns, dressed in impeccable white, announcing that "leaping upon her trusty camel, she sped across the desert to a waiting ship which bore her swiftly across the Atlantic!"

The skeleton of an account of convention will be found elsewhere in the form of the official program. It is a singularly lively and attractive skeleton, with "Informal Reception" at one extremity and "Kappa House-party" at the other. The solid bones are there, as surely as in

the case of "Mrs. Potter Brown," who accompanied one chapter to an earlier convention. (We wonder what would have been the reaction of a customs officer upon opening the trunk containing her, if she had been present on this occasion!) But such items as "Masquerade" and "Pageant" do tend to lessen the severity of the outline!

Some came early and some stayed late, but the main movement through Toronto occurred on June 23, and the details of how it was gracefully and efficiently managed will never be known except to the assistant marshal, Mary Rowell, and her efficient aides. A tour of the city, a greeting from the Kappa father who presides over it as mayor,



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TADE HARTSUFF KUHNS, FIRST GRAND PRESIDENT

photos of Kappas forming themselves into decorations for the locomotive of the special train—these are but items!

Then the two-fold boat trip, with the crossing of the portage as an intermission—and the arrival of the two steamers filled with Kappas at the wharf of Bigwin! Later, remembering the trip, and particularly the proportions of the little railway across the portage (not quite so long as its title, which helped to make one's ticket imposing!), the practical minded were fain to wonder at the comforts, in fact the luxuries, of Bigwin Inn. The answer, that the great, deep Chesterfields, for example, (into which we sank contentedly before the open fires) were brought to the island across the ice, afforded a partial solution—but we still marveled at the ingenuity and persistence that had perfected this



"lodge in the wilderness." We were glad to read in Mr. Shaw's letter that he liked the pageant, for we liked everything that he provided for us—from the meals, which were of more than usual excellence, to the band concert on Sunday afternoon, which gave us actual, vibrant thrills.

There was rain enough to give rest to those who would otherwise have felt that they "must not waste a moment," but plenty of crisp Canadian weather when all the "emerald isles and winding bays" were clearly outlined, as seen from the tower. The twin-flower and mosses carpeted the ground between the white birches for all who cared to walk about the island. The *Rambler III* and the other motor craft were dashing out from the shore at all hours and rowboats and canoes made more leisurely progress. If the Twilight Sing Song was held indoors instead of on the water because of the cool of the evening, there was the added advantage of a piano, and we remember the expression of amazed delight on the faces of some of the Beta Psis, as they listened to "Lindy Lou" and other southern melodies, almost as keenly as we recall the tense appreciation of the moment at the banquet when we drank the toasts to the King and to the President!

In a place all its own in our hearts belongs the model initiation with its grace and purity. Close to it, though of a less private nature, is the pageant of the founding of the fraternity. The wedding gowns, the quaint capes and bonnets—yes, and bustles!—of an earlier day move through our recollection, and are brought back even more vividly by Miss Wheeler's silhouettes of the characters in Betty Bogert Schofield's playlet, which formed the introduction, and of some of the representatives of the chapters. A movement is on foot to make the pageant a permanent institution by preserving the costumes of each period. This way of illustrating Kappa history would certainly prove a delight to future conventions, each one farther removed from the time of our founding!

The history of this convention is to be preserved in picture form, not only by snapshots, but in moving pictures taken by the Ontario Government. A series of events of educational and historical importance is being photographed and we qualify under both terms! The films of these pictures may be secured upon application to the Executive Secretary by chapters wishing to have them shown. They include various aspects of convention, as they were taken at intervals over a period of several days—and you may see your sisters in caps and gowns, or swimming suits, or arrayed for the masquerade!

For that masquerade the packing box which might have contained a piano, but didn't, gave forth a supply of blue-and-blue crêpe paper which



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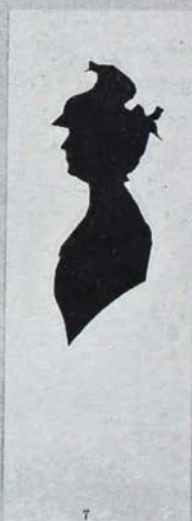
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permitted itself to be fashioned into every imaginable variety of costume! Except for certain problems of wear and tear, paper dresses would become the rule if they could prove as universally becoming as they were to the Kappas. The dressing-table costume which won a prize appears, together with other photographs and an appreciative account of the convention, in the Toronto *Sunday World* for July 27; but we miss there the "Dirty Family," also prize winners, who did, however, consent to disguise themselves again, by daylight, to appear in the "educational and historical" movies!

With Stunt Night, convention neared its close—and enough that was humorous had occurred to give material for many "local hits." A number of these had found their way into Beta Rho's minstrel show and contributed toward earning for it a well-deserved prize to carry home to the rest of the chapter—which must have been a minority, as Beta Rho, together with Mu, attended convention "en masse"! Oilcloth as a dress material, if somewhat stiffer than paper, is also more durable, and will probably figure in Kappa entertainments in Cincinnati during the coming season, while Upsilon's original Kappa songs and Mu's blue-and-blue curtains will probably also be permanent additions.

With the rapid passing of the week, the end of the convention, save for those who could remain after sessions for the house-party, came with the banquet, which was held in the great circular dining-room, where we could see through the arches of the veranda the blue of the evening sky and the deeper blue of the lake. There we recalled the pleasant days of this, the twenty-sixth convention, with a retrospective glance toward the others which had led up to it and a forward look to those for which it had paved the way, and thought of the "Kappas everywhere"—and then returned to our work and our homes with a renewed sense of the inspiration of Kappa ideals and Kappa friendships.







# The Historical Pageant of Kappa Kappa Gamma

*Held at Bigwin Inn, June 28, 1924, during Convention*

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## A Group of Silhouettes Cut by Cleora Wheeler of Chi Chapter

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1. Elizabeth Bogart-Schofield as Mrs. Willets.
2. Irma Ulrich as Kittie Black the Theta.
3. Mildred Stilz as Ida the Sub.
4. Katharine Lennox as Anna Willets.
5. Florence Lupton as Louise Bennett.
6. Louise Pittman as Jennie Boyd.
7. Mildred Stockdale as Minnie Stewart.
8. Irene Duffy as Delta (1873).
9. Rachael Hodge, of Epsilon, as Beta the Myth chapter (1871).
10. Katherine Smith as Beta Upsilon (1906).
11. Jenella Loye as Chi (1880).
12. Margaret DeCou as Iota (1875).
13. Frederika Westfall as Theta (1875).
14. Elizabeth Pollard as Beta Iota (1893).
15. Harriet Nerbovig as Upsilon (1882).
16. Edith Huggins, of Mu, as Beta Epsilon (1891).
17. Clara Fitzpatrick as Beta Omicron (1904).
18. Alice Burrows as Beta Mu (1901).
19. Rosalie Biggio as Beta Xi (1902).





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# The Business of Convention

THIS convention was notable for several definite achievements, and first among these is the revision of the Constitution and Standing Rules. Work on this was begun long before convention under the direction of Mrs. Anderson of Pittsburgh, assistant to the late General Robert, author of *Robert's Rules of Order*. Illness prevented Mrs. Anderson from attending convention, and the Council, in consultation with Miss Cleora Wheeler and Miss Eleanor Bennett, went on with the work of revision, using Mrs. Anderson's draft. When submitted to the fraternity, after full discussion of the necessary changes during convention, the "Revised Version" will be a thoroughly modern, soundly legal document, retaining the spirit of the original throughout, with only such changes in wording as will make the meaning clearer.

Perhaps next in importance is the adoption of a uniform system of budgetary financial control for chapters. This has a formidable sound but is only a step toward simplifying the bookkeeping and finances of the chapters. Our old friend, the budget, long a feature of the planning of business organizations, has in recent years become a household word. Now we are to have each of our chapters on the basis of a well-ordered household or business firm. The majority of chapters have already been managed on such a basis, but by having each one report to the national organization, stronger co-operation and the opportunity for interchange of suggestions will be secured. Mrs. Goodfellow, who knows from successful experience how the plan works for a chapter, will soon be explaining how it will work for the whole fraternity, and we will leave it to her!

Then there are the two questions of standardization which were most thoroughly discussed in convention. Because we are an old fraternity, a great variety of customs and fashions have grown up in our midst. In many cases the fraternity has been enriched through the adoption into our ritual and into our practice of customs which had originally only a local standing, but in the matter of the variation of the badge, the thousand little differences that exist are not typical of the unity of the fraternity. The spirit in which the idea of the badge was conceived was certainly that there should be a Kappa key which should everywhere be recognizable as the distinctive badge of the fraternity; and that this should be "the key" is logical and natural and generally admitted. Only as in the course of time badges have been designed to suit individual tastes, every member is now prepared to say, "By all means, one uniform





*Photograph by Cleora Wheeler*

THE WHITE BIRCHES AT BIGWIN

key—but let it be like mine!” So no one who attended convention failed to appreciate the National President’s feeling when, in congratulating the fraternity on deciding for standardization of the badge, she said: “I now believe in the possibility of church unity!” One plain and one jeweled model will hereafter exist, although *alumnæ* will, of course, retain their individual badges—one instance in which probably no one will object to having her era known by her possessions!

The other matter of standardization, that of the initiation fee, was settled in an equally logical manner. Although expenses in different chapters may vary, owing to local conditions, the cost of admission to membership in the national fraternity, reduced to a minimum, will be the same everywhere.

The question of extension, of great importance for the future, is to be met by a definite policy, based on a survey of universities and colleges to be conducted during the next two years. Petitions will be considered if coming from institutions whose ranking places them on the eligible list. If the institution has not yet attained a standing which justifies the existence there of a chapter of the fraternity, the group cannot be considered. If the rating of the university or college is sufficiently high, the group will then be judged on its own merits. As this will be under the capable direction of the ex-National Registrar, we will let her tell you more of it later on, after she has become Mrs. Ballinger.

We have kept until the last the most personal item, for the creation of the new office of National Director of Provinces is inseparably associated with the first person to hold that office, Mrs. Georgia Lloyd Jones. The development of the province system of government has been very marked in recent years, but it still holds unguessed possibilities. Province conventions bring together groups of girls whom distance prevents from attending national conventions, and also encourage attendance at the latter wherever possible, because a province convention is a “little sister” of the national gathering. Province officers will now be more closely in touch than before with the national organization and the interchange of ideas as to the relation of local and national affairs will be encouraged. Under Mrs. Jones’ leadership, the province officers will undoubtedly find more work to do and, at the same time, more of interest, and one of the many fine results will undoubtedly be a strengthening of the unity of Kappa and an even larger attendance at the next convention than at this one, at which all these things, and more, that are broadening and deepening and unifying influences for good, were accomplished.



## From Our Oldest Member at Convention

I WONDER if all who attended that wonderful convention are still thrilled with the memories of those seven days.

We can never forget them.

I wish to express in this way my most heartfelt appreciation—

First—To our National President for the special courtesies extended to me during the convention ;

Second—To every member of the National Council, the chairmen, deputies, and Panhellenic members,

And last but not least—To the 400 or more delegates and visitors, who were so attentive, courteous and loving to me in every possible way.

I am looking forward to the 1926 convention and hope to meet you all and many more, perhaps as guests of Nebraska and Colorado. It will surely be some achievement if any hostesses can equal our Canadian sisters.

I hope we can have 1,000 at our next convention. Shall we not begin at once to bank a definite amount each week or month for that purpose?

My key attracted the attention of a descendant of Dr. Churchill, of Monmouth. I was going through the Children's Hospital in Chicago and was introduced to Dr. Churchill. He said: "I have been looking at your Kappa key. My great-grandfather was at Monmouth when Kappa Kappa Gamma was founded. I have often heard him remark what a fine bunch of girls they were." You see, we may be proud of our ancestors.

More another time if our gracious Editor will grant me space. With sweetest memories of the most splendid of conventions,

MAY ROWND ABBOTT, E,  
*Lincoln Alumna Association.*

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Many large national fraternities are not "national fraternities" at all, but rather "national associations of local frats."—*Rattle* Theta Chi.



CONVENTION SNAPSHOTS



## “Letters”

Huntsville, Ontario,

July 30, 1924.

Mrs. Della L. Burt,  
Executive Secretary,  
Kappa Kappa Gamma Fraternity,  
Box 920, Bryan, Tex.

*Dear Mrs. Burt:*

I am very pleased to acknowledge receipt of your letter of July 22nd, addressed to the Anglo Canadian Band, and for the expression of thanks from the members of your society to the members of the Anglo Canadian Band in appreciation of the band concert given to your members on Sunday, during your convention week at Bigwin. It will give me much pleasure to convey same to the members of the Band.

In closing permit me to say that we esteem it a favor to have had the opportunity of entertaining your society at Bigwin Inn, and should it ever be our good fortune to again be permitted to entertain the members of your society at Bigwin, I hope that I may still be alive and able to be present at Bigwin during that time.

I enjoyed more than I can express to you in words, the entertainment given by the members of the society in the rotunda at Bigwin, during the evening in the latter part of their stay. I refer to the little play intended to convey to the audience a suggestion of what took place in the early days of the formation of the society. You can perhaps appreciate that to people of my age, and my better half, Mrs. Shaw, who was present with me that evening at the performance, many things were called back in our memories of the times when our children and our sisters were graduates of various colleges and institutions. The costumes worn by the members of your society on the evening of that performance, we could readily recognize and recall to memory as being the styles of many years ago.

Again thanking you for your favor of the 22nd, I remain

Yours sincerely,

CHAS. O. SHAW.

Toronto, Ont.,  
Aug. 13, 1924.

Mrs. Della L. Burt,  
Executive Secretary,  
Kappa Kappa Gamma Fraternity,  
Bryan, Tex.

*Madam:*

I duly received your letter of July 23rd and was very much pleased to note your appreciation of the Passenger Department relative to the arrangements made for the National Convention at Bigwin Inn in June. I understand this undertaking was a success from every point of view and sincerely trust it may be repeated from year to year and that we may have the pleasure of participating in the transportation arrangements.

Reciprocating your good wishes with thanks, I am,  
Yours very truly,

H. C. BOURLIER,  
*General Passenger Agent.*

Bigwin Inn,  
July 4, 1924.

Miss Mary Deeves,  
Bigwin Inn.

*Dear Miss Deeves:*

May I, on behalf of my staff and myself, thank the Kappa Kappa Gamma Fraternity for the check they so kindly sent, and which I will distribute to the best of my ability.

Margaret, the Rotunda maid, has also asked me to convey to you her thanks for the check she received.

I am much gratified that you were all so pleased with the service given you by my staff.

Yours sincerely,

NINA M. CAMPBELL.

*My dear Mrs. Burt:*

As retiring president of Gamma Phi Beta, may I express through you to Kappa Kappa Gamma, our appreciation of the greetings sent us while at Lake Placid. It was an inspiration to know that several of us were "convention-ing" at the same time and I am sure that our various contributions from these gatherings will be of benefit to the Panhellenic world.



And Kappa's telegram helped to make the fiftieth anniversary all the more golden.

Cordially yours,

July 15, 1924.

LINDSEY BARBEE.

*The Kappas at Bigwin Inn were so grateful to the marshal of convention, Mary Deeves, for the efficient manner in which she managed and directed convention and were so impressed with her ability to be here, there and everywhere in straightening out difficulties that they wished to express to her their appreciation of her ability. As a result the Executive Secretary was instructed to complete negotiations for a key for Mary Deeves. Extracts from a letter received from Mary Deeves by the Executive Secretary tell how happy Convention Kappas made her by their thoughtfulness.*

Brampton, Ont.,  
July 18, 1924.

Dear Della:

. . . The real purpose, aim and object of this letter is to tell you that my key arrived last night—and I love it so much that I've been quite foolish ever since. It is just what I've always thought I'd have, as an old lady, but never expected it until then.

You know that I feel like a regular little worm accepting it, for I loved doing any work I did and I do not deserve any expression of thank-yous—everyone was so lovely to me at convention. I feel I should wear a placard under my key, "This was given me by wonderful but foolish people and isn't deserved at all." At least my conscience would be easier.

But—I love it, and I've worn it steadily since it came. To-morrow I shall be sorry when I start for camp for, of course, I will not take it there, but I will be all the more anxious to get home again.

Marion enclosed it with a very lovely note and I am just delighted and so conceited. I ought to pluck every diamond and sapphire from it and give them to others of Beta Psi who really deserve them.

I am still as homesick as ever for convention. I go around trying to hum Kappa songs—only to find myself gulping. Convention was so wonderful. I still cannot believe it is all past and gone—seems like a dream! It would be great if it were still to happen. There are hundreds of things I would do differently you may be sure.

. . . But my key—I just love it and pat it every now and then. It is still a big dream.

Loyally,

MARY DEEVES.

# The National Council

THREE members of the council are to serve the fraternity in their respective offices for another period of two years. Their portraits and biographies appeared in THE KEY in October and December, 1922, and any Kappa who does not feel acquainted with the essential facts concerning the National President, the Executive Secretary and the Editor, is referred to those issues. The past two years, with the new interests of matrimony for two of these members and unnumbered concerns of various kinds for the third, have not lessened but rather intensified their interest in the fraternity, and much of the history of that time for them could be told in terms of Kappa. In one form or another, much of this has been told, officially, in the form of reports. What remains untold is chiefly of a personal nature, of the forming of stronger ties through unique experiences—compensation for much hard and strenuous work, gladly done. None of them feel, however, that these two years have brought outward changes which would prevent the photographs that appeared in 1922 from being recognizable at present! Therefore, in keeping with the recommendations of THE KEY Policy Committee, informal snapshots of these and other familiar faces will appear from time to time.

We do, however, wish to introduce to all members not present at convention the National Vice-president, with the hope that many of you may have the privilege of actually meeting and knowing her before long. The National Director of Provinces and the National Registrar will formally make their début in the next issue of THE KEY, but they are also to be found, thanks to Miss Wheeler and her camera, in this one!

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## THE PROFESSOR

To publish all the things he knew  
A hundred volumes took;  
And yet he did not know enough  
To fill a pocketbook.

—Michigan Gargoyle.



# The National Vice-President

THE news of the election of Mrs. Charles A. Harris as National Vice-president of Kappa Kappa Gamma was received by two of the Indiana chapters with equal pride and satisfaction. For years Mrs. Harris has been so closely identified with the affairs of both Delta and Mu that Mu sometimes forgets that Delta has the prior claim to her.

Born of one of the well-known, old families of Bellaire, Ohio, Virginia Belle Rodefer began her education in the schools in that city. A few years later her family moved to Elwood, Ind., where she graduated from high school. After spending one year in her parents' Alma Mater, Hiram College, Hiram, Ohio, and one year at Butler College, Indianapolis, she entered Indiana University, graduating from that institution in 1904.

In 1907 she was married to Charles A. Harris, a loyal  $\Phi \Gamma \Delta$  of the same university. After taking up their residence in Indianapolis near Butler College, Mrs. Harris became actively associated with the girls of Mu, having been made a patroness of that chapter. As president of the Indianapolis Alumnae Association for two years, her distinctive contribution was the interest and enthusiasm she aroused among the younger Kappas of the city for the alumnae work. She also served two years as president of the Indianapolis Panhellenic Association, having been one of its founders. Due to her suggestion the Mothers' Club of Mu chapter was organized, and she was made honorary president. The club has been most successful in promoting the welfare of the chapter.

Besides presiding over an unusually hospitable home, shared by her husband and ten-year-old son, John, Mrs. Harris takes her full part in the club life and philanthropic effort of the community. She is a member of the Catherine Merrill, the Irvington Woman's and the Irvington Dramatic Clubs, of the Public Health Nursing Association, American Association of University Women and the Daughters of the American Revolution.

Mrs. Harris is very fond of the out-of-doors and enjoys it most when indulging in her favorite hobby of horseback riding with her family at their winter home on Cooleewahee Plantation near Albany, Ga., and, indeed, may be seen on her beautiful blue-ribbon horse, King H., on the bridle paths about Indianapolis several mornings in the week.

Recently a Latreian chapter, young women out of college organized for special study of social service problems and affiliated with the Indiana Junior Federation of Women's Clubs, unanimously chose Mrs. Harris as counselor. Like our National President, Mrs. Westermann, Mrs. Harris best enjoys working with girls. Kappa Kappa Gamma is fortunate in having as its executives women of their kind.

JENNIE ARMSTRONG HOWE, *Mu*.



VIRGINIA RODEFER HARRIS, Δ AND M



# The Rose McGill Fund of Kappa Kappa Gamma

The Rose McGill Fund of Kappa Kappa Gamma, still in its infancy with a balance in the neighborhood of \$1,500.00, is a fund for the assistance of Kappas in distress. It was started at the 1922 Convention as a special collection to aid Rose McGill, a member of Beta Psi Chapter, Victoria College, Toronto, and thus took its name from the first Kappa to whom assistance was given. It is in no way a loan fund, that is, it has no provisions for repayment as has the Students' Aid Fund, but will be disbursed as outright gifts in cases warranting its use. It was begun by donations of \$10.00 from each active chapter and alumnæ association represented at Convention and since that time has been increased by donations and \$1.00 from each initiation fee. Until the 1924 Convention this fund was known as part of the Endowment Fund, but it has now been separated from the latter and a special chairman appointed to administer the money of the fund.

Although no further demands have been made upon the fund other than the help still being rendered to the member whose name it bears, still from the few tragic cases previously brought to the attention of several alumnæ associations throughout the country, the fraternity feels justified in providing a definite relief to those members who may from time to time be quite without financial backing, in ill health, and whose care would be too great a burden for their local chapters or alumnæ associations to assume.

The Kappas who were privileged to visit Rose McGill on their return to Toronto from Convention this summer found at the Muskoka Hospital the biggest inspiration of their trip. To see how bright and cheerful she could be in the face of an almost incurable disease made their hearts ache, but also made them happy and proud to feel that the fraternity realizes the necessity of continuing such help as it gives, not only to Rose McGill, but to other members in similar circumstances.

MARION V. ACKLEY.

# An Opportunity For Service\*

BY MARY MORGAN-BREWER

New York City

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THE whole theory of a democracy is that the people shall rule, but the judgment of the people is determined by public opinion, the most potent force in a democracy. Therefore it is well to examine the factors which shape public opinion to find out whether or not it is a reasonable, dependable force.

Three dominant factors enter into the formation of public opinion. First there is the personal equation. By inheritance and environment we have a set of preconceived ideas which we bring to bear upon every bit of knowledge we acquire. We are by nature inhospitable to the opinions of others and we are intellectually indolent. It is easier to think along familiar channels than it is to examine the facts which may cause us to cross those channels. We resent any effort to unsettle our preconceived ideas. We read little about public questions and our points of contact are largely limited to our own social "set."

The second force in determining public opinion is the existence of numerous propaganda agencies and the difficulty of ascertaining the facts. Upon every side we are surrounded by propaganda—propaganda for and against the League of Nations, the World Court, the Volstead Act, the Eighteenth Amendment, the Klan, the Soldiers' Bonus, and what not. In the presidential year there is an enormous amount of partisan propaganda, and as the election approaches each mail brings us a batch of "literature" prejudicial to one or another candidate. Those of us who live in New York are familiar with the propaganda of the "Subway Sun" and the "Elevated Express." Our highways reek with bill-board propaganda and the weary traveler has it served to him with his meals, for the dining-car menu and even the time-tables present the real or imaginary grievances of the railroad.

Amidst this confusion of propaganda one turns in despair to the third factor in determining public opinion—the press. He thinks here in his favorite newspaper he will surely get the facts. His paper assures him as much. It prides itself upon its slogan "All the news that's fit to print," "The truth first to last, news, editorials, advertise-

\* Foundation Day address, January 23, 1924.



ments," "If you see it in the *Planet* it's so," but is it? Our newspapers are dependent for their news upon the same human element which we find in ourselves. Their reporters are subject to the same biases and prejudices. Rarely are they trained for their work. Our schools of journalism reach only a few. He is a brave reporter whose "story" fails to reflect the editorial policy of his paper, and there are to-day few editors with no ax to grind. Time was when our great dailies were largely owned and edited by a single individual. The New York *Sun* for example voiced the opinions of Charles A. Dana, the New York *Tribune* those of Horace Greeley, and the more recent silencing of Henry Watterson left the Louisville *Courier-Journal* without a spokesman. The passing of this generation of editors meant not only the loss of their influence and leadership, but it meant the transformation of newspapers into stock companies with widely diffused ownership so that to-day our newspapers are not only news-dispensing agencies but they are business corporations as well.

Their stockholders are hard-headed business men who believe in running a newspaper just as they would run any other business—for profit. They have found that appeals to religious bigotry, race prejudice, and national biases increase their sales. They have found that people love the melodramatic; they are looking for a villain and someone must be the goat. It may be a Cabinet officer, a presidential aspirant, or even the President of the United States. At all hazards the circulation of the paper must be increased if it is to become a good advertising medium, and increased advertisements mean increased profits. We hear a great deal about the subsidized press. There were a few glaring examples during the war, but let us disregard these and consider only the press *unconsciously subsidized* through its desire to cater to its advertisers or its stockholders. Where there is a diversity of opinion upon a subject considerable latitude is allowed to our editorial writers, but where big business is united upon some policy that editor is rare indeed who dares to affront this opinion.

Walter Lippman, believing that the public is entitled to receive not opinions about facts but the facts themselves, has written an interesting criticism of modern news-gathering under the title "Liberty and the News." In conclusion he says:

The satisfaction of advertising a pet theory is as nothing compared to the publication of the news and the development of an authentic news-service which is invincible because it supplies what the community is begging for and cannot get. All the gallant little sheets expressing particular programs are at bottom vanity and in the end futility so long as the reporting of daily news is

left in untrained and biased hands. If we are to move ahead, we must see a great independent journalism, like those which the splendid English coöperative societies are setting for commercial business. An enormous amount of money is dribbled away in one fashion or another on little papers, mass-meetings, and what not. If only some considerable portion of it could be set aside to establish a *central international news-agency*, we should make progress. We cannot fight the untruth which envelops us by parading our opinions. We can do it only by reporting the facts, and we do not deserve to win if the facts are against us. . . . We shall advance when we have learned humility; when we have learned to see the truth, to reveal it and publish it; when we care more for that than for the privilege of arguing about ideas in a fog of uncertainty.

The possibility of a press properly informed and really free bids us hope for the formation of a public opinion uninvolved in a web of propaganda and for its translating into political action. It is the function of political parties to present issues, and those issues are determined by public opinion.

An examination of recent political platforms, however, reveals few real issues. We find these platforms filled with pious platitudes and meaningless appeals to emotions and prejudices. A careful analysis of them reveals such subtle and confusing distinctions that a seeker after issues is likely to despair. In his *American Government and Politics*, Charles A. Beard contrasts portions of the Republican and the Democratic platforms of 1912 as follows:

The Democrats declared in favor of a tariff for revenue although they promised not to injure legitimate industry by a too radical reduction in duties while the Republicans adhered to the policy of protection but conceded the desirability of making the duties as low as possible, just enabling our manufacturers to overcome the handicap imposed by the higher cost of labor and production in the United States which leads one to conclude that the Democrats believe in a tariff for revenue with incidental protection while the Republicans believe in a tariff for protection with incidental revenue!

That political parties no longer present real live issues is evidenced by the fact that of the six outstanding domestic issues only three have been made political issues, the tariff, free silver, and the income tax, while the other three, slavery, prohibition, and woman suffrage (until it was an assured fact), have been disregarded by our major political platforms. With the exception of the League of Nations, one searches in vain for a controversial issue in the major party platforms of 1920, and even upon the League of Nations the issue was not clear-cut. It seemed to hinge entirely upon the use of the definite or indefinite article—*The* League of Nations, or *A* League of Nations. Undoubtedly people of exactly opposite views voted for Mr. Harding.



Some people voted for him thinking that by doing so they were taking the surest method of entering the League while others voted for him thinking he would keep us out of "entangling alliances."

It is thus that our political platforms purposely confuse the issues, and mislead their followers. This straddling of issues and setting up of straw issues is due to the personnel of the parties. Party expediency and not principle is the guide to action, so their proper function is perverted. Each party numbers in its ranks people of all shades of opinion from the ultra-conservative to the extreme radical, and it is in an effort to conciliate all of them and to alienate none of them that our political platforms are framed.

Ambassador Bryce in the *American Commonwealth* says that American political parties continue to exist long after the issues which called them into being have ceased to be issues; that the machinery has been set in motion and that the mill continues to run even when there is no grist to grind.

The Republican party is supposed to stand for a strong centralized government while the Democratic party is supposed to pride itself upon its states' rights doctrine. Nevertheless, during the war and under a Democratic administration we had the strongest centralized government in the history of our country. We have seen how little these parties differ on the tariff issue. In fact the old vertical dividing line has disappeared. We can no longer say on this side are the Democrats and on this side the Republicans. A progressive Republican is more like a Progressive Democrat and a conservative Republican is more like a conservative Democrat than a progressive Republican is like a conservative Republican or a progressive Democrat is like a conservative Democrat, so that the division is lateral, making a cross-section of both parties. Recent primaries have shown such upheavals in the existing political parties that such stand-pat Republicans as Frank Munsey and Dr. Nicholas Murray Butler have advocated a new political alignment with the conservatives of both parties in one party and the progressives of both parties in the other.

The failure of the two major parties to present real issues has led to the formation of third parties. Although our political graveyards are strewn with them, no third party has ever become a major party if one excepts the brief career of the Progressive party, which outvoted the Republican party in 1912. However, third parties are a very healthy manifestation of political life and are by no means a negligible political factor. To them we owe most of the progressive legislation

of the past half-century. Most of the policies advocated by the Populist and Progressive parties have been incorporated into one or the other of our major political parties.

The last four amendments to our Constitution were first advocated by minor parties. Civil service, the parcel post, the postal savings banks, the Department of Labor, the Children's Bureau were all advocated by minor parties and have become a part of our national government.

The initiative, referendum and recall, in use in many states, and the direct primary in use in some form in thirty-nine states, all owe their adoption to the pressure of third-party groups.

Professor Willis in his excellent article on "Principal Political Problems of the United States," published in the January issue of the *Quarterly*, suggests that the time is now ripe for the formation of a third party along the lines suggested, with progressives in one camp and conservatives in the other.

There is still another way to secure action when the major political parties refuse to function and that is through pressure groups. These are numerous and varied, ranging all the way from the "Federation of Women's Clubs," largely composed of social and cultural clubs, to our Chambers of Commerce, Kiwanis, Rotary, and other business men's clubs, and to such civic organizations as the Citizens' Union of New York City, the Municipal League of Chicago, and the Citizens' League of Cleveland. The American Federation of Labor has probably accomplished more for labor than any labor party. Other well-known pressure groups are the League of Women Voters, the Woman's Party, and perhaps best known of them all is the Anti-Saloon League. The influence of many of these pressure groups is out of all proportion to the number of votes they represent but is due to their strategic position. The fact that the Anti-Saloon League has access to practically every evangelical pulpit in the country gives it an enormous influence. One can affiliate with a political party and at the same time work through one of these pressure groups.

The apathy of our so-called best citizens and their failure to respond to their civic duty is responsible for much of our political corruption. Plato very aptly said that the penalty people pay for being uninterested in politics is to be governed by people worse than themselves.

When Ambassador Gerard returned from Europe at the outbreak of the War, he was asked by President Wilson to what we owed the terrible catastrophe which had overtaken the world, and he answered,



"It is the king business, Mr. President," but it was the apathy and the indifference of the masses of men which made the "king business" possible. Bismark, who founded the German Empire, said it was impossible to comprehend the stupidity of the human race. "Making the world safe for democracy" means far more than driving kings into exile. It means making democracy safe in the minds of the people.

The aim of government as set forth in the preamble to the Constitution is to promote the common welfare. In the consideration then of any subject we should ask ourselves whether it will promote the general welfare.

In order to take the place in the government of our country which our country has a right to expect of its favored sons and daughters, we must take an active part in its political life. We must join a political party. This does not necessarily entail fanatical partisanship, but it enables one to take part in the party caucuses and primaries, to help frame the party policies, and to name its candidates.

The election district (precinct) is the smallest political division. Someone has called it the cornerstone of democracy. In it is found opportunity for the keenest intelligence and the greatest initiative. Joseph Tumulty in his book, *The Life of President Wilson*, says he received his first political training in a ward in Jersey City and that in his after life he had found no political problem which was not a magnified election district problem. Begin your active political life as a committeeman in your own election district. By so doing you will learn more practical politics than you can possibly learn from any textbook or college professor.

Disabuse your minds of the thought that politics is a disagreeable business to be left to those unpleasant people called politicians and substitute for that thought the idea that participation in political life is a patriotic duty. The greatest menace which our country faces to-day is not the ignorant vote nor the foreign vote but the indifference of the pure American vote of the so-called better classes.

Four years ago when we were electing a president of the United States in this country where disfranchisement is a punishment for crime, only forty-nine per cent of the eligible vote was cast, fifty-one per cent of the people disfranchising themselves by choice, and two years later at a congressional election and in a year when thirty states were electing governors only thirty-nine per cent of the eligible vote was cast. Nothing is more certain than that we shall make small progress toward ridding our country of "invisible government" until

we can instil into the minds of the people the idea of their inescapable responsibility for the kind of government that they have.

We need a new kind of political faith, a new political slogan. We are still talking about the rights of man. We need to think more of his duties. We should learn that in a democracy no person has a right even to claim citizenship who is not willing to put the common welfare above his own welfare, and that no person has a right to the privileges of citizenship who does not perform the duties of citizenship, and first and foremost among these duties is the vote. We need to ponder upon what we can do for our country—not what we can get out of it. It is not sufficient that we should feel a glow of patriotism upon the Fourth of July; it is not sufficient that we should be willing to serve our country during war, we must serve it during peace.

It is our duty as men and women with trained minds to see to it that the indifferently educated and the uneducated know something of our institutions, know the meaning of this great experiment in democracy, know that there is no injustice and no oppression that may not be corrected through the vote.

We have need to correct the opinion that has gone out throughout the world that our democracy is a failure. We have need to prove that we are crusading for the ideals of our forefathers as expressed in the preamble of the Constitution to preserve and to advance the welfare of all. It is only through such conscientious service to our country that we can advance the cause of democracy throughout the world.

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#### BUT DON'T THEY?

A University of Chicago professor says the majority of Phi Beta Kappa women never marry because they know better.—*Indiana Student*—via *Banta's Greek Exchange*.



# Chinese Life and Scenes

BY MARTHA WALKER

These poems by a niece of Mrs. Minnie Royse Walker were awarded second place in a contest conducted by the *DePauw Magazine*.

## CHINESE NIGHT

Along the Chinese hutungs\*  
In the cool and darkening twilight  
The shops of laborers are dimly lit  
And voices are hushed and low.  
The passers hasten along their ways  
To homes outside the gates,  
While the food shops fill  
And 'mid sips of tea  
The storyman's tale begins.  
The carts on the road grow fewer;  
The venders go home to rest,  
And the night cries sound  
Through the evening skies,  
Shrill and uncouth at best.  
The little stands along the streets  
Are lifted on their poles  
And slung across the owners' backs  
As they hasten toward their goals.  
Lone rickshas stand in the shadows—  
Empty, neglected at last—  
And through red gates come the cheerful sounds  
Of families all reunited.  
Without the walls  
In the hutungs bare  
The wanderer feels  
The relax of care.  
The looming guards of the city grey,  
The piercing pagodas and temple towers  
Gleam up in the dusk some miles away

\*lanes

And the moon rises higher  
And soon starts to sink,  
Slipping from view behind shadowy heights.  
The sounds on the street grow fainter  
And fainter—  
The flames in the lanterns gloom dimmer  
And dimmer.  
The night vender calls  
Through the silence uncanny  
While the minstrel strolls heedless,  
Low humming  
And strumming.  
The foreigner halts  
In his evening stroll—  
Weary, deserted, alone,  
Alone.  
The cold shut gates  
And flickering lanterns,  
Musky shops and incense urns—  
Silence and night in a Chinese city—  
No comfort of home for  
This weary stranger.  
Just a night of shadows,  
Mysterious glow  
And sharp edged horizons that point  
Above a sleeping world.  
Idols and walls,  
Weird sounds and calls,  
Darkness and gloom,  
Oriental perfume—  
Such is night in a distant land.

#### THE TEMPLE OF FAITH

Beyond the common streets of man,  
Behind the walls of Han,  
Upon the sloping Western Hills  
A temple rises wan.  
Its layered roofs  
Of empire gold,  
Its walls of Peking blue,  
Great Oriental mystery hold

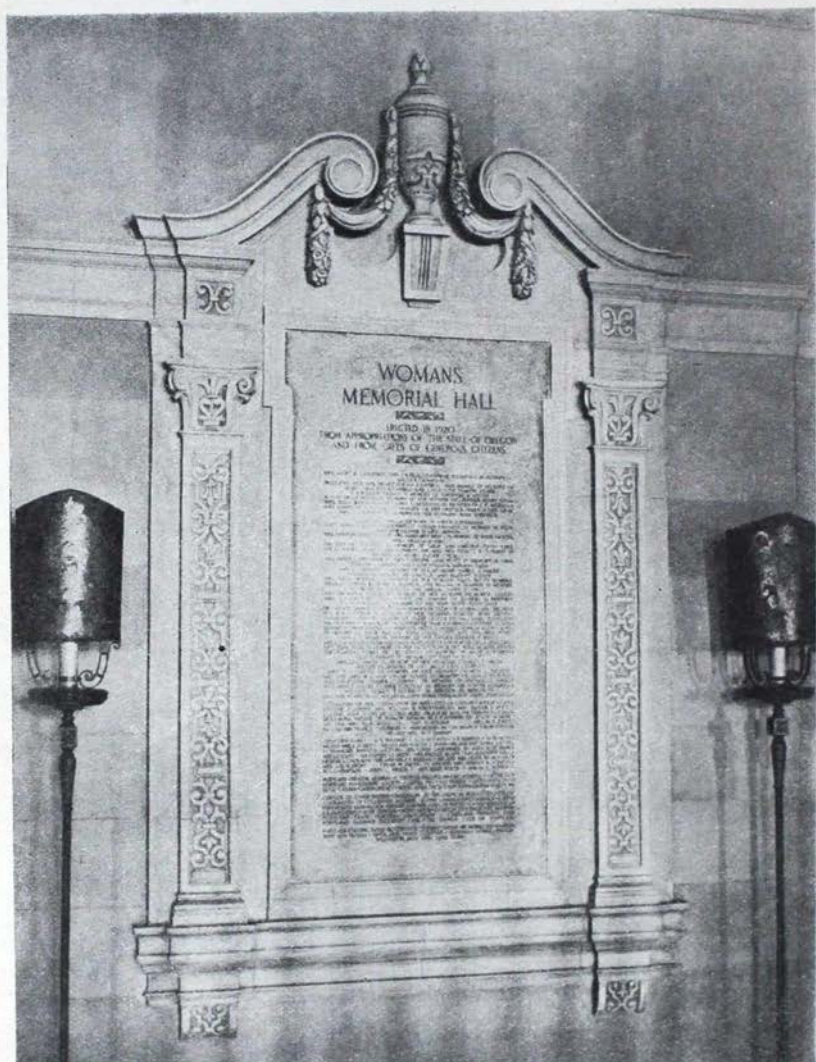


The praise of Chu-ang Tsu.\*  
Before its gates halt caravans  
And Chinese tribes and clans,  
Even pilgrims from Wung Ku  
And princes in sedans.  
Before the gods their prayers they chant  
With incense burning low.  
The priests stand near e'er vigilant,  
With blessings to bestow.  
So, on they come and forth they go,  
Forgiv'n by idols of gold—  
Satisfied by the faith they know  
And a worship of custom old.

\*Chinese Monist

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Leland Stanford has instituted a course for cheer leaders. The New York *Times* remarks that the University will probably now grant degrees *sonoris causa*.—*Phi Mu Delta Triangle*.



MARBLE TABLET WITH NAMES OF DONORS ON LANDING OF GRAND STAIRCASE,  
MEMORIAL HALL, WOMAN'S BUILDING



# Kappas Known to Fame

IRENE HAZARD GERLINGER

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To-day three states in the Union are laying claim to Irene Hazard Gerlinger. Each would have her for its own records of "Women Known to Fame." Although she was born in the state of New York, she spent most of her early life and received her education in California. In 1903 she married George T. Gerlinger, a young lumbermill owner of Oregon, and went there to make her home. Since that time, Oregon bases its claim by quoting a famous old saying, "Not to the state in which one is born, not to the state in which one is educated, but to the state to which one gives the most."

Through her efforts, Oregon has one of the finest university buildings for women in the United States. Experts have pronounced it "the best equipped Woman's Building for physical training in America." In 1904 the governor of Oregon appointed her as the first woman member of the Board of University Regents. In doing so he charged her with the responsibility of getting for the women of the state university better living quarters and a Woman's Building for their physical education and as a social center for the whole university.

Many are curious to know from whom Mrs. Gerlinger received her inspiration for the Woman's Building. She says, "When a student at the University of California, I had the good fortune to know well Mrs. Phoebe Hearst, and in common with all the university family imbibed something of her ideals for the beauty of surroundings and well-ordered physical, social and intellectual life for the students which she held. At the University of Oregon, President P. H. Campbell has cherished the same dream of a proper setting for the activities of women students. The partially completed Woman's Quadrangle within the university campus is the beginning of a realization of his plan to give women halls of residence and some measure of seclusion within the larger group."

The state legislature of Oregon appropriated one hundred thousand dollars for a Woman's Building at the university on condition that an equal amount be raised by private subscriptions. The state alumni association undertook to raise ten thousand dollars. Mrs. Gerlinger raised the other amount, and not being satisfied by coming up to the mark set by the legislature, kept on raising money until the amount grew to three hundred fifty thousand.

No one woman in Oregon has a wider range of church and philanthropic activities than Mrs. Gerlinger. In high school days, she founded

a small-town library in California. Later in her first Oregon home, at Dallas, she founded the county library, a civic and literary club and a branch of the Needlework Guild of America. Her activities extend from teaching in Sunday School to serving as a member on the board of the "Old People's Home." Youth and old age both respond to her energetic personality and intellect. At present she is a trustee of the "Wemme Endowment Fund for Wayward Girls"; a member of the Free Dispensary board, and a member of the Medical School Committee to build and operate the "Doernbecker Hospital for Children." Besides these outside interests, she leads an active social life and is a patron of music



IRENE HAZARD GERLINGER

and art. Nevertheless, her main business in life is the rearing of three lovely daughters, the oldest of whom is a student at the University of Oregon.

A life that holds so much of variety and interest springs from and is made possible by the strength of body and mind handed down through a line of vigorous Scotch-Irish and French ancestors. From the Scotch side, she has gained her serious religious aspirations, keen perseverance and vigor of will. From the Celts and Latins have come a love of beauty and poetry and sheer joy in life.

It is no wonder that New York, California and Oregon claim so far-visioned and altruistic a character as Irene Hazard Gerlinger.

GENEVIEVE KELLER SHAVER, *Beta Omega*.



## Editorial Comment

THE fad for "reduction," scientific or otherwise, cannot be held responsible for the slimness of this issue of THE KEY. The probable cause lies in long, dreamy summer days beside the waters or among the hills. Even an editor, moving her portable typewriter to the south side of the house where the clematis is in bloom, cannot begrudge days of vacation leisure or athletic activity to Kappas everywhere—and for the busy ones allowance is always to be made!

But with the coming of autumn's invigorating weather, and all the stirring doings of early winter, won't you send us news, and more news? There is never a time when Kappas are not in the thick of things. Please tell us about them!

This number is frankly devoted to convention, the largest event that has loomed on the Kappa horizon in recent months. Both for those who were present and to those whose interests only were centered there, while they were forced to be absent, we wish that these pages may hold something of the atmosphere of convention; and for those who have never attended a national convention, we hope that the desire to be present at the next one may be aroused by the inspiration which this one has afforded. This was a convention remarkable for what it actually accomplished, entirely aside from its social aspects as a reunion. The results should be strongly in evidence during the next two years and should be watched with keen interest by all Kappas who have observed the broadening tendencies of the fraternity movement, and in particular the developments originating from our own convention of 1924.

### ON CHOOSING NEW MEMBERS

That very difficult season when chapters are adding to their membership a group of girls, necessarily limited in number, has arrived. All over the country there are freshmen waiting with genuine anxiety, however well concealed, to know whether they will be selected, and fraternity members, supposedly in a more enviable position, are wondering, perhaps with equally disturbed feelings, whether their choosing will be justified. Faculty members, resigned or critical according to their individual dispositions, are waiting for the period of uncertainty to pass so that normal collegiate work may be resumed.

Much regret and protest at the artificiality of this system has been expressed from time to time, and yet there is a certain inevitability about it. Groups *will* form, and if these groups have a basis of organization

so much the better. The unorganized groups in the minority of colleges where national fraternities do not exist have all the disadvantages of selection without the advantages derived from being part of a strong organization with definite purposes, and once these groups have formed, the natural method of growth for them seems to be the choosing at the opening of each college year of new members.

There is ground, however, for a plea for greater reasonableness at this time, and even for a degree of calmness. To the enthusiasm of youth, with its sudden attachments, this seems cold and unspontaneous. For the time being, all that matters is the immediate issue in hand, "Are we going to get the girls we want? Am I going to be asked to join the fraternity I want?" The whole matter centers around that question. Would it be possible to face it from a different angle and to think: "Are we going to make our chapter so genuinely desirable in loyalty to the college, in high standards, in achievement, that the finest girls will *naturally* be drawn toward it? Am I going to make myself such a worthwhile citizen of this college community that an organization of the highest type will *naturally* feel that I should be among its members?"

Perhaps this is too much to hope when in the large entering classes of our universities the individual is practically submerged; but at least there is nothing to be lost through such an attitude of mind, and everything to be gained if it could actually prevail. As fraternity members, why not make a consistent effort to bring about a healthier state of affairs during the opening months of college by giving *thinking* first place rather than *feeling*? Emotion will always be strong enough in any group that is made up of women. Give reason its full chance!

#### TO CHAPTER CORRESPONDENTS

Will chapter correspondents, and any others who send material for publication in THE KEY, please read carefully the rules given on page 190 of the April issue?

Chapter letters should reach the editor's deputy, Helen Beiderwelle, 2537 Homestead Place, Cincinnati, before October 20, December 20, February 20, and August 20.

Also, please read the recommendations of THE KEY Policy Committee in this issue, which will go into effect with the next number of the magazine.



## LOST AND FOUND

LOST: In New York City, Kappa key made by Burr Patterson, with black lettering and a single diamond on the ward. Initiation date, May 27, 1917, on the back. Beta Nu chapter. If found, please notify the National President.

FOUND: In Brooklyn, N. Y., a Kappa key with no engraving by which to identify it. The badge, which has close-set pearls and turquoises on both handle and ward, is an old model, evidently made by J. F. Newman about thirty years ago. The badge has been sent to the National President. Information or inquiry will be welcomed by her.

## "KEY" POLICY

## CONVENTION, 1924

THE KEY Policy Committee recommends:

1. That the names and addresses of the founders of the fraternity be included in THE KEY.

2. That special commendation be given to chapter correspondents who have attended regularly to their duties.

- a. That special commendation be given to chapter correspondents who have submitted unusually interesting chapter letters.

- b. That special commendation be given to chapter correspondents who have attended carefully to their business duties.

- c. That such commendation appear in the April issue of THE KEY as an honor page.

3. That a letter be sent by THE KEY staff as a disciplinary measure to the corresponding secretary of the chapter whose correspondent has not fulfilled her duties.

4. That all Kappas feel responsible for aiding THE KEY staff in collecting material for publication.

5. That the chapters be divided into four groups, each chapter in the group to be responsible for one article for the issue assigned; the staff to decide upon those articles deserving of publication.

6. That a \$15.00 life subscription to THE KEY be included in every initiation fee.

7. That members of alumnae associations who are not life subscribers to THE KEY be urged to make payments on life subscriptions rather than the dollar yearly subscription.

8. That a page devoted to interesting items regarding scholastic standing of groups, chapters or individuals in colleges where Kappa chapters

are located be included in each issue of THE KEY, and that KEY correspondents be responsible for sending in such items.

9. That surnames be published below group pictures in THE KEY.

10. That KEY correspondents send snapshots to illustrate chapter letters wherever possible.

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Professor: "Mr. Brown, why are you looking at your watch so often?"

Student: "I was afraid you would not have time to finish your interesting lecture."—*Dodo*.



## News Items

Mrs. W. W. Canby, former Grand President, writes from Grant's Pass, Ore., on July 10:

"I am sending you an account of the forest fire that swept down upon us and turned us out last Saturday. We saved a very few things, such as our car, bedding, silver, etc., but everything else went. We have a shed left into which we have moved temporarily and are camping out. People have been so very thoughtful and wanted to take us home with them, but we could not leave. Our animals had to be taken care of as best we could, and sparks were still flying. The fire raged down the river for several days."

All Kappas, and particularly those who had the pleasure of meeting Mrs. Canby at the installation of Gamma Mu at Corvallis, Ore., will feel interest and sympathy on hearing of the loss of her home.

Bishop George R. Grose of the M. E. Church, formerly president of DePauw, has two Kappa daughters, both of Iota chapter. They are Frances Grose Witman, now of Harrisburg, Pa., and Helen Grose, now a senior at DePauw and newly elected president of the Women's Self Government Association. Bishop Grose sails for China in September.

Dean Katherine Sprague Alvord, Beta Delta, now dean of women at DePauw, edited the eleventh yearbook of the National Association of Deans.

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Membership in the sororities forming the Panhellenic Congress totals 17,000, divided into 592 chapters located in 112 colleges.

# Alumnæ Department

## INDIVIDUAL RESPONSIBILITY

**A**S THE National Vice-president sees it, there could be no better slogan for all alumnæ work than the convention keynote, "*Individual Responsibility.*"

In every great organization much depends upon the efforts of its individual members, for there is always much to be done, much to be learned, much to be passed on. With us the individual Kappa builds and strengthens the local organization, the local work contributes to the province, and likewise the province to the national. The responsibility



MRS. VIRGINIA RODEFER  
HARRIS, N.V.P.

EDITH HENDREN, DELTA  
PROVINCE PRESIDENT

for the work we hope to do rests not alone with the officers but with each individual member in the organization. Each member has her opportunity for service.

The 1924 convention at Bigwin Inn took a long stride forward when it decided to make a direct appeal to individual alumnæ to help support the work of the national fraternity, thereby enlisting the interest and co-operation of all Kappas everywhere. This is to be done by asking them to contribute annually to the national treasury the amount of the



per capita tax of alumnæ associations. The tax, formerly fifty cents, was increased to one dollar. It is hoped that sufficient revenue will be derived from this increase to make it possible to pay at least a portion of the alumnæ delegates' convention expenses and to send out letters dealing with the work of their departments, directly from the national officers to the individual alumnæ.

Many alumnæ have been drifting about without contact with their own chapters or any alumnæ group and without sharing in any way the responsibilities of the fraternity as a whole. Consequently they are without intelligent understanding of the work being done.

The matter of individual responsibility is particularly important when applied to alumnæ secretaries, who should feel the necessity for co-operating with the national and province officers in every way possible. They are the mediums through whom the rank and file of the fraternity come into contact with these officers and with chapters and other alumnæ organizations. The success of this department of THE KEY depends almost entirely upon the personal responsibility of each secretary, whose business it is to see that her association or club is properly represented by a news letter.

VIRGINIA RODEFER HARRIS.

The N.V.P. wishes to send special personal greetings to all alumnæ Kappas and hopes that we are setting out upon two eventful years in all alumnæ work.

Alumnæ associations looking for something to do might start a Kappa book shelf for the nearest chapter, filling it with books by Kappa authors. There are many of them. Do it on the add-a-pearl plan on anniversaries, or, better still, have a book shower and fill a whole case.

If you know of a city where eight or ten Kappas reside without an alumnæ organization write the Province Vice-president or the N.V.P. about it, giving the names and addresses of some of them. Don't put it off—do it now.

Why not start our American after-dinner speeches with a toast to "Our President" as our Canadian sisters toasted "The King" at the convention banquet? We do too little to foster respect for our government.

When you discover a particularly successful method of raising money for the various funds of our fraternity, "pass it on." Write the N.V.P. about it. Perhaps it may help others likewise.

Why not follow the example of the girls from Newcomb Alumnae Association and put by a small sum monthly for use in defraying expenses to next convention?

The payment of the annual tax of one dollar by a member not affiliated with an alumnae association or club constitutes membership-at-large. See that your dollar reaches the Executive Secretary before December 1, thereby insuring to you the receipt of all the council letters to members-at-large.

Miss Ota Bartlett, an Iota Kappa from Terre Haute, Ind., was the first to take out membership-at-large.

### CONVENTION 1924

Broke but happy—that's the after convention feeling for many of us. But just ask a convention Kappa, "Was it worth it?" and prepare to take a day off listening to her deluge of reasons why any Kappa in her right mind should be willing to sell another Liberty Bond, pawn the family jewels or take in washings to get to the next Kappa convention. Perhaps you couldn't go because Johnny was cutting a new tooth or there were still installments to pay on the new car. "Besides," you may have told yourself, "I probably wouldn't be interested any more—I've been out of college too long."

That's the beauty of conventions—you can't really go back to college now—it's all changed anyway—but you're hungry for some of that Kappa spirit, the old friendships and the delightful chats with "just girls." It's at Kappa conventions that you seem to come nearer finding just those things. You can't explain what it is that gets into your blood and makes you vow you'll attend every Kappa convention until you are so old you have to carry a crutch and an ear trumpet. Perhaps it's the thrill you get when you see so many others who are "real Kappas"—perhaps it's the joy of hearing again the old songs that bring back so poignantly those "good old days"—perhaps it's the delightful association with the officers of Kappa—perhaps it's the inspiration and the interesting new ideas you get about the fraternity. To each Kappa, convention means something different.

But go at least once to a Kappa convention. See there your initiation service, hear again the words of your ritual, learn anew the things for which Kappa Kappa Gamma stands and there will be born again in your heart that same loyalty and eagerness to be a worthy Kappa that you



felt the day the little golden key was first pinned to your proud bosom. You will be ashamed that you have forgotten so much. Refreshed and inspired, you will go away vowing to be a better Kappa. Kappa conventions are real pilgrimages to the fountain of our ideals.

MARY LOUISE LACY, B Δ,  
*Kappa Province Vice-president.*

### *Syracuse Association*

Greetings to all our Kappa sisters after the summer vacation. While we could not all meet at the convention this year, we hope we may at some future time. That was a great event! Our association was represented by Mrs. Bray, Mrs. Archambo, Florence Bray, Betty Bump and Carolyn Taylor. We are looking forward to hearing all about it this fall.

The university alumni collation in June was given in honor of Dean Frank Smalley, who had been connected with the university for fifty years. A large number of alumni came back to offer their congratulations and presented him with a purse as a token of their appreciation.

The Kappa banquet was held on June 6 at the College of Home Economics, about seventy girls returning for the reunion. One class carried off the palm by having the entire delegation present.

Mrs. Clarence Thurber has moved to Buffalo, where Mr. Thurber has accepted the position of secretary to Dr. Capon of Buffalo University. Her address is 141 Chatham Drive. Mrs. Thurber was president of the alumnae association last year and we shall miss her very much.

The officers for the coming year are president, Genevieve Cook Reck; vice-president, Ruth Trett McMorran; recording secretary, Mabel Mansfield Keefer; corresponding secretary, Florence R. Knapp, and treasurer, Jane McBurney. We are looking forward to a very interesting time the coming year.

At present we are devoting our energies toward a new chapter-house, which we hope to realize some day. This spring we purchased a lot but still retain our former chapter-house.

### PERSONALS

Mrs. Wallace spent a month this summer with her son in Los Angeles, Cal., and traveling in the West.

Margaret Green visited Mabel Johnson Brown at Santa Barbara, Cal.

Grace F. Wight and May Reed returned in July from California, where they had spent the winter.

Ruth Trett was married to John Burch McMorran on May 24, 1924. Mr. McMorran is a graduate of Syracuse University.

Helen Wilson was married on June 11, 1924, to Charles Ryan, a graduate of Syracuse University. Mr. Ryan is a son of Elizabeth Ruland Ryan.

### DEATH

Minnie Hasbrouck, '98, at her home in Auburn on April 26, 1924.

FLORENCE R. KNAPP, *Corresponding Secretary.*

## *Middlebury Association*

At the end of their first year Middlebury Kappas are at last able to consider that the preliminary work is done and they can now turn their attention to something besides the alumnae initiations which thus far have absorbed so much of their time and effort. A summary of these initiation figures shows: seventy-four members initiated in June, 1923; one in Oct.; eleven in Nov.; twelve in Feb., 1924, and twenty-nine in June, 1924, making a total of 127 alumnae initiated from Alpha Chi into Kappa. Besides this the two commencements have added seventeen graduates to the alumnae list so that Gamma Lambda, at the end of the first year, has a total of 144 alumnae.

The alumnae initiations at the last commencement were in charge of the class of 1922. On June 14 the following were initiated: May Barton Taylor, ex-'96; Marion Dunbar, '97, Flora Rockwood, '97; Vida Dunbar, '98; Rena Avery, '01; Grace James Brown, '01; Alice Brooks Fuller, '01; Leila Dustin Moore, '03; Elizabeth Salisbury Squire, '03; Helen Fielden, '05; Bessie Freeto Snyder, '05; Lena Goodwin Patchett, '05; Prudence Stickney Mayo, '05; Pauline Smith, '06; Ida Stickney Barber, ex-'07; Grace Buttolph Eldridge, '08; Pearl Fuller Chamberlain, '08; Inez Cook, '09; Eunice Smith, '11; Marjorie Bates Monroe, '12; Caroline Buttolph Williams, '13; Mary Johnson Smith, '13; Ruby Vosburgh, '13; Ella Fellows, '19. The last alumnae initiation was conducted on June 16 for Elizabeth Williams, '03; Jeffries Leete Elliott, '05; Winifred Fiske, '09; Helen Clark Cook, '10, and Abigail Harriman, ex-'15.

Gamma Lambda has often been pleased during the past year with the suggestion, offered first I think by Mary Higley, that Alpha Chi did not die at the Bread Loaf installation; it rather married Kappa and thus merged, but by no means lost its personality and former family ties through the gaining of newer and larger relationships as a part of Kappa Kappa Gamma. If this is true, the Sunday night reunion and supper at the fraternity house on the Sunday of commencement week was our first wedding anniversary where both Alpha Chis and Kappas joined happily in pleasant memories and several who had not become Kappa members nevertheless shared with us the friendly interest toward this group of girls who still represented us all in the active college life. About sixty attended this reunion and many thanks are due Mrs. Harrington for the plans and work which made this unusually successful gathering possible.

The Kappa business meeting held Monday afternoon directly after the alumnae luncheon resulted in a reappointment of the officers and central committee of the past year. It was voted to pay \$100 toward the expenses of an alumnae delegate to the general convention. We had hoped that Dean Ross would be able to attend as our delegate, but when she found it impossible to go at that time, we greatly appreciated the ready and gracious manner in which Bernice Thomas Flint took her place on very short notice. Bernice reports a wonderful experience and the alumnae are anxious to hear more of the details and benefit by the ideas we are sure she has gained for us.

On Thursday, June 19, the fraternity members still in Middlebury attended our first real Kappa wedding, when one of our charter members, Florence Clark, '23, and Roland Shepherdson, '23, Delta Kappa Epsilon, were married in the College Chapel. Reba Maxfield, another charter member of Gamma Lambda, was the



maid of honor and, of course, the decorations were ferns and fleur-de-lis. Mr. Shepherdson is to be on the college faculty next year so the Kappas will have four faculty wives and a dean of women as available faculty chaperons.

BARBARA H. SMITH, *Secretary*.

### *Beta Iota Association*

Greetings to our Kappa sisters! At this time in the year when everyone is away news of any sort is hard to find.

Our association has been having a series of luncheons during the year and in May we had our annual spring luncheon at Strath Haven Inn, Swarthmore. On this occasion we entertained the active chapter, as is our custom each year. Among those who helped to provide entertainment were Martha Sharples Hess, who sang for us, and Carolien H. White, who told of some of her experiences in South America where she spent most of last winter. The freshmen sang a new song which they had written and also gave some very clever charades.

At the business meeting which preceded the luncheon, Helen L. Griscom was re-elected president for the coming year. Agnes Sibble was elected treasurer and Dorothy Haines, secretary. At the close of the meeting we had a recognition service for the seniors who joined us at that time.

Beta Iota wishes all her sister associations and the active chapters a happy and successful year.

DOROTHY F. HAINES.

### *Washington, D. C., Association*

This summer has been more or less uneventful for the Kappa group in the Capital. Our meetings stop about the first of May to continue in the fall. With the membership and enthusiasm growing we are hoping to make some worthy strides this winter.

Letta Brock, Epsilon, was married on March 20, 1924, to Edward Z. Stone, Delta Kappa Epsilon, Connecticut Wesleyan, and they left immediately for a European honeymoon. Mrs. Stone is our most ardent worker and has been associated with the Kappa House since the opening of the war, when she opened this house for Kappas who came to Washington to do war work.

Edna Cook, our recording secretary, has been spending an interesting summer in the Yellowstone National Park.

Although we had no delegate to the convention, Miss Marie Mount, Delta, represented us and we are anxiously waiting to hear her convention report.

A local organization, Gamma Beta Pi of George Washington University, has been petitioning Kappa Kappa Gamma for almost five years. The Kappas here have not been particularly interested until this past spring when we had an occasion to meet the present group of girls. Their scholarship and standing is of the highest in the university and they are real Kappa material. The Washington Alumnæ Association needs an active chapter and these girls have our support. We hope that the national convention's extension policy is one that will help these earnest girls to realize their ambition.

George Washington University is expanding each year, with new buildings and new plans, and in a short time will have a pretty campus of which the Capital will be proud. We Washington Kappas do not get the old Kappa spirit as we

are not a state and have no chapters near to hold our interest. Along with the George Washington group, a local, Sigma Delta of Maryland State University, is anxious for us to meet them. Maryland State is just about fifteen miles outside of the District and we are going to have an opportunity to know these girls better when school opens.

Speaking of new chapter-houses, Alice Watts Hostetler, Iota, and I went back to Greencastle, Ind., this June to attend the dedication of the new Iota chapter-house. It is a perfectly wonderful, model house, spacious and luxurious, and I hope that every chapter will soon have one of which it can be as proud.

JANE RAMEY KNOX, *Corresponding Secretary.*

### *Columbus Association*

The Columbus Alumnae Association closed its spring meetings with the annual meeting in May. At this time we tried to wind up all of our business of the year so that at our June tea we could devote ourselves to having a good time alone.

The latter took place on Baccalaureate Sunday and the 1924 graduates were taken into our association. It was a very impressive service and we were delighted to have four new and enthusiastic members added to our group.

Our delegate and several others were very eager for convention days to come round, and now we who were left at home are just as eager to get some first-hand information about what happened. The summer has flown by at such a pace though, that it will be no time at all until we are together again; and this year we will have the inspiration and guidance of convention thoughts to help us with whatever problems may arise.

KATHARINE TAYLOR, *Secretary.*

### *Cincinnati Association*

*Tempus fugit* and convention has come and gone, leaving glowing reports in its aftermath and we, of Cincinnati, are proud of our sisters who were present and who displayed such talent and carried away the coveted "stunt prize."

Locally, we had our share of activities too, before the school year closed. In May we held our annual mother's tea at the home of Mrs. Fred Spicker, a Kappa mother herself, and made all the mothers glad their daughters were Kappas. Our June meeting took the form of a picnic luncheon and was held at the home of Viola Pfaff Smith, a lovely country place, ideally adapted for such an outing. After enjoying to the utmost our sandwiches and potato salad, we settled down to hold election of officers for the ensuing year, the results of which were as follows: president, Marie Freihmelt; vice-president, Helen Linnard; secretary, Loretta Parker Mulford; treasurer, Frances Newman; directors, Corinne Scheifele and Ethel Innis McCleary.

Cupid has not entirely overlooked us either and so we had one spring wedding and two summer weddings. On April 26, Harriet Wesche plighted her troth to Cornelius Hauck. Sigma Pi, and as we could not let June go by without at least one Kappa bride, Ruth Punshon filled the need and, on June 21, married Herbert Schroth, Delta Tau Delta. In July Kathrine Walker became Mrs. James Beaman, "Jimmie" being a member of Delta Tau Delta, also.



## BIRTHS

To Mr. and Mrs. Harry Finke (Georgia Streitman), a girl.

To Mr. and Mrs. Richard Crosset (Mary Burns), a girl.

To Mr. and Mrs. Ferd Critchell (Kathryn Kruse), a girl.

To Mr. and Mrs. Glover Boake (Bess Cooke), a girl.

To Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Castellini (Ruth McGregor), a girl.

To Mr. and Mrs. F. Gordon Ricker (Marion Martin), a boy.

It is with the deepest regret that we announce the death of the infant son of Mr. and Mrs. James R. Weaver (Cuba Mitchell) and we want to assure them of the sympathy of all Cincinnati Kappas in their loss.

LORETTA PARKER MULFORD, *Secretary*.

*Falls Cities Association*

Grace Ruthenburg, Iota, spent the summer abroad writing a number of reviews on conditions in Europe for the *Courier-Journal* of Louisville.

Alice Gregory, Beta Chi, is teaching in the Philippines.

Margaret Jefferson, Beta Chi, spent the summer in Europe.

Miss Mary Turner, Beta Chi, completed a trip around the world, in July.

## BIRTH

Mr. and Mrs. Gambriel McCarty (Anita Crabbe) have a daughter born in July.

JESSIE E. JONES, *Secretary*.

*Indianapolis Association*

The Indianapolis Association closed its most enthusiastic and helpful year with a childrens' meeting at the home of Mrs. Fred Millis. The party will long be remembered by every child present, for the yard and house were transformed into a childrens' fairyland with bright colored booths on the lawn, rainbow-hued balloons every where, and the most tempting refreshments.

Two special Pullmans were required to carry the Kappas from this section who attended the convention at Bigwin Inn. They have returned with enthusiastic reports of the good accomplished and of the most happy time and all thrilled with pride at the election of our Mrs. Virginia Harris as National Vice-president. Those who attended were Mrs. Harris, Edith Huggins, Edith and Marjorie Hendren, Mrs. Pettijohn, Clara Goe, Dorothy Segur, Louise Pitman and Dorothy Black. Of this number all took trips to Quebec and some to Saguenay and other points. Edith Huggins made an extended stay in the East visiting in Vermont, Boston, New York, Philadelphia and Baltimore.

The Delta Club has met regularly through the summer and worked for their new chapter-house. They bought out the Murat Theater for the performance of George Gaul in *The Broken Wing* and realized substantially on their efforts.

The Iota Club has rested on its oars since the dedication of the chapter-house the last of May. The dedication and banquet were largely attended.

Mu Club had a meeting on Aug. 11 to consider purchasing property to be used for a new chapter-house.

Dr. Gross, president of DePauw University, the father of two Kappa daughters, was made Bishop of the Methodist Church in May and assigned to China.

Miss Charlotte Howe, Mu, is in Europe, the guest of relatives. She will spend some time yachting on the North Sea.

Mrs. Tyler Bryan, Iota, of Calcutta, India, returned to Indianapolis in June and, with her daughter Janet, has spent the summer at Sewanee, Tenn. She will return to India via Europe in October.

Mrs. C. R. Miller (Henrietta Jones) has returned to Indianapolis for residence and is at home at the Esther Apartments at Thirty-second and Central.

Mrs. D. R. Bixon (Florence Dye), Delta, has moved to Kokomo.

Mrs. Leslie H. Whitcraft (Mary Overman), Delta, has moved to Muncie.

Miss Martha Dorsey, Delta, has spent the summer in Beaumont and San Angelo, Tex.

Mrs. D. K. Meiers (Blanche Wicks), Delta, of Bloomington, Ind., is in Indianapolis for a few months.

#### MARRIAGES

Miss Helen Julia Smith, Mu, and Clifford Folz, Delta Tau Delta and Phi Beta Kappa (Michigan), were married at the Tabernacle Presbyterian Church, June 14. They are at home in their new residence on Berkeley Road, Indianapolis.

The marriage of Miss Harriet Ropkey, Mu, and Austin Vincent Clifford, took place on June 24. They live in Indianapolis.

Miss Thelma Morgan, Delta, and Harry Donovan, Kappa Sigma, were married on June 11 and are living in Milwaukee.

RHODA DAVIS JONES, *Corresponding Secretary*.

### *Bloomington, Indiana, Association*

The final meeting of the Bloomington Alumnae Association was held the last of May at which time all plans were made for fall work. Each Delta Kappa was to be solicited to help with the new house and arrangements were made to carry the work through the summer. The building committee, finance committee, house furnishing committee and yard committee are all rapidly completing their plans and it looks most probable that we will have a finished product by the first of the year.

#### PERSONALS

Mrs. S. F. Teter (Nell Showers) was elected trustee of Indiana University. She is the first woman on our board.

Carrie Breeden is leaving soon with her mother for Florida. Mrs. Breeden is building a new home just north of Miami and Carrie is opening a gift shop there this winter.

#### MARRIAGES

Marie Woolery, '23, was married Aug. 20 to Donald Rogers, a Phi Delt here. They will be at home in the fall in Bloomington and she will be a new member of our association.

Jeanette Matthews was married June 17 to Carl Gurshin, of Boston, Mass. They are now making their home in Lynn.

MARY LOUISE HARE.



### *Lafayette Association*

At our June meeting the Lafayette Alumnae Association held its annual initiation for the seven Gamma Delta seniors.

Nina V. Short, director of the Tippecanoe County Tuberculosis Association, has been in charge of a fresh air camp for under-nourished children for the past six weeks.

Ruth Heinmiller, '24, is attending the Y. W. C. A. conference at Lake Geneva, Wis.

Our president, Marie Schrass, who has been teaching in summer school at the university, is now taking her vacation in New York City.

Wilmina Loveless, '25, will teach Home Economics at Clarkeshill this winter. Helen Waters, '24, will teach at Stockwell, Ind.

Inez Canan, our delegate, gave us such an enthusiastic report of convention that we are all anxious to resume our meetings in the fall and hope to accomplish more this year than ever before.

Greetings and best wishes to every Kappa chapter and alumnae association.

#### MARRIAGES

Marguerite Mayer, Gamma Delta, '23, was married to H. L. Harmon, Delta Tau, Purdue, '23, on April 30. They are living in Mishawaka, Ind.

Constance Morrison was married to Charles De Cou, Beta Theta Pi, on July 28. They are making their home in Los Angeles, Cal.

LOUISE LEAMING, *Secretary*.

### *South Bend Association*

The South Bend Alumnae Association is very proud and happy to announce the election, by a large majority, of Mrs. William Happ (Jessie Cowgill, Iota, '89) to the office of president of the Progress Club of South Bend, a Woman's Club of eight hundred members. Mrs. Happ has always been active in civic and club life in South Bend and is a true Kappa. Prior to her election as president of the Progress Club, she was second vice-president of the same organization and for six years has been chairman of the program committee. Mrs. Happ has been a leader in every line that she has undertaken, giving her time and strength as well as her fine executive ability in all her work. During the late war while her sons were in service Mrs. Happ gave almost her entire time to the direction of Red Cross work. The South Bend Kappas are rejoicing over the much deserved honor which has come to Mrs. Happ.

Mrs. Homer J. Miller (Otilie Poehlmann, Lambda) has spent the summer in Columbia University taking work along the lines of study which interest her most, that of the Parent-Teachers' Club work. Mrs. Miller is doing her state a great service in this work by acting as director of it.

EDITH E. GUNN SEEBIRT.

### *Madison Association*

The officers of the Madison, Wisconsin, Alumnae Association for the year 1924-25 are: president, Elizabeth Wilson Leake (Mrs. Chauncey), serving a second year; secretary, Carolina Moseley, and treasurer, Alice Bleyer (Mrs. W. G.).

At the time of the writing of this letter, the officers were widely scattered and no plans for the year had yet been made beyond arrangements for a rummage sale to raise money for our pledge to the A. A. U. W. national headquarters in Washington, and for the continuance of our monthly luncheons, which have proved very successful.

Since our last letter to THE KEY the following alumnae have opened their houses for luncheons and business meetings: Mrs. Alice Bleyer, Mrs. Helen Pray Sheldon, Mrs. Lois Main Ogden, Mrs. Catherine Brandenburg Bassett and Mrs. O. D. Brandenburg.

While these meetings have been largely social, routine business has been transacted and general fraternity problems have been discussed. In March a bridge party was held at the chapter-house, and in July a tea, also at the house, during which Mrs. May Johnson Evans, of New York, and Mrs. Adelaide Evans Harris, of Cleveland, reported fully and enthusiastically upon the recent Toronto convention.

#### PERSONALS

Mrs. Frank Sharp (Bertha Pitman) has been spending the summer in Alaska and California while Professor Sharp lectured at Leland Stanford University.

Mrs. Willard Bleyer has been motoring in the East this summer.

Mrs. Richard Lloyd Jones, formerly of Madison, Wis., and an Eta Kappa, has been elected a national officer and we are all very proud of her.

Miss Dorothy Hubbard and Gladys Williams took a trip to Alaska this summer. Upon their return they will be located in California.

Mrs. Ethel Raymer Edmondson, who has been abroad with her children the past year, is expected to return to Madison for the winter.

#### BIRTHS

Mr. and Mrs. George Levis (Helen Parkinson) have announced the birth of a daughter on August 9.

Mr. and Mrs. Philip Reed (Mabel Reed) have announced the birth of a son, Philip Jr., in June.

Mary Porter Kehoe and Eleanor Townsend Roberts have both announced the birth of sons in June.

### *Champaign-Urbana Club*

Officers for the coming year are: president, Mrs. J. S. Mason; vice-president and treasurer, Miss Jane Craig, and secretary, Mrs. Nelle B. Marvel.

Early in the fall we are to give a tea at the home of Mrs. Fay. At this time a quilt of unusual design, which has been made by some of our members, will be sold. The funds will be used for our house pledge.

Mr. and Mrs. E. F. Nickoley (Emma Rhoads, Beta Lambda) return Aug. 29 to Beirut, Syria, to continue their work in the American University there.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Graham (Lucy Hutchcraft, Beta Chi) have gone to Haiti on a leave of one year. Mr. Graham will do research work in animal pathology and hygiene.



## BIRTHS

To Mr. and Mrs. Hardin Boulware (Florence Ryburn, Epsilon), a daughter, Barbara Ann.

To Mr. and Mrs. Will Bushnell (Frieda Gleason, Beta Rho), a son, Bruce.

To Mr. and Mrs. Reuben Carlson (Anna Cooley, Beta Lambda), a daughter, Jeanette Elaine.

NELLE B. MARVEL.

*St. Louis Association*

Most of the members of the St. Louis Association are spending the summer in traveling, for it seems they have gone North, South, East and West—even abroad.

Our delegate to the national convention, Marie Macnaughton (Theta), reports a wonderful trip to Canada. Two of our new members are at Camp Meenagha in Wisconsin. They are Kate Atwood and Mildred Michaels, both from Gamma Iota, and councilors this year, and are good judges of material for the active chapter. The rest of the travelers are at resorts or traveling through the country. Mrs. Guy Thompson (Theta) is in London with her husband, who is president of the St. Louis Bar Association. Several of the girls who are home this year, are working on the playgrounds of the city. This is a splendid work and we are proud of them.

We shall increase our membership this year with Kate Atwood, Dorothy Evans, Katherine Evans, Frances Kessler, Mildred Michaels, Bernice Read, Esther Skinner, Dorothy Specht and Eula Towle, nine lovely girls from the active chapter. Their loss is our gain and we hope they will prove as enthusiastic alumnae as they have been active.

## PERSONALS

Henrietta Hadley, Beta Mu, the chancellor's daughter, is reported to be entering Washington University this fall.

Mrs. Fred Campbell, Gamma Iota, of Schenectady, N. Y., has been visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. McRoberts of St. Louis.

Miss Vitula Vandine, Theta, has been visiting Mrs. Scott Wilson, Theta.

Mrs. Sidney Davis, Delta, of Logansport, Ind., arrived here to take part in the wedding of her sister, Miss Prudence Palfrey, Delta.

## ENGAGEMENTS

Dorothy Evans, Gamma Iota, to Clyde J. Israel, Jr.

Dorothy Specht, Gamma Iota, to Herbert Jackson.

## MARRIAGES

Prudence Emily Palfrey to Raymond C. Bond, Aug. 12, 1924, at St. Louis, Mo.

MARCELINE ALEXANDER CRUTCHER.

*Kansas City Association*

The Kansas City Alumnae Association at its May meeting elected the following officers for the ensuing year: president, Mrs. W. A. Mitchell; vice-president, Mrs. R. N. Sturtevant; recording secretary, Mrs. R. J. Delano; treasurer, Mary Hopkins; corresponding secretary, Mrs. Leland Hazard. Our vice-president also

serves as representative to the local Panhellenic. Our new president, Mrs. Mitchell, has twice served as vice-president and has also held several other offices in our association at various times. Our year books are in process of compilation and the membership committee reports approximately one hundred twenty active members.

Miss Jeanette Maxwell had charge of rushing for the summer. We co-operated with active Kappas, principally from Missouri and Kansas Universities, in giving a luncheon at the Mission Hills Country Club.

The ever present problem of finance was discussed at the May meeting. Our budget for the past year for local high school girl scholarships, national student aid fund, a special gift to the Endowment Fund (one hundred dollars to Miss Long) and current expenses was met by various efforts on the part of our membership in the form of rummage sales, a benefit bridge party and a picture show benefit. We were divided into committees for this purpose. Our committee cooked and served one of our meeting luncheons which the hostesses for each month had been in the habit of having served at one of our hotels for seventy-five cents a plate; in this case the hostesses paid the committee the same rate and made a profit of thirty-five dollars.

The policy is to be changed for this year; we are to concentrate our efforts on one big project for earning money, the character yet to be determined. After local expenses are met, the proceeds will be divided between Kappa national demands and our local scholarships in Kansas City High Schools, with a majority for the former.

Our association has grown so large that the problem of hostesses has become perplexing. It was decided to abandon the plan of having eight hostesses for each meeting with each member entertaining every other year; this year each member will be a hostess once during the year.

The report of births and marriages is to be sent after the September meeting. It is the opinion of many of our members that in the *alumnæ* reports to *THE KEY* more space should be given to questions of policy and less to items of local interest.

MARY CHORN HAZARD, *Corresponding Secretary*.

### *Lincoln Association*

Since so many are away no regular meetings of our association are held during the summer months and our activities are necessarily limited. Our active year starts with the opening of college at Nebraska University when we give Sigma chapter all the assistance we can in their rushing.

Many Sigma "alums" have been spending their vacations in numerous places. Some have chosen the mountains, others the lakes, and the luckier ones have gone abroad.

Miss Lenore Burkett left in June to study voice in Paris. With her father and mother she will tour England, Switzerland and Scotland before returning in September. Lenore will be head of the Fine Arts department and instructor in voice at Cotner College during the coming year.

Mrs. Emory Hardy is touring the continent for six months and will return in the fall to fill her place as new president of the *alumnæ* association.



Mrs. Carlyle Logan Jones is spending the summer with her family at Santa Monica in their summer home.

Mrs. Harry Everett is also spending the summer in California.

We are glad to see Helen Chase after two years spent in Boulder. She returned to attend the marriage of her sister, Miss Janet Chase, to George E. Salladin, Jr., Delta Kappa Epsilon, which took place June 10. The Salladins have just returned from their honeymoon in the Thousand Islands. They also visited in New York and Washington.

We are proud of the fact that Mrs. M. A. Abbott, our alumnae delegate to convention, was the oldest Kappa there. She has been a Kappa for fifty years and is one of our most loyal members, always in attendance at banquets and ever enthusiastic and interested in all our activities. She reports that she was honored in every way at the convention—invited to sit on the platform and entertained by many of the chapters. She gave a breakfast for all the girls present from Sigma chapter and Epsilon, her own chapter. Twenty-one were present including the two presidents, Mrs. Westermann and Mrs. Kuhns.

Ida Bonnell Otsolt, Sigma, attended her thirteenth convention—which covers a period of twenty-six years. I'm sure she is as proud of her record as we are.

Dorothy Pettis has received her master's degree in French and will teach at the University of Nebraska the coming year.

At our banquet in May over a hundred were present. Many alumnae were back including Polly Abbott, Kate Denman Long, Emma Neilson Grubb and Gertrude Wells May.

Jessie Beghtol Lee returned to Lincoln from Buffalo, N. Y., to visit her mother.

Alumnae members are all looking forward to a busy and prosperous year.

#### MARRIAGES

We wish to announce the marriage of Katherine Burkett to Dean Lowry, Phi Gamma Delta, in May. They will make their home in Lincoln.

Also Helen Burkett to Marvin Meyers, Sigma Nu, on May 1. They are now living in Omaha, Neb.

#### BIRTH

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Long (Kate Denman) announce the birth of a son in June.

MARIAN YUNGBLUT WATERS, *Secretary*.

### *Denver Association*

The Colorado Kappas are still thrilled about the new Kappa house in Boulder which was formally opened at a tea, May 17. At present most of the efforts of the association in Denver are bent toward making money to pay for the furnishings. In the spring a rummage sale was held which was most successful financially. We are planning a huge bazaar and dance to be held at Denver's largest hotel in November, and have spent a great part of the summer in making extensive preparations, our regular monthly meetings having been turned into sewing parties. The committees for the various booths have met for an afternoon of sewing every two weeks and we feel that the bazaar cannot help but be a success with such interested enthusiasm and faithful work.

Many of our members have been vacationing in fields afar. Mrs. Matlock, our president last year, has been abroad with her daughter, Jessica, and son, Bruce. Mrs. John Fry, chairman of the Beta Mu Building Committee, went to London with her husband to attend the Bar Association meeting, and has since been touring the Continent. Carrie Orton and her sister spent the summer in Scotland. Maybelle McCandless has been in London, and the past three months has been studying French in Paris. Mrs. Ruth Musser Huffman, our president for this year, has been spending the summer with her sister, Mrs. Donald Knolton, in Palo Alto, Cal.

We have also enjoyed our Denver visitors this summer. Mrs. Howard Carlton Smith, (Mary Hammond, Beta Mu) from Pachuca, Mexico, has spent the summer with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. James A. Hamond.

We are glad to have with us permanently Mrs. George A. Carlson, originally from Kappa chapter, but most recently from the Los Angeles Alumnæ Association. She has had as her guest this summer Mrs. Malcolm P. Campbell, Beta Eta chapter, also from the Los Angeles Association. Mrs. Carlson entertained for her guest at a very delightful Kappa party. They also enjoyed a visit to the chapter-house in Boulder.

At our May meeting we had with us Mrs. Edward S. Merrill, president last year of the Los Angeles Association. We enjoyed thoroughly the short talk she gave us telling us of the Los Angeles Association.

Another summer visitor was Rebecca Masterson from Houston, Tex.

Colorado was well represented at our wonderful Canadian convention by Charlotte Goddard, Dr. Virginia Van Meter, the association delegate, Frances Doyle, Alice Burrows, Eleanor Goodridge, Sally Fahnestock, Marion Simms, Dorothy Knox, Mary Katherine Gamble, Marietta Patton and Estelle Kemp. They brought back most enthusiastic reports of the convention.

The alumnæ are taking a very active interest in the rushing this year. Elizabeth Knox Muth and Elizabeth Sparhawk from the association, with Eleanor Goodridge from the active chapter, form the committee in charge of rushing. They are planning a gorgeous dinner party at the Denver Country Club on Saturday next, August 23, and we all expect to be there, eighty strong.

#### ENGAGEMENTS

Four engagements have recently been announced:

Olive Ann Skinner to Donald Scheib, Alpha Sigma Phi.  
Margaret Underwood to Dr. Julius Mier, Phi Kappa Psi.  
Alice Carmody to Howard Cobb, Sigma Chi.  
Eleanor Goodridge to Joe Campbell, Phi Kappa Psi.

#### BIRTH

To Mr. and Mrs. Stephen Rothwell (Mildred Spray, Beta Mu), May 30,  
a boy, Walter Spray Rothwell

RUTH K. SEACREST, *Corresponding Secretary.*



### *Albuquerque Association*

Our monthly meetings have been discontinued during the summer and it seems as though all Kappa activities have ceased as well. However, last week there was a called meeting of both actives and alumnae at the home of Myrl Hope Sisk. Of course the subject under discussion was the coming rush season in which the alumnae are allowed to participate only for one week, designated "Call Week." Groups of two or three are to call every day. We are all very deeply concerned in the welfare of Gamma Beta, especially in the pledges the chapter will get this year, and we wish we could play a more active part, but Panhellenic decrees otherwise. However, we expect to give them much assistance in the parties they have planned.

Anita Hubbell returned from her trip around the world the last part of June and has been beguiling us with the tales of wonderful nights spent on the desert, trips on the Nile, the beautiful South Sea Isles, and many other interesting things that one is bound to see in six months of traveling. Claire Bursum, who spent the winter in Washington with her father, Senator Holm O. Bursum, is in Socorro now. Margaret Lee MacArthur, who has been living in Wagon Mound, N. M., since her marriage last winter, has been a frequent and welcome visitor to Albuquerque this summer. Lorena Burton and Helen MacArthur returned in June from Simmons College. They will teach in the junior high schools of Albuquerque this fall.

Hazel Hawkins is spending the summer in Portland and expects to visit Rebecca Horner, Gamma Beta, in Berkeley, Cal., before her return in September.

"Jimmie" Standley Gallup was in Albuquerque a few days from her home in Espanola, the guest of Myrl Sisk.

Mrs. T. E. Whitmer, Iota, left here last week to be away for a year. She will sail on August 14 for a three-months' trip to the Orient, and will spend the rest of the year with her family at Coronado Beach, Cal.

MARGARET MCCANNA.

### *Newcomb Association*

A wave of matrimony seems to have struck New Orleans, and especially Kappas. For the last year each letter has contained at least three engagements and now here are three more:

Berthe Lathrop to Sumpter Marks, Beta Theta Pi.

Mae East to Nick Saunders, Delta Kappa Epsilon.

Odelle Milling to Mr. Christian.

Our chapter will not be greatly bothered by the "Kappa daughter" problem for our alumnae seem to prefer sons. The latest addition to Kappa boys is a young son born to Dot Graner Carroll.

Most of the girls are scattered across the face of the earth and we haven't been able to make plans for our little alumnae association which convention inspired, but we hope by our next letter to have something definite to report. Convention is a wonderful "spirit giver" and several of us are putting aside a small sum monthly in order to go to another one in the near future. We would like to have *all* our alumnae do that, so they will all be present at our next convention. Wouldn't that be a wonderful crowd?

Best wishes for a successful year.

AGNES GUTHRIE FAVROT.

### *Tulsa Association*

The Tulsa Kappas were very much interested in the national convention—especially so because our delegate, Mrs. Richard Lloyd Jones, was elected Director of Provinces.

Our association has been very active this summer due to the fact that we have co-operated with the active girls. In May a bridge-luncheon was given at the home of Mrs. S. M. Williams for the girls who were home from school and alumnae who had recently moved to Tulsa. Last month we had a bridge-tea at Mary Smith's, honoring the girls who expect to attend college this fall. A little later we are planning to have a tea for the rushees.

The Petroleum Exposition will be one of the largest affairs of the winter so we hope the Kappas will come.

#### BIRTH

To Mr. and Mrs. Walter Ditzler (Edith Ross), a son.

MARTEL MAYES HART, *Secretary*.

### *Montana Association*

As soon as spring comes, Montana alumnae "hit for the mountains"—nobody stays home—so of course we have no meetings during the summer.

We sent a delegate, Cecile Campbell, to convention and paid all her expenses. She reports that she received much information from other alumnae delegates on points that will strengthen our organization.

Why doesn't each alumnae association try to send a delegate to the next convention? Surely you all could if you would! There's nothing like convention to renew our Kappa ideals. Comradeship and fellowship count for much in organization, so let each alumnae feel individually responsible for sending a delegate from her association to the twenty-seventh national convention. We need *national* comradeship and fellowship to send our great fraternity onward and upward, and don't leave it all to the Kappas who are in college.

The Kappa furniture in Missoula has been moved for the last time to 434 Beckwith Avenue, which house the Kappa Building Association bought in June. The active chapter will rent the house from the alumnae. There is a board of directors composed of three alumnae who look after all business matters except when it is necessary to call a meeting of all stockholders.

Now for the usual personals!

Marguerite Hubbard, Mu, Butler College, Indiana, but now of Berkeley, has been in Missoula for a month, the house guest of Eva Coffee Kuphal. At present Eva and Marguerite are touring Yellowstone Park.

Dorothy Peterson, Elizabeth Rowe and Gertrude Pease are working at the Canyon Hotel in Yellowstone Park this summer.

Gladys Peterson, '20, is spending the summer with her family. She has been teaching at Medford, Ore., for the past two years. She reports having occasional visits with Olvena Hodgson Barland, ex-'15, at Grant's Pass. This past year Gladys wrote a thesis which completed the work for her M.A. in education from Wellesley.



Helen Newman, '24, will fill the position of private secretary to the president of the university this coming year.

Mary Rankin Bragg, '09, of Los Angeles, is spending the summer here with her family.

Irene Murray Lansing, '17, is visiting for a few weeks in Missoula. Irene is now assistant buyer in the juvenile department of the Dayton Store in Minneapolis.

Charline Johnson, '17, is spending two months' vacation on the Pacific Coast.

Grace Buford Larkin, '20, and small son are spending the summer with the Bufords in Missoula.

#### MARRIAGES

On June 18 at high noon Elizabeth Hershey, '17, was married to Clarence G. Fry of Hardin, Mont. Mr. and Mrs. Fry have spent the summer at the Hershey cabin on the shores of Flathead Lake. This winter they will be in Berkeley, Cal., where Mr. Fry will work for a master's degree.

#### BIRTHS

To Mr. and Mrs. Niles F. Steele (Farrar Kennett, Beta Phi, ex-'14), of Oakland, Cal., a son, in February.

To Mr. and Mrs. Howard Toole (Marjorie Ross, Beta Phi, '11), a third son, Bruce Ryan, June 21.

To Mr. and Mrs. C. J. Forbis (Josephine Hunt, Beta Phi, ex-'15), July 29, a third son, Richard George.

MARION S. STERLING, *Corresponding Secretary.*

### *Seattle Association*

The Seattle Alumnae Association has no regular monthly meetings after the annual picnic in June, at which time the active Kappas are entertained. This year the picnic was held as usual with Mrs. Carril Coe, a Kappa aunt on three counts, at her lovely home on Lake Washington and the number of alumnae was almost equalled by that of the active girls. It has also become an annual custom for the association to hold a drop-in-luncheon sometime in August at the Women's University Club; to this all visiting Kappas are cordially invited.

Inspired by the enthusiasm of the seven Seattle Kappas who had the privilege of attending the convention, the association is most anxious to make the coming year the outstanding one in the matter of accomplishment and with this end in view, a most searching introspection has been indulged in, with the result that everyone is agreed that the newly graduated Kappas of Beta Pi and all Seattle Kappas of chapters other than Beta Pi must be roused to a real active interest in the association. Several informal gatherings have been held to discuss ways and means of bringing this about and it is now purposed to completely reorganize the association with a membership closed to all except those who have paid dues and who expressed the desire to become active workers and to make of this organization one that all Seattle Kappas will not only be willing and anxious to join but proud to be identified with. And when this plan is put into effect the Seattle Association looks forward to the time when it may be one of the model alumnae associations of the whole fraternity.

ELIZABETH VORIS LAWRY, *Corresponding Secretary.*

### *Portland Association*

Kappa in general and Iota Province in particular have added a new member of which they may be justly proud. Gamma Mu chapter was installed at Oregon Agricultural College, Corvallis, Ore., on June 7, when twenty-seven members of Gamma Iota were initiated. Marie Leghorn, National Registrar, presided at the installation, assisted by Mrs. Mary Griffith Canby, Beta Alpha and former Grand President, Catherine Burnside Piper, Beta Pi and former Grand Registrar, and Mrs. Eric Allen of Wisconsin, whose husband is the dean of the Journalism School at the University of Oregon.

The installation of Gamma Mu chapter attracted many Kappas from all over the Northwest, and particularly from Portland, and there were about one hundred ten present for the services and the banquet which was held afterward in honor of the new chapter. Mrs. Blanche Hinman Smith, whose husband is the dean of the College of Basic Arts and Sciences at Oregon Agriculture College, and who was influential in helping the local to get its charter, was toastmistress at the banquet. Those who responded to toasts from the active chapters near by were Louise Blaine, Beta Pi; Mercedes Dow, Gamma Gamma; Penelope Geer, Beta Omega; and Jessie McDonald, Gamma Mu. Mrs. Mildred McDuffee, Catherine Burnside Piper and Doris Smith Taubman, president, were spokesmen for the Portland Alumni Association and Mrs. Eric Allen gave a toast for the Eugene Alumni.

The afternoon following the installation, June 8, Mrs. Blanche Hinman Smith was hostess at a beautifully appointed tea at the Gamma Mu chapter-house in honor of the seniors and the faculty and to present Gamma Mu chapter to the college.

The Portland Alumni Association will entertain with a tea at the home of Mrs. Fred E. Gulick on the afternoon of September 13. The honor guests will be the members of Beta Omega and Gamma Mu chapters and their rushees.

Miss Hilma Fox is spending the summer in Europe. Her trip will extend over three or four months in all and she is expected to return sometime in the early fall.

Portland Kappas are all anticipating the arrival of fall when we may have our monthly re-unions and begin to incorporate our new chapter into our organization.

#### MARRIAGES

Florence Tenneson, Beta Omega, was a bride of June 28, when she married Walter Darton Rich of this city. They are now living at 11½ Buchtell Ave., Portland.

Another Kappa bride will be Marian Reid, whose wedding will take place in Portland on Sept. 6.

#### BIRTH

Mrs. Donald Byrd (Norma Medler) is the proud possessor of a baby boy, born the middle of July.

EDITH C. LEE, *Corresponding Secretary.*



### *Pullman Club*

Pullman Alumnae Club sends greetings and best wishes for the coming year to Kappas everywhere.

Summer has reduced our number to four, possibly five, but we are hoping that the opening of the college year will bring some faculty members or faculty wives who are Kappas to take the place of those who have moved away. Our president, Betty Moss, has moved to Edwall, Wash., and Helen Young to Uniontown which is only twenty miles away so we still hope to have her with us occasionally. Naomi Argo has gone to Ithaca, N. Y., where her husband will work for his Ph.D. degree at Cornell University. We are sure the Kappas there will know her and love her as Gamma Eta has.

Our meetings last year were spent in making luncheon sets for the chapter-house. These were presented at the senior banquet just before commencement.

In May we entertained the active chapter with a picnic supper at the home of Mrs. Waller. A real eastern Washington dust storm drove us indoors but the indoor picnic proved highly successful—particularly so because the cook at the chapter-house was ill and the girls had been preparing their own meals for several days.

We are very proud of the fact that one of our number, Belle Wenz, could attend convention and we are eagerly looking forward to her report.

#### BIRTHS

Miriam Smith Gaiser, Gamma Gamma, of Corvallis, Ore., is the happy mother of a future Kappa, as is also May Springer Cornwell, Gamma Eta, of Pocatella, Idaho, and Betty Roberts Moss, Gamma Eta, of Edwall, Wash.

WILMA PORTER YODER, *Acting Secretary.*

### *Los Angeles Association*

The Los Angeles Alumnae Association has been most interested since its last letter in the fact that Phi Delta Phi, the informal petitioning for a Kappa charter at the University of California, Southern Branch, has gone through.

The association joined Phi Delta Phi recently in a benefit, the proceeds of which were devoted jointly to Kappa Kappa Gamma's fund for Student's Aid and to a fund for the Young Women's Christian Association's new building for the local university. The last meeting of the year took the form of a tea tendered by the petitioning local.

Our Province President, Miss Eleanor Bennett, was with us in May. Her dynamic talk made the problems and interests of the fraternity seem more vital things. We hope that we may have her again this coming year.

We are pleased to know and feel greatly honored that a member of our association, Miss Mary Louise Lacy, has been appointed vice-president of Kappa province.

We missed our president, Mrs. Merrill, during her trip East, also Mrs. Albertson and Mrs. Karavan while they were in Honolulu.

We are now anticipating the convention news which Miss Gatch will have for

us on her return and we expect to be meeting eighty strong, or stronger, when September comes.

*Corresponding Secretary, pro tem.*

### *Hawaiian Association*

Since last we appeared in *THE KEY*, the Hawaiian Club has blossomed into a full-fledged alumnæ association with fifteen members, plenty of enthusiasm, and a firm resolve to discover a few more keys and increase our numbers during the coming year.

On Mar. 17, the club met at the home of Ruth Reeves Thomas, Delta, in Honolulu where we established that date as Founders' Day of the Kappa Kappa Gamma Alumnæ Association of Hawaii. We were thrilled not only over the realization of graduating from a mere club, but also by the timely arrival of four visiting Kappas who read the notice of our meeting in the newspaper and came to see us. There were four Beta Pis, Elizabeth Hess and Margaret Connelly from Spokane, Edith Culver from Los Angeles, and Mrs. Frederick A. Burwell (Elizabeth Baird) who was honeymooning in Honolulu.

Mrs. Arthur R. Brown (Rebecca Martin, Beta Nu), was also with us. We had hoped to add her name to our list of members but before our next meeting she had returned to the States to make her home in Cleveland.

Our May meeting was held on the twelfth at the home of May Sutherland Edgcomb, Chi, in Honolulu, and on June 18 the Schofield Kappas entertained the association with a progressive luncheon, the novelty of which was somewhat increased by the quantities of "liquid sunshine" which accompanied each progression.

The Schofield Kappa supper club is still a flourishing institution. In March we met with Ladlette Perry, Gamma Theta, in April with Marjorie Stevens Matthews, Chi, in June with Barbara Steiner Flegel, Beta Pi, and our summer meeting is to be a picnic and swim at the beach.

In February the *Laconia*, on its round-the-world tour, brought two traveling Kappas, Mary Turner, Beta Chi, from Anchorage, Ky., and Lyndall Finley Davis, Beta Xi, from Galveston. Louise Malloy Watson, Beta Xi, entertained for them with an informal luncheon on the eighth.

On April 26 the Schofield Kappas and their husbands motored to Honolulu to see the presentation of *Only 38* by the University of Hawaii Dramatic Club. Larlette Perry, Gamma Theta, who has taken an active part in the work of the Dramatic Club during the past year, received much praise for her success as student coach and made us prouder than ever to claim her as a Kappa.

Early in June, the arrival of the British Squadron on its 41,000-mile cruise around the earth, created quite a ripple not only in Honolulu Harbor but also in the social life of the Island. Many homes were thrown open for the entertainment of the Britishers, and island hospitality outdid itself in an effort to make their week in Hawaii a memorable one. During visiting hours the ships were crowded from stem to stern and special interest was taken in the \$35,000,000 flagship, H. M. S. *Hood*, called the mightiest warship on the seas.

On "Schofield Day" the sailors were guests of the soldiers in barracks and many dinner parties were given in honor of the British officers by the officers



at Schofield. A baseball game, boxing bouts and dancing were diversions of the day.

Marjorie Coles Smith, Phi, whose husband is assistant superintendent of the Seamen's Institute, was on the committee to help entertain all the sailors who came to the Institute. Consequently she spent a strenuous week assisting in serving doughnuts and coffee to hundreds of sailors and endeavoring to make their sojourn a pleasant one.

Kappas come and Kappas go—here as elsewhere—and the past six months have seen our ranks depleted as well as increased.

Major and Mrs. S. C. Schwartz (Grace Potteiger Beta Tau) completed their tour in the Islands and sailed for the Mainland on the February transport.

In February Dorris Carpenter Thomas, Delta, was called home by the sad news of the death of her mother. Her father also died before she reached home and she did not return as Lieutenant Thomas had nearly completed his three years of service in Hawaii.

Lydia K. Adams, Beta Alpha, joined our association in the spring but we lost her almost as soon as we discovered her key as she returned to the States in June.

In June Larlette Perry, Gamma Theta, graduated from the University of Hawaii, and in July she returned to the States where she expects to continue her studies in dramatics. At present Colonel Perry, Mrs. Perry and Larlette are enjoying a three-months' motor trip through the Pacific Coast States after which Colonel Perry will be stationed in Chicago as Chief of Staff of the 86th Division of Organized Reserves.

The association has, however, welcomed one new member, Francis Farrington, Eta, whose home is in Honolulu.

We have also learned of another Kappa, Catherine Duggan, Beta Kappa, who has been teaching at Ewa during the past year and whom we hope will join us in the fall.

On June 16 Miss J. Burdy, Beta Omega, sailed for the Orient with prospects of a fascinating vacation in China and Japan.

In July, May Sutherland Edgcomb, Chi, sailed for the Mainland to spend the summer months, and on Aug. 13, Ruth Reeves Thomas, Delta, left for a three-months' visit to her home in Vincennes, Ind.

Louise Malloy Watson, Beta Xi, has spent a busy summer as captain of the Schofield Troup of Girl Scouts which she organized early in June. There are thirty-two girls in the organization.

The last of August we are planning an association picnic, our main idea being to meet any new Kappa teachers arriving at that time as well as any visiting Kappas on the Island.

On Founders' Day please think of us as celebrating even though we are miles and miles away, and if the day finds any wandering Kappas in this part of the old Pacific do come and help to make our celebration the merrier.

*Aloha to Kappas all over the Globe.*

## ENGAGEMENT

On Aug. 2 Governor and Mrs. Wallace R. Farrington announced the engagement of their daughter, Frances, Eta, to John R. Whittemore, Jr., of Santa Barbara.

## BIRTH

An important June event was the arrival of another Kappa son. Dorothy Singlehurst Merrill, Beta Beta, and Mr. Merrill are receiving congratulations over the arrival of a small son the middle of June.

ELIZABETH BANKS NIX.

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Although we have just returned from the best convention ever, it's never too early to start talking about the next one. The *Alpha Gamma Delta Quarterly* gives us something to think about during the next two years:

Convention is the place for the freshman to grow enthusiastic, the sophomore to receive inspiration, the junior to gain fraternity knowledge, the senior to acquire a world vision, teachers to meet old friends, homemakers to have a happy week and all alumnae to share their wisdom.—*Alpha Gamma Delta Quarterly*.

*The Scroll* also has a word to say on the subject:

Convention-going, like other fine arts, requires of its devotees both native talent and education and long practice, and perfection in the art is reserved for the few.—*Scroll of Phi Delta Theta*.

Despite its difficulty, those who went to Bigwin will remember a few who have mastered the art surprisingly well!



# Afterthoughts

(Reprinted from the Convention Number of THE KEY, October, 1904.)

THE word "convention" will recall to the minds of at least two hundred Kappas a week full of happiness—of true Kappa spirit. Never before had Kappa Kappa Gamma so successful a meeting! Being near St. Louis many were able to come to Columbia, and the "visitors" were most inspiring to those seated in cap and gown on whom primarily rested the responsibility of action. Important and vital subjects were before convention and were handled in a way that made the council proud of its younger sisters—a more earnest, efficient body of delegates could nowhere be found. The *alumnæ*, too, were more fully represented than ever before—duly elected delegates from twelve *alumnæ* associations being present. The spirit of the convention of 1904 will live forever in the hearts of those who shared it; a spirit so full of Kappa love and a desire to have Kappa ideals realities, that it seemed everywhere to rise above petty personalities—and North, South, East and West were a unit for the best interests of Kappa Kappa Gamma.

The report by the chairman of the Committee on Social Service was one of intense interest and every Kappa in the land will rejoice that the voice of convention was unanimous in desiring to lead in the movement of bettering the social conditions of college life where needed. All honor to the fraternity that has started on the new road! The discussion of ways and means for this work was long and earnest and with Mrs. Penfield as a guide we may hope for much success—that in time the name of Kappa Kappa Gamma may be recognized in the land as a power for good—that "she is a Kappa" will mean that she stands for the best in all pertaining to life, both college and individual.

In direct line with the social service movement came the convention address—delivered so thoughtfully to a thoughtful body of women who stood to the world for the quiet dignity of our fraternity. That the true meaning of Kappa Kappa Gamma was felt by all was shown in many intangible ways.

There came continually from Christian College reports of good fellowship and love. Each girl felt that she had gained many friends, very dear to her, even though the time had been short. The spirit shown by the delegates toward each other, we of the council felt was

extended to us, and I voice the sentiment of the council of 1902-04, in saying that we were much touched by the confidence placed in us.

I can but second the motion made by one of our younger members, "that convention be continued for a month." If we gained so much in a week, how much more would we gain by a longer life together? We go forth determined to do even better things and to take back to the less fortunate ones all that convention did for us. We perhaps feel as never before the meaning of the words of one of Sigma's members:

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 threads of memory aglow,  
We know that just by stretching out the hand  
In written words of love, or book, or flower,  
The waiting hand will clasp our own once more  
Just for an instant, in the same old way.

MARY D. GRIFFITH, *Grand Secretary.*

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A chapter thinks it's satisfactory until it really is.—*Phi Gamma Delta.*



# The Spirit of Convention

(A Parthenon article reprinted from the January, 1905, KEY.)

Four months ago we spent that week together in convention. How long ago it seems! It was a good convention. "The fraternity has always meant so much to me," wrote one afterwards, "that I never dreamed that it could mean so much more." That might have been said at Columbia by almost any one of the two hundred who attended convention. Did that feeling last, however; did it possess you so strongly that you imparted it to your chapter, or did you lose the thrill in the scramble of "rushing," to which you returned? If you did lose it, take time, even now, to live over that week and give to your chapter as freely as you received. The spirit of convention should find, and no doubt has found, expression in the individual members of the fraternity.

MAY C. WHITING WESTERMANN.

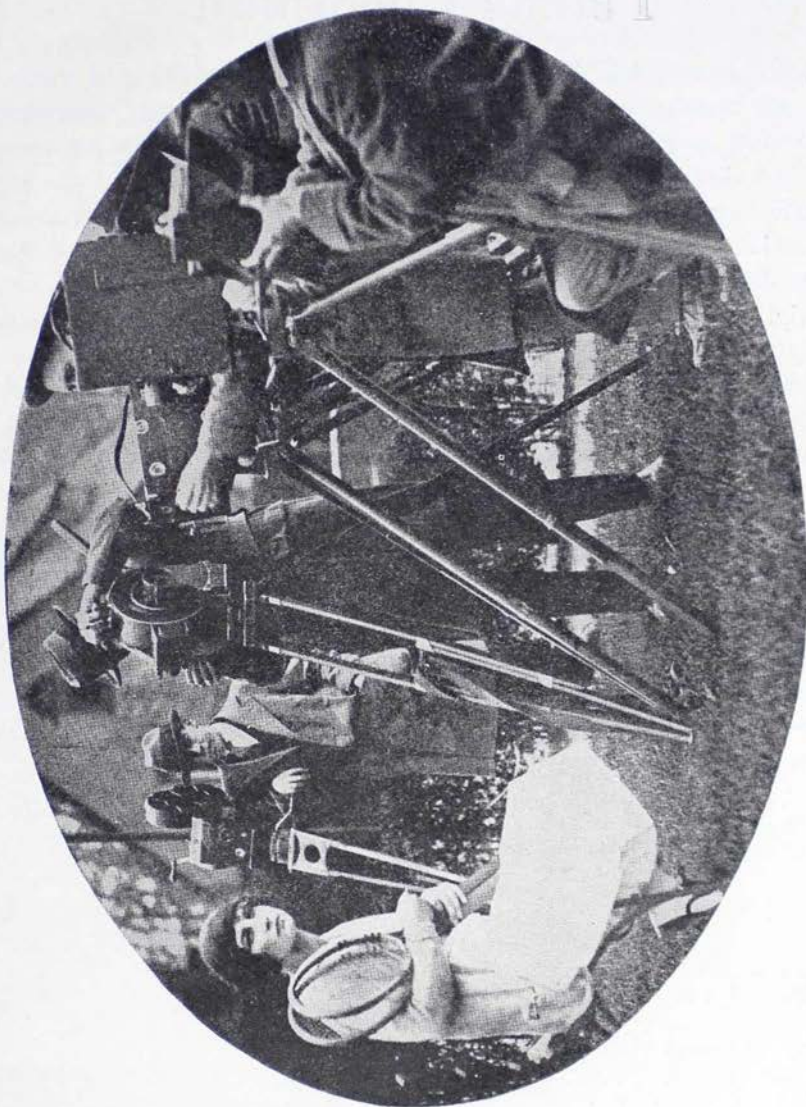
## **In Memoriam**

On July 23, 1924, after a few days' illness, Mrs. Frances Martin Kelsey died at her home in Indianapolis, Ind. She attended Butler College and Chicago University, receiving her B.A. degree from the latter institution, and later on her M.A. at Columbia University. She had been prominent in teaching circles for many years and at the time of her death was instructor in psychology at the Teachers' College in Indianapolis. Previous to her work there she had taught in the public schools in Minneapolis and Cleveland and Marquette, Mich. Throughout her long years as a teacher she had given distinguished service to the cause of education.

Initiated into Mu chapter, at Butler College, in 1881, her interest in the fraternity never wavered. Though her work in later years kept her from taking an active part in the alumnæ association, she never lost sight of its interests.

Hers was a life of service and devotion to others.





KAPPA'S NATIONAL AND OLYMPIC TENNIS CHAMPION

# Kappa's National and Olympic Tennis Champion

THE name of Helen Wills is probably as well known as that of any woman living in the United States at the present time—certainly any woman of her years. Inseparably connected with this is her consistent modesty. She has made herself the one outstanding figure among American women tennis players by quiet, steady persistence, and this characteristic steadiness has been evident in her demeanor throughout the new and exciting experiences which have been hers recently.

Her recent victories in tennis, singles and doubles, both on this side of the Atlantic and the other, are too well known to require detailed mention here, when all America has been following them in the daily press. Kappa wishes to express a personal tribute to the character of Helen Wills as an individual, as well as an international champion. Her devotion to sport has not prevented her from receiving a high award for scholarship at the University of California, where she is a student, and she returns to her college work and to the continuance of her athletic interests with distinction, and still only at the outset of her career.

Mrs. Wightman, Miss Wills' successful partner in the national women's doubles, is also a member, now alumna, of Pi chapter. The fraternity is wholeheartedly proud of them both.



## FIDELIA, BY EDWIN BALMER. Dodd, Mead and Co.

Among the recent fiction dealing with American college life, *Fidelia* takes its place by virtue of the setting of its earlier chapters. Perhaps it would have done well to keep to this. The author writes with a surer touch while dealing with an environment with which he is evidently thoroughly familiar, and the first of the book is superior to the latter part, holding the reader's interest because of a certain spontaneous sincerity in the telling. The denouement is unconvincing and the conclusion as fortuitous as the device of removing the heir to the title by a fall in the hunting field, conveniently employed in novels of an older day. The character of *Fidelia* herself has more of reality about it than the others, and with her exit the story slackens appreciably, probably no less for the author than for the reader, with a vague attempt to give due credit to the less vivid Alice. The combination of goodness and dullness is an ever-present pitfall. One is reminded of the words of Carlyle upon hearing that a married couple had spent thirty years together without a difference of opinion: "It must have been vera bonny—but it must have been vera dull!" This in spite of Alice's frankness of desire, which fails to hold the reader's sympathy because of the lack of attraction in Alice herself.

The book has elements of interest, especially for its portrayal of certain phases of American life, and presents perhaps a more genuine picture of the co-educational university than others which have viewed it from a single and prejudiced standpoint only. The reader who is interested in this theme as treated in contemporary fiction, or who wishes to pass his time with a romance which is "modern though moral," will find enough in *Fidelia* to justify the time spent in reading it.

# Exchanges

MARY FUQUA TURNER

The excitement and tension of early fall is over for most of us and the routine of classes and normal chapter work has begun. With it comes the vital problem of freshman training and discipline, a necessary part of every fraternity woman's experience. *The Anchora* of Delta Gamma contains a splendid article on the subject under the title, "Delta Gamma Standards." After stressing the importance of careful investigation of all girls before their pledging, it continues:

Our standards are so well known to all upperclassmen that you need no reminders regarding them. But, alas, present day problems of the present generation are involving us in situations which we greatly deplore. It is better, far better, to remove a pledge pin than it is to take away a girl's fraternity pin. I cannot urge too strongly that each chapter be most conscientious about the standards of those into whose hands they place the name and honor of Delta Gamma.

Do not initiate any girl until you are satisfied that you can count on her to keep up our national standing, not only while she is in college, but for all time. We owe it to the whole fraternity world to keep our standards high and fine. If you will select your new material according to requirements, and if you will be insistent regarding recommendations as to character as well as to scholastic and social qualities, you will save your chapter and the national fraternity much annoyance. Better run the risk of losing a few good girls than of lowering our standards by lack of care. We are all so busy doing our part to carry on these ideals that it is a great loss of time and energy to have to solve preventable problems.

Once again, let me urge you all to satisfy yourselves, before initiation, that the personal conduct of your pledges is above criticism; that they can keep a good average in scholarship, and that they can and will be prompt in the payment of all obligations to college and to fraternity. These obligations include financial obligations. There is no such thing as INDIVIDUALISM when one becomes a member of Delta Gamma. Your obligation to Delta Gamma is very definite. It involves THINKING RIGHTLY, ACTING RIGHTLY, LIVING RIGHTLY.

There is no double standard. See to it that the pledges know what this standard is before initiation. Let them determine *before* initiation, whether they are able to maintain Delta Gamma's Standards.

—*Anchora* of Delta Gamma.

That this discipline, however, is not the only way to form proper freshman habits, is the point made by the *Shield*, which considers the responsibility of the chapter of equal importance.

A certain amount of so-called freshman discipline, wisely administered, may have some value, but it should not be forgotten that kindness, helpfulness, unself-



fishness and consideration for others are still qualities that help to develop men and to bring out the best that may be in them. At the same time it should be remembered that the freshman is observing and imitative. The example set by upperclassmen is likely to be closely followed by the new members.

—*Shield of Phi Kappa Psi.*

From the pen of a senior Phi Gam, president of his chapter and a Phi Beta Kappa, we find this in the symposium called "Confessions of a Senior," conducted by the editor of the *Phi Gamma Delta*:

A freshman on entering should realize that his opinion is worth about as much as the proverbial snowball in the proverbial place. As early as possible develop a "thick skin"—it will save you a lot of grief.

Study the first year and make good grades and your success as a scholar is assured. Also, your allowance comes more regularly under these conditions.

Make a sincere effort to make every man in the chapter your friend and if you can't say anything good about a brother then do not say anything.

The first two years I took little interest in fraternity matters, but in the last two I have spent at least a third of my time on fraternity work. You will never regret aiding your chapter—your thanks may be few, but the good you have done yourself can not be measured. The moment a freshman starts working for the fraternity that same moment he ceases to be a liability and becomes an asset.

Fashions change—in fraternity magazines as in dress. Thus we sadly watch the decline of the time-honored chapter letters which, though not entirely discontinued, are becoming, like long-haired girls, "scarcer and scarcer" with each group of exchanges received. In their places we find a variety of articles and new departments. Phi Gamma Delta, with Brother Coolidge, and Delta Upsilon, with Brother Dawes, have turned toward the joys of national politics, while the Betas seem to favor municipal politics. Some of the most interesting of the new departments are those which review recent books pertaining to college and fraternity life. *The Trident*, of Delta Delta Delta, has contributed the following:

The last few years have seen American colleges assailed from all sides and on all counts. They are atheistic, cry the fundamentalists; too conservative, too hide-bound, too capitalistic, say the socialists; too radical, suggest the capitalists; too alcoholic, say the reformers; too dull and dry and impractical and generally out of date, say the educational progressives; too full of instructors, suggest the students; too cluttered up with lazy freshmen, say the instructors. And so it goes: all the ills that flesh is heir to seem to flourish on our college campuses. Whoever has a word of criticism to offer is sure to make the front page and to find innocent readers a plenty who will believe his disgruntled vaporings.

If the critic of the college is innocent enough—and perhaps one should add, ignorant enough,—he writes a book that enjoys a temporary popularity, followed by a swift and everlasting oblivion.

Thus Mr. Sinclair's *The Goose Step*, a tissue of misrepresentation and misfortune woven around a modicum of fact, is, today, as dead as Bishop Stubb's *Select Charters*—and far more deservedly dead. *Grey Towers*, the splenetic outburst of a disappointed assistant, a book that would have been mildly offensive had it not been transparently foolish, is already selling steadily at the rate of a cent a pound—for waste paper.

This from the *Delta Kappa Epsilon*:

*The Plastic Age* has attracted the widest attention. It has stirred something approaching a sensation in the undergraduate world and among college men and women in general. Is it a true picture? Is its frankness justified? Are there colleges like Sanford? Are there house-parties and proms like those he describes? Are there college careers like that of Hugh Carver?

To all those questions the answer, I believe, is in the affirmative. Mr. Marks has shocked many readers, but he has written only what any of us who are close to the present-day undergraduate world know well to be true. Nor is this to be taken as an indictment of our colleges, except as showing that our colleges are a cross section of our national life—that undergraduates are sons and daughters of their parents, that the younger generation, in college as outside, is doing a lot of groping in this unsettled era, but that it is sound at heart and is going to come through all right.

Those who know the college world to-day will realize, when they have read *The Plastic Age* to the end, that Mr. Marks has been only fair and frank with many themes that are commonly either ignored on the one hand or else much exaggerated on the other. The book is a success because the author has written with sincerity as well as with fairness. Moreover, it is splendidly balanced, and not the one-sided picture of undergraduate life that most college stories offer. The action is wholly at the college, and we see it all—athletics, fraternity life, social festivities, the classroom, the work and the play, the excesses and the idealism, with representatives of each type of individual found where a thousand or so of American undergraduates are gathered.

*The Trident*, however, speaking again, disagrees, and says that *The Plastic Age* is:

a riot of alcohol and sex; about what one would expect from a young man who can say in all seriousness, "The average college teacher hasn't enough mental energy to spit intellectually; he dribbles." As a story, a novel, the book is naively crude; as a picture of college life in America it is a total loss. (Should this last statement seem an exaggeration, the first Brown alumnus you chance to meet will confirm it—with expletives).

Better than this in every way is *The Education of Peter*, by John Wiley (Stokes). The book is avowedly a chronicle of Peter Carey's four years at Yale. Yale institutions—fraternity "calling," Tap Day, a big game, the Elizabethan Club, Billy Phelps—appear more or less in their true colors. In fact the entire background of the story is accurate and awakens pleasant memories in the mind of anyone who has ever walked the elm-shaded streets of New Haven, whether as college student or casual visitor.



And Peter, the hero of the tale, is a good sort—suffering from a vague unrest which prompts him, for instance, to run away on Tap Day, and so to miss his election to one of the senior societies, but on the whole taking life about as a normal boy should.

On the whole it is a good yarn, though not, one may be sure, a great novel of college life. The great novel of college life has never been written; perhaps it never will be. College students, interesting and lovable as they are, lead secluded, sheltered lives; the major problems of existence touch them but lightly. Consequently the story of college life seems destined to be either somewhat trivial or else falsely sensational. *The Education of Peter* is better than trivial; it is a good book for a rainy afternoon. *The Plastic Age* is a first rate book for the waste basket.

Of more interest to fraternity people is the review of *The Barb*:

It is claimed that *The Barb* by William J. McNally is a controversial study of a real problem in the cultural and moral development of America. Balderdash and paprika! (Pardon Mencken!) It is merely a best seller, with an attractive name, a book based on the eternal triangle and conventional obstacles and the customary happy ending.

There is a slight hint of an "attack" (the word is too strong) when Bob Whitney, the literary genius of the campus, the master mind of the student body, shuns the fraternities, and when Monica Trent, the prize for whom the sororities have all set their bait, also decides to "go barb." The upshot of it all is that these two are successful, extremely so, in spite of the fact that they do not flash bejeweled badges.

Where, I ask, is the much heralded attack on fraternities, the exposure of the evils of "Greek-letterism," as McNally calls it? The book is not even a failure, if its purpose is attacking the fraternity system, for failure implies at least attempt. I do not doubt, in fact I am convinced, that some fraternity men are snobbish, as McNally hints—but there is no ground for convincing condemnation of an entire system because of a few hand-picked isolated examples. It seems so absurd to denounce fraternities in general as being snobbish, or detrimental to cultural development and mental initiative from the meager evidence McNally has collected.

As a challenge to fraternities the book is a disappointment.

—*Pyramid of Tau Delta Phi, via Banta's Greek Exchange.*

From "The Bookshelf" of *The Signet* comes a critique of two more of the late novels.

FIDELIA. By Edwin Balmer. Dodd, Mead & Company. \$2.00.

There are a great many Phi Sigma Kappa men from eastern chapters who have never seen sorority life in full swing and have absolutely no comprehension of the part it plays in the West. *Fidelia* will give to such men just a glimpse, enough perhaps to make clear to them why western benedicts insist upon adding to hymeneal notices the Greek-letter affiliations of the lady.

For the rest *Fidelia* is a triangle love story in which a devastating vampire is presented by the author with not quite convincing sympathy and is given most

of the first-fruits of the hero's love, although at the end the *deus ex machina* is summoned in order that a barren throne may be made available for her more deserving but less fascinating rival. The book offers a pleasant evening for readers of love stories.

NONE SO BLIND. *By Albert Parker Fitch. Macmillan. \$2.50.*

Anyway it is refreshing to read a college story that does not center on the athletic field. Possibly that is one reason why the talk sounds sometimes pedantic and sometimes rhetorical. There are plenty of undergraduates whose talk is both, but they do not infest the gridiron. And if the characters are not wholly convincing as individuals, they are as types, which is almost as important.

The story shows the struggle of sentiment and sophistication, of heart and mind, and incidentally the spiritual deterioration of the sons of the Brahmins. It interested your reviewer throughout, and left him thoughtful. It also aroused pleasant memories of the Harvard Yard; although an occasional "jolly" or "I can't stick that" or open coal grate or Cambridge cab made it seem like a Harvard with a tincture of Oxford.

#### COLLEGE SONGS

How does your college add to its songs? Nothing is so dear to the heart of the college student or to the college graduate, whether he be far away or still in his school environments, as his college songs. Often you find him humming a line here or a line there, and, furthermore, what is more impressive than to hear a group of college students on the football field sing their Alma Mater? At the Ohio State University a novel way is taken to add at least one song a year to our list. This is in the form of a contest among the fraternities. Each fraternity prepares a song and in the early spring a song fest is held in the Hollow and the fraternity which presents the best song is awarded a silver cup. These new songs may be new songs to old music, they may be lullabies, they may be songs of rollicking nature or they may be songs to create a feeling of do or die for your Alma Mater. Again, I wonder how others add to their songs?

—*Lyre of Alpha Chi Omega.*

Have you a definite way of adding to your fraternity songs? Several chapters have established the custom of requiring each freshman to present a new chapter or Kappa song at her initiation banquet. Speaking of new songs, here's a denunciation of the word "frat" which exactly expresses our feelings. (If you don't get the connection look back at some of the *old* songs.)

"A word once vulgarized can never be rehabilitated."—Lowell, *Among My Books.*

The metamorphosis of the American Greek-letter fraternity has, in the natural sequence of events, evolved its own special vocabulary. Certain words and phrases have become part and parcel of the very life-blood of its development. Even as the inventor strives to perfect his original design, at the same time discarding



the parts that tend to weakness and error, so does the fraternity idea march along, always striving within itself to elevate its own particular standards.

Strange to the mind of the writer is the fact that the word "frat" ever was born, and worse still, has seemed to survive through all these days of progress. A most inelegant term, slangy in its conception, its use never fails to detract one's estimate of the user and the group he may belong to. To hear the word "frat" spoken grates on the ears as terrifically as the screech emitted by a hard slate pencil pushed over a greasy slate. The one does not jar on finer sensibilities any worse than the other.

A natural extension of the argument brings the spot-light on that rusty euphemism, as odious as the other, namely, "the frat house." Ye gods, what a place! I cannot conceive of the Phi Gams at Kansas University calling their new \$100,000 home "a frat house." If they do I miss my guess. The lovable term, (if rhetorical critics will permit the expression, despite their contention that inanimate things may not love or be loved) "the fraternity house," is much more to be desired. Among fraternity men these days, there is a beautiful meaning in their phrase "the house." No one but a true Greek senses the real warmth back of it. It is so akin to the sacred word "home" that the most worthy of ideals blend resplendently with it. The word "fraternity" used with it amplifies the meaning, but does not contribute any special additional sentiment. In times past there persisted a peculiar sense of misgiving regarding the *raison d'être* of the so-called "frat-house." The fraternity world has moved away, thank goodness, from that misty period.

As to the ancient travesty "frat brother," that has just about died a natural death. I have not heard it used in a long time. The other day an old friend of mine, a Sigma Chi by the way, used a term new to my ears. He spoke of his *frater brother*. Nothing obnoxious about that. It was rather a pleasing diversion to other terms, and lacked some of the egotism and uppishness oftentimes to be detected when young chaps are talking incessantly about their "Zow Zing Zow" brothers. I have heard many worse combinations than that, but in the strictest sense, both words mean the same, one being from the Latin and the other from the English.

Then there is the old bugaloo, "the frat pin." After digesting what has gone before, I put this as an open question: "Which is the more dignified and inspiring, 'my frat pin' or 'my fraternity pin?'" I knew we would agree on that.

To my mind, the word "frat" has been vulgarized and as no less an authority than Lowell has proscribed such as this, it is high time that its death knell be sounded. No good will accrue from its continued use.

These few personal observations are recorded with the best of intentions, and offered along the lines of constructive criticism. At the same time, I feel quite positive that they reflect the general consensus of opinion among those who are endeavoring to keep a finger on the pulse of the college fraternity problem.

*The Phi Gamma Delta.*

## IT ISN'T EASY

*To apologize.*  
*To begin again.*  
*To admit error.*  
*To be unselfish.*  
*To face a sneer.*  
*To be considerate.*  
*To endure success.*  
*To keep on trying.*  
*To profit by mistakes.*  
*To forgive and forget.*  
*To think and then act.*  
*To keep out of the rut.*  
*To make the best of little.*  
*To shoulder deserved blame.*  
*To subdue an ugly temper.*  
*To maintain a high standard.*  
*To recognize the silver lining.*  
*But it always pays you.*

—Caduceus of Kappa Sigma.  
*via Themis of Zeta Tau Alpha.*

## CUTTING OFF A YEAR

Prominent educators are seeking a substitute for the present four-year college course. The traditional term is in danger of being set aside in a striking manner.

A three-year course, whose short summer and Christmas vacations will give it as many study hours as the usual four-year term, is to be inaugurated at the new five-million-dollar college for women in Bennington, Vt., that is being projected by the heads of Wellesley, Radcliffe, Bryn Mawr, Mt. Holyoke, Barnard and other distinguished schools.

The new college is sponsored because the present women's colleges in the East cannot take care of the young women seeking to attend them. The new institution is planned that parents may be spared the expense of unnecessarily long collegiate courses.

American parents will welcome anything that will spare the sacrifice necessary to send children to college for four years, if three years will do as well. It is significant that our tax-supported state universities have not led the way in this possible improvement; it had to be done by those who appeal to private citizens for endowments.—*The Dearborn Independent.*

—Sigma Kappa Triangle.

Only when we read things like this are we glad we're Alumnæ.

S. U. S.

S. U. S. may mean "Speed Up Sisters" when we are talking about the Alpha Chi Omega convention and "Send Us Some" when we send a wireless to Dad but



it means Sit (or Stand) Up Straight when we are talking about the University of Vermont.

Each year we have a Good Posture week with some special stunt taking place each day. On Monday a small yellow card is given to each girl with the following verse:

“Stick me in your mirror  
Or pin me on the door.  
If you love me, you will look  
Much better than before.”

These conspicuous yellow cards may be found in almost all the girls' rooms.

Tuesday the famous “soap-box” speeches given by the college girls are a great attraction between classes. One girl had living specimens of the posture of 1924 and that of 1950, bringing out the weak points that must be overcome before good posture can be obtained.

Next, on Wednesday, there is always an exhibition of good and bad shoes which shows us what to wear.

Then on Thursday we see the green S. U. S. tags floating around the campus. Each girl who wears one must first pass a test in good posture. She must be able to sit, stand and walk correctly.

Friday is the day that the posture pictures are taken, and any girl who desires may have hers taken.

This year on Saturday a five-minute posture play written by one of the girls was given in the Student Union. It showed how the points in poor posture destroy ambition. Girls representing either a weak point in posture or a bad habit gathered around a college girl and kept pulling her down as each one surrounded her with a rope.

Yes, S. U. S. means Sit (or Stand) Up Straight at Vermont, and I wonder if it means this at your college.—*Lyre* of Alpha Chi Omega.

# Chapter Letters

Chapter letters missing:

*Gamma Lambda*  
*Beta Psi*  
*Beta Alpha*  
*Gamma Rho*  
*Gamma Epsilon*  
*Beta Upsilon*  
*Gamma Kappa*  
*Beta Rho*  
*Chi*  
*Epsilon*

*Beta Lambda*  
*Gamma Alpha*  
*Theta*  
*Gamma Theta*  
*Beta Zeta*  
*Gamma Beta*  
*Beta Xi*  
*Beta Omega*  
*Pi*  
*Beta Eta*

## *Phi, Boston University*

The summer that at last Kappa meeting in the spring seemed such ages long, has fairly melted away as we approached it. We found ourselves scattered, if not from pole to pole—at least from Canada to Carolina and from the west to Europe. Our occupations have been as many and as varied as our places of abode, ranging from studying at Smith, Columbia and elsewhere, or acting as waitress or governess, to traveling here and abroad in carefree ease and mere general vacationing.

While we have been so scattered, our round robin has gone its rounds, bringing to each one of us the thrill of news about convention. We are now, as college opens, still more glad to hear of it by word of mouth.

But before the summer ever started, just after the stress and strain of finals, we celebrated by a house-party at the shore in Scituate. It will be long before we forget the big old house with the "Captain's Walk" overlooking the sea for miles up and down the shore, the ghost stories told by the dying fire, or the redoubtable rowboat in which Lib and Pauline had their adventure. It was one of those carefree and delightful house-parties where each one does exactly as she chooses and everyone has a good time.

Then there was the Kappa picnic reunion which was held on Cape Cod, made up of the many Kappas who were either working or summering in the vicinity.

I do not know whether the last letter included the announcement of our three Phi Beta Kappas, but every member of Phi chapter is proud to shine in their reflected glory. They are Anabel Barber, Janet Height and Eleanor Warren.

Now we are busy planning for rushing and for our part in the college activities.

DOROTHY DUDLEY SMITH.

## *Beta Beta, St. Lawrence University*

Last semester sped by with flying colors at St. Lawrence. After initiation there was much to take our attention—the "Buttercups" each week to which the mothers and alumnae were invited, a mah jong house-party, the May break-fast, Moving-up Day and then commencement.



The spirit between the alumnae and the active chapter has been very loyal throughout the year. In the winter we were entertained one evening at the home of Mrs. George Conkey and it proved a "get-acquainted" affair. The chief diversion was a guessing contest as to the identity of various youthful persons—now revered alumnae—whose photographs were thrown upon a stereopticon screen.

During the spring we received visits from eight of the nine Kappas who graduated last year. All have become prosperous young school teachers or business women, but one returned to us under a different name. Frances Purdy was married to Dudley P. Dewell, '23, Beta Theta Pi, on Feb. 21, 1924.

The annual March 17 bridge party and dance enabled us to contribute \$150.00 to the Endowment Fund of the university. As a result of the Christmas sale we were able to redecorate the library and purchase an over-stuffed divan.

The Glee Club made its first formal appearance in June and five Kappas took part in the cantata, *The Lady of Shalott*. Jean Cornwall, '27, was the only vocal soloist on the program.

The Mummers presented Sheridan's *Rivals* for the commencement play, and Gertrude Wood, our chapter president, was an adorable "Julia."

Marion E. Higley, '25, was elected president of Student Government and Fernabelle Brandow, '26, treasurer, for the coming year.

Seven Kappa seniors went back into the freshmen seats in Chapel on Moving-up Day. Many were the plans for a chapter reunion at convention but somehow the plans failed to materialize. Olga McLary, '26, as delegate, and Marion E. Higley, '25, were the only ones fortunate enough to reach Bigwin Inn. We who return to college in the fall will have the new incentive and enthusiasm which convention aroused and we only regret that "the seniors" will not be there to share it with us.

The announcement has recently been received of the wedding on Aug. 14 of Doris Eggleston, '24, and Louis T. Cook, '23, Alpha Tau Omega.

MARION E. HIGLEY.

### *Beta Tau, Syracuse University*

Last spring term was one full of work and outside interests for the Beta Taus. Honors came our way. Florence Bray was elected to Phi Beta Kappa and Margaret Calkins made Phi Kappa Phi. Theta Sigma Phi, honorary journalistic fraternity, elected Margaret Williams and Charlotte Baker. At the spring elections Vivian Watkins became the vice-president of W. S. G. A. and Peg Cheney was honored by Eta Pi Upsilon, women's senior society.

The one party allowed us by Panhellenic in the spring took the form of a formal dinner at the house. Afterwards we took the girls to the theater. Panhellenic is making our rushing rules more strict and this fall a more strenuous program of rushing will be followed. For the first time this fall our freshmen will enter a week before upper classmen and instruction in campus spirit and aims will be given to aid them in their career.

Four very lovely weddings took place during the spring and summer. Mildred Furbush was married to Frank Dobell, Marjory Wells to Frank Severance, Ruth Trett to Burch McMorran and Mary Magavern to Errol Williams. Betty Bump's engagement to Charles Brooks was announced in June.

Under the guidance of our alumnae chapter we are making our dreams of a new house materialize by earning money. Our lot has been purchased and card parties and subscription dances are helping to swell the fund for the house.

Women's Day was a big event for Syracuse women. The May Morning Breakfast was put on by Janice Dorr and in the afternoon athletic events took place, followed by a colorful pageant. Our mothers' house-party was that week-end and the delight of both mothers and daughters crowned those few days a huge success.

Our spring formal was the feature of our social season. It was held at the house which was decorated very cleverly with futuristic designs.

During commencement week the alumnae banquet was held and was attended by a large delegation of girls back for graduation and the renewing of old friendships.

Our college year closed with a house-party at the summer home of Alice Root on Ontario Bay. Everyone can appreciate our joy at being free after exams and the last minute rush.

Now we are all scattered, enjoying various forms of vacations but looking forward to the fall term with anticipation.

ADELAIDE ATWELL.

### *Psi, Cornell University*

As seasons wax and wane Psi goes on waxing. Spring in Ithaca is so wonderful and full of important events that it seems to go even faster than any other season. The spring elections, as usual, brought many honors to Kappa. Barbara Charles, '25, was elected women's editor of the *Cornell Daily Sun*; she was also elected to membership in Mortar Board, senior society. Mary Yinger, '24, made Phi Beta Kappa. Jeannette Dunsmore, '26, made Raven and Serpent, junior society, and was chairman of the Grandmothers. We have a system at Cornell whereby the juniors act as grandmothers to the freshmen. They write to the freshmen, help them with registering and with all their problems. At the senior banquet Ruth Bateman was elected permanent president of the class of '24. Grace Eglinton, '27, was manager of her class track team. Frances Houck was pledged the last of May. She and Betty Purdy, '27, who was pledged in February, will be initiated in the fall.

Our spring dance at the Country Club was a great success. We had planned it for a time when the moon would be full, but said moon was very unobliging and only came out for a short time. However, we did not let this worry us, but went ahead and had a wonderful time. "Midge" Fellows, Mu, who now goes to Wells College, Aurora, N. Y., came over to our dance. Wihlhemine Muller, '26, was married to George Sexton, of Boston, in June. We all wanted to go to her wedding, but none of us could get there, so we will have to be content with hearing about it from her sister who is still in the chapter. Jeannette Dunsmore, our delegate to the convention, was married in Hudson Falls, N. Y., on Aug. 23 to Joseph Charles Gardner, of Washington, D. C.

The alumnae of '23 presented the house with a davenport just before college closed. It is a great addition to our living-room. Aside from its



decorative value, we shall always value it because they gave it to us.

All the members of the chapter were shocked to hear of the death of Barbara Duel, '23, who died Aug. 22. Her death brings sadness to us all. We shall miss her frequent visits to the chapter more than we can say. Kappa has lost a loyal and lovable sister.

The house was kept open during summer school. There were nine girls who stayed in it, including six Kappas—Louise Renolds and Caroline Romer, Beta Tau, Edith McCauley, Beta Delta, and Mary Yinger, Dorothy Fellows, and Virginia Tyler, Psi.

The summer is almost over now and we are making plans to go back to Ithaca. In spite of noble attempts at correspondence—most of us would hate to have to pay aerial postage on our correspondence—there will be much to talk over when we get back. When the sisters go traveling, get married, and go to convention it gives us lots to talk about.

ANNE YOUNG.

### *Beta Sigma, Adelphi College*

Convention has provided most of the excitement in Beta Sigma recently. Those of us who went still have the thrill and those who didn't are eagerly awaiting fall house-party, just before the re-opening of college, to hear all about it. It was great fun planning and looking forward to convention but now that it's over we have greater happiness in bringing back some of the beauty and inspiration we received there. May we here express our thanks to Beta Psi for the hospitality we received in Canada, a hospitality which was a truly practical expression of Kappa ideals?

Spring held other interesting events, however, beside the big one. On June 12 we initiated Irma Halvorsen and Frances Reid. Having gained two new members in the afternoon, we went to commencement in the evening to view the official departure of six older ones. In spite of our regret in losing six of the finest we rejoiced in the honors they received. Betty Horne and Edith Hurd received the highest scholastic honor, membership in the very exclusive scholarship fraternity. We were disappointed to find that we were second in our race for the scholarship cup but our defeat has only made us a little more anxious for the struggle next year.

Just before examinations we held our last Panhellenic meeting of the year. All the year we have been discussing second semester bidding and considering a motion, made by Phi Mu, to try it this year at Adelphi. We tried to get information concerning its success at other day colleges but found, however, that it had worked in very few cases where conditions even approximated ours. The plan, therefore, which many of us favored theoretically, had to be given up, as we felt its practical application would be almost impossible.

The return of some of our active alumnae and recent graduates from Eights Week at Oxford and a subsequent tour of England and France was the cause of much rejoicing. They have great stories to tell us of their adventures abroad. Canada and the mother country will be real rivals, we foresee, in future Kappa conversations.

This letter has been very retrospective, but Beta Sigma is entirely concerned with the future, when we hope to initiate more girls into the joy of Kappahood. We are looking forward to a successful new year not only for ourselves but for every chapter of Kappa.

JEAN H. BROWN.

### *Beta Iota, Swarthmore College*

Seven graduates and not a single engagement! Beta Iota seniors failed her this year—but they tried to compensate by their activities during commencement week.

Marion Jones gave the history of '24, and it was one of the cleverest features of the entire week. At the class presentations, three other Kappas were awarded notice; Lois Walker for the most frosh-like senior, Louise Davis as one side of a senior kollege kase, and "Fritzie" as the best vocal newspaper; but the seniors were not the only attractions of the week. Our southern Mary Pettus, and ex-member of the class of '25, came back for graduation, and the chapter, bereft a whole year, rejoiced in the return of the laughin' No'th Ca'lina Ma'y. On alumni day many of our graduates came back for the informal meeting, at which the proposed Panhellenic house was discussed. The project was favored but no action has been decided upon.

This summer the chapter has included travelers, campers and students. Polly Pollard did not go to Canada alone; she was accompanied by Marion Jones, Lea Pugh, Betty Winchester, Anna Rose Williams, Betts Miller and others. Tink Cudlip and Alice Dickey upheld the scholastic side, Tink at Ann Arbor and Alice at George Washington. Polly Pollard and Floss Hoskinson were counselors at Northern camps, and Dot Merrill was also employed at a camp—her social status has not yet been defined.

Since this is not the "we've pledged the dearest freshmen," nor yet "ten new Kappas wear the golden key" letter, real news is at a premium. Plans for our fall house-party have not been completed, but we hope to hold it where the chapter can be alone and strengthen the friendship that is the basis of fraternity.

ALICE E. DICKEY.

### *Lambda, Municipal University of Akron*

As to Lambda—You're interested in Who's Who, aren't you? At least you should be. Well, Edith Frasier, Alice Armstrong, Alice Failor, Celia Stein, Winifred Wells, Marian Brown, Alberta Nicodemus, Dorothy Mell and Helen Blackburn are Kappas. Marie Oatis and Margaret Headlund are pledged.

Last spring, during vacation, we took off our shoes and stockings and put on old aprons and hats and slapped a little fresh paint on our walls and floors. We re-enameled our furniture and had it re-upholstered and called ourselves new. Margaret Brown did such a nice thing as to lend us her piano while she is in Cincinnati.

With examinations came reunion and our formal that same night. The dance was at the Brookside Country Club at Canton.

Then college was out and five girls rode off in Alice Failor's car to convention. Standstill until their return. Then followed the best turnout of



the year when old and young alike gathered in Mary Belden's orchard to hear about convention. Well pleased we were, too.

We've been pretty good about getting together this summer. Quite a number of us were in summer school. We had a lot of spreads and swimming parties, though. You see, we like to be together. I can hardly wait to be off, for I expect to see at least one Kappa and that my cousin. Next time you hear from us we'll be deep in work.

ELEANOR OLMSTEAD.

### *Beta Nu, Ohio State University*

Having so many good things to write of, it seems impossible to report everything in this one letter, for Beta Nu has had a very successful year.

First of all, the chapter wishes to announce the initiation of Elizabeth Crotti, Anita Hoffman, Ann Fredericks, and Helen Bliss Enderlin on April 13.

Beta Nu is retaining her place in campus activities and Frances Davis and Mary Collicott have been chosen as members of Mortar Board, the senior girls honorary fraternity. We are proud to announce also, that Mary Collicott has been elected vice-president of Y. W. C. A. and president of the League of Women Voters.

Chimes, junior girls honorary fraternity, has elected Nan Newton and Ruth Hinshaw for the coming year. Jean Kitchen has been chosen senior representative to Student Council, and Margaret Speaks is to take charge of the Glee Club as president.

The freshman Y. W. Cabinet has honored Ruth Semans by sending her to the general conference at Lake Geneva, Wis., this summer.

There was a decided increase in our scholastic standing for the spring quarter. This inspires us to attempt another breaking of records for the fall. May we succeed so Kappa can head the list for next year! With all these new officers and honors to be proud of, Beta Nu must and will have a most successful year.

The chapter bids farewell to Marian Lilly, Alma Dickey and Louise Newton of this year's graduating class. We do this only to have them as true supporting alumnæ.

We wish every other chapter success in the coming year of 1924-25.

HELEN BLISS ENDERLIN.

### *Beta Chi, University of Kentucky*

Since our last letter to THE KEY was written much of importance has happened. First of all our big dance, given last spring, was as much of a success as we had hoped. It was a peacock affair, the whole ballroom of the Phoenix Hotel being decorated in peacock feathers, streamers and painted peacocks. The girls' favors were peacock quill pens, while the boys were presented with small silver knives.

We are very proud of our five Kappas who made Mortar Board, the honorary senior fraternity, this year. They were Frances Field Coleman, Elizabeth Cromwell, Frances Smith and Mary Matilda Beard. Miss Cornell, formerly of the Home Economics Department, was made an honorary member.

As happens each year, our seniors left us, and this time seven received their

diplomas. They are Isabel Bennett, Patsy McCord, Laura Isabelle Bennett, Rowena Coats and Margaret Turley, of Richmond, Ky., and Mary and Minnie Benton Peterson, from Cynthiana, Ky. Before graduation they were entertained with a midnight feast and presented with tiny lockets which bore the familiar Kappa shield.

Six from Beta Chi were so fortunate as to attend convention and they came back so full of Kappa that we have all begun saving our pennies for next convention.

After a most delightful summer vacation fifty Kappas assembled for our annual camp on the Kentucky River, Aug. 2-9. On the night of the seventh, we entertained with a barge dance, and about twenty girls who are coming to school this fall were invited to spend that night and the next day with us. The next day camp broke up and we all came to Lexington to Janet and Virginia McVey's Kappa luncheon.

At present we are looking forward to living in the new house we have rented for this year. Although it is not quite finished we can hardly wait to move in. We have planned to start things off with a week-end house-party just before school begins. As we cleared \$60.00 at a bridge party, given several weeks ago for the purpose, we hope to have new draperies, a swing and some furniture to make our new house even more beautiful and comfortable than our previous one.

ELEANOR C. SMITH.

### *Gamma Delta, Purdue University*

With a successful year behind her, Gamma Delta is looking forward to making this year even more so if possible.

We won three trophies last semester, in basketball, volley ball and tennis, Margaret Lauman being co-ed tennis champion. Our president, Elinore Morey, was initiated into Kappa Pi, honorary educational fraternity; Omicron Nu, honorary home economics fraternity, and Theta Gamma, honorary English fraternity. Lois Guthrie also made Theta Chi Gamma and Kappa Delta Pi; Frances Reynolds made Theta Chi Gamma and Helen Waters, Kappa Delta Pi. Next year's co-editor of the *Exponent*, Purdue's daily, is to be Katherine Cassel.

In Purdue's annual Harlequin show we were well represented by Mary Rissor carrying a leading rôle as one of the "Two Little Girls in Blue," and Katherine McPhetridge in the choruses. *The Tailor-Made Man*, the Little Theater Production given Feb. 15, in which we had five girls, was taken to Frankfort for two nights after school closed.

Four more acquired the great honor of wearing golden keys April 5. They were Martha Dukes, Eleanor Eisenbach and Mildred Albright of Lafayette, and Katherine Horn of Chicago.

Four weddings are announced this time: Margaret Mayer, '23, to H. L. Harmon, Delta Tau Delta, '23, April 30; Doris Perkins, ex-'24, to W. W. Meyer, Delta Upsilon, '23, April 26; Naomi Scheip, ex-'26, to O. F. Whitmer, Delta Upsilon, '23, July 31, and Constance Morrison to C. W. DeCou, Beta Theta Pi, June 28.

We held our mothers' house-party the first week-end in May when Purdue



was celebrating its semicentennial. Three days entertainment was planned, including a dinner at which we presented our guests and the town mothers with corsages of roses and sweetpeas.

On May 24 our informal spring dance was given at the Lafayette Country Club with the best student orchestra playing. On May 28 we had a picnic with the Pi Phis at the beautiful country home of Martha Dukes where we all had a fine time.



MARGARET LAUMAN OF ATTICA, IND.

Champion co-ed tennis player and cross-country hiker at Purdue University. Indianapolis *Star*, Courtesy of Beta Theta Pi.

We are coming back in September without our beloved chaperon, Miss Shelley. Six seniors were also lost to us by graduation. We had a farewell breakfast for them and presented silver spoons to Ruth Heinmiller, Betty Robinson, Salome Pfeeger, Dorothy Daily, Helen Waters and Margaret McPhetridge; but in spite of our loss, we are looking forward to the fall with great anticipation and high hopes.

Here's wishing every chapter success this year.

MILDRED ALBRIGHT.

### *Iota, De Pauw University*

From Feb. 20 to Aug. 20 is such a long time that we are just chuck full of news. First, after years of gypsying, Iota chapter is at last proudly and joyfully settled in her own home, so much finer and more beautiful than we ever dared hope for. Our loyal alumnae are still pouring in gifts and raising bonds. At commencement time, when the house was formally dedicated, an unusually large number came back and thrilled the actives' hearts by their enthusiasm and generosity. It is to those older Kappa sisters who first dreamed the dream and handed it on shining to us that we owe our present "Kappa Castle."

Rightly enough, the first ceremony to take place in the new house was initiation. Blanche Bicknell, Greencastle, Mary Kathryn Souder, Kokomo, Merna Pace, Duluth, Minn., Elizabeth Wentworth, Chicago, Caroline Theinhardt, Council Bluffs, Iowa, Annabelle McWethy, Greencastle, Louise Quinn, Chicago, Louise Shugert and Sara Poucher, Rochester, Pa., Lois Luther, Brazil, Martha Walker, Pekin, China, Dorothy Smith, Goshen, Mary Elizabeth Paddock, Springfield, Mass., and Isabelle Hamilton, Kokomo, were the initiates. Alumnae Day Caroline Ballard, of Muncie, was the initiate for model initiation. In April we pledged Ruth Richards, of Indianapolis.

Iota Kappas had their share of convention traveling this spring. Lois Zimmerman, newly elected president of W. A. A., went to Berkeley, Cal.; Helen Grose, as new president of W. S. G. A., attended the national convention at Columbus, Mo.; Kathryn Thompson, retiring president of Y. W. C. A., was one of two delegates to New York City, and the four lucky ones who were at Bigwin Inn have been sending out tantalizing bits ever since.

June 8 was Brides' Day with us. At Louisville, Ky., Susan Stephenson, '24, was married to Laurence Manning, '22, Phi Delta Theta. After a honeymoon in Canada they settled in Morrisonville, Ill. At Wichita, Kan., Katherine Elliot, ex-'25, was married to Wycoff Keach, architect and graduate of Princeton.

In the spring many honors came to Iota: Kathryn Thompson was awarded a junior Phi Beta Kappa key and Elaine Carson a senior key; Mortar Board capped Helen Grose, Lois Zimmerman and Kathryn Thompson; Mary Catherine Cannon and Kathryn Thompson were pledged to Theta Sigma Phi and Sara Little was elected president of the organization; Phi Mu Epsilon pledged Maurine Thompkins and Alice McCartney; Esther Felt won the O. Henry prize contest in short story; Martha Walker, a freshman, wrote the pageant given May Day; Mary Catherine Cannon took the leading rôle in *Rollo's Wild Oat*, presented by Pi Delta Epsilon; Dorothy Smith was elected president of Freshman Commission and Martha Walker, Sara Poucher and Mary Elizabeth Paddock were members; Mary Kathryn Soule won first place in the beauty contest and Merna Pace second; but the biggest plum of all I have saved for the last—we won the scholarship cup again! Just one more year and it will be ours forever.

We hope our next year will be as successful!

ESTHER G. FELT.



## *Mu, Butler College*

After attending convention, almost en masse, we will come home ready to start on the summer's campaign. Butler permits sororities to rush after Aug. 1, and since most of our prospective pledges live in Indianapolis, our work begins on the very first day and ends on the day college classes begin. Our first rush party was as different as we could make it from the other parties we have given. It was a matinee-tea at the home of Katherine Kautz, one of our alumnæ. The invitations were sent out in the form of theater tickets. The forty guests were entertained for awhile in the "lobby" of the Kappa theater and were then taken to the miniature theater in the basement where five of the girls gave a very entertaining stunt. Our beloved Kappa trio furnished the music and



Mu

the favors for the afternoon were dainty bamboo fans. The refreshments were served in the garden under the bluest sky that ever looked down upon a blue and blue party. The party as a whole (so we've been told) was a success but the results will show how great a one when our pledge list is released.

Mu chapter has not yet recovered from her "convention thrills." Our conversation is still of dear old Bigwin Inn and our charming Canadian hostesses. We thought for a while that Mu held the record for attendance with twenty-two present but we discovered that Beta Rho had brought one more sister along. Our Hoosier state was well represented since her entire delegation was unusually large. Justine Halliday was Mu's delegate and we were very proud of her and are anxious to hear her report when school opens. We were more than thrilled to bring back our Mrs. Harris as the National Vice-president, for while Delta claims her as a chapter sister, we are honored by her presence on all fraternity occasions making her seem as one of us.

Many of our girls are working in the city during the summer and some have been attending summer school, so we have informal Kappa meetings every two weeks in the evening and so keep in touch with each other remarkably well.

PAULINE BALLWEG.

### *Beta Delta, University of Michigan*

We have returned from convention and have scattered with the four winds. It hardly seems possible that it is now only a memory, but what joyous memories that word "convention" holds for the Beta Deltas who journeyed to Bigwin! And we thank the girls of Beta Psi who entertained us so royally.

Since last we sent a letter to THE KEY, several new achievements have been added to our list. We are proud of the high scholastic standing which entitled Helen Partlow and Marian Blood to the Honors Convocation, a new institution in the University of Michigan. It is a gathering shortly before commencement of those students whose scholarship ranks them in the upper tenth. Marian Blood also tied with another architectural student in winning the Booth Traveling Fellowship in architecture. This entitles both winners to a year of travel in Europe.

In the spring election, Irene Field and Elizabeth Ranck were elected sophomore and senior representatives on the Women's Athletic Board. Elizabeth is also on the Y. W. C. A. Cabinet for the year 1924-25.

On Lantern Night, the most important traditional event for the women of Michigan, Margaret Baily and Elizabeth Ranck acted as aides for the procession and Ruth Holznagle took charge of the costumes for the freshman pageant which preceded the ceremony.

Louise Galloway took the part of the queen in the senior girls' play, *If I Were King*.

The campus literary publication, *Whimsies*, honored Ellen Van Zandt with a position on its staff for the coming year.

Several of our members took interesting journeys during the summer. Sadyebeth Heath went to school in New York City, Mary Carter traveled to Europe and Elizabeth Beard enjoyed a trip to California.

Several weddings and weddings-to-be have been announced. The marriage of Helene Torrey to Frank McPhail, Phi Rho Sigma, is to occur in August and they will reside in Ann Arbor for the coming year.

We thought we were going to lose June Knisley when she announced that her marriage to Walter Simpson would take place in August. Happily, we were mistaken, however, as she intends to return to college for her senior year. They are to live only a few doors from the chapter-house, so we shall see her often.

Last June, Theodosia Burton was married to George R. Stewart, a former instructor in the university. The entire chapter attended the lovely wedding which was in the new Clements Library and the reception afterward at the Burton home. Three Beta Deltas, Marguerite Chapin, Joyce McCurdy and Miriam Reid, were in the wedding party.



Announcements of the marriages of Florence Reiner to Louis Osman, '24, Beta Theta Pi and Phi Alpha Delta, and of Irene Van Slyke to Robert Scott were made at the house just before the close of college.

We regretted the loss of our house mother, Mrs. Russell, who has gone to Utah to be with her daughter, but we are looking forward to a most happy year with Mrs. B. S. Garver from Fremont, Ohio.

We shall miss greatly our eleven wonderful seniors who were graduated in June and don't know how we shall get along without them but, despite that fact, we are looking hopefully toward fall and a most successful rushing season.

ELIZABETH BEARD.

### *Xi, Adrian College*

Although Xi's actives are scattered during the summer and interests vary, we have been in touch with every girl by personal letters just full of convention and plans for next fall.

All summer the actives have had regular weekly meetings and rush parties, party favors and budget have all had their turn.

Kappa is going to be most active on the campus of our small college this year and the Kappa spirit is just sure to make everybody love the place. There are many new students coming and progress seems afoot.

Our rooms are being redecorated and if they can be any nicer than we think they are already, they will be this fall. With our new budget system we are planning on having a balance for a new kitchen floor.

Adrian alumnae are organizing now into an association and with the chapter letters which are being sent to all the alumnae we are hoping for much co-operation and a most successful year.

One of our last year's initiates writes to tell us the following: she, Hazel Anderson, came to Adrian College not knowing there was a Kappa chapter; she has a Kappa sister in her home. After much competition we pledged her and initiated her in March as Miss Hazel. Now she writes her secret, and "father," who sent her the Buick sport and all the letters and other lovely things is nobody less than her English husband. What a Kappa to keep her secret one whole year!

September will bring heaps of joys to us all and with all the fineness and splendor of convention Kappa everywhere will surely have lots of news for our new KEY.

Xi wishes each chapter a very happy year.

HILDRETH GASNER.

### *Kappa, Hillsdale College*

Summer time is "Halfway House" for the Kappas here and there in the world—but it's the ideal time for Kappa chapter's new KEY correspondent to deliberate, catalog and present our most famous members.

At least one need never worry as to dearth of news. There are always weddings! Alice Bach on June 21 converted her final cognomen from "Bach" to Mrs. Bill Beck. Bill's a loyal Alpha Tau Omega. And "Bunny" on June 23 was

married to Tracy Stafford, another brother Alpha Tau Omega. Last of all, Gladys Johnson announced her marriage to Kenneth Kiess, a Delta Sigma Phi.

However, this is not all of our news. Going back to early spring, the Kappas have been most prominent on the campus both socially and academically. In the "Social Whirl," the benefit dance by the Kappa alumnae was well up on the list—then came our bridge-supper to the Pi Phi actives and alumnae in honor of Mrs. May C. Drybread, their chaperon, who is leaving; and then the famous Kappa formal at the Country Club; the time of times!

In the schedule of honors, also, Kappa was not found wanting. Gertrude Schmitt carried off the coveted honor of May Queen—further distinguished herself by being the only one of the graduating class to receive both the A.B. and B.S. degrees—and best and last—she has been appointed the new professor of Home Economics at Hillsdale College!

Lois Reynolds is another high point girl of Kappa's. She is on the staff of our new literary magazine *The Ink Pot*, was elected Y. W. C. A. president, and was appointed as a member of the economics fraternity that admits but one man and one woman yearly into its exclusive circle.

It has always been the custom of Kappa's patronesses to give us a spring party, but this year they presented us instead with a lovely Venetian mirror that hangs from heavy blue cords across the whole width of our huge fireplace! Almost too good to be true!

And we must not forget to mention the old colonial lamps presented by the mothers at the annual Kappa breakfast on commencement morning.

At last commencement has been introduced. Nine seniors have gone from the chapter, but with our twelve initiates, Dorothy Foote, Louise Foote, Harriet Chapman, Ruth Chivers, Florence Nichols, Katherine Bolich, Elizabeth Smith, Ruth Whitney, Lucile Bach, Jenevra Jilson, Beatrice Stafford and Eleanore Perry, and our pledges Carolyn Corbett, Janet Boyce and Euphemia Herrington, the chapter will not be entirely depleted.

ELEANORE PERRY.

### *Eta, University of Wisconsin*

First, we want to introduce you to eleven of Eta's newest members, whom we took into our circle last April and of whom we are most proud. May we present Dorothy Abbott, Elizabeth Bloom, Louise Barbee, Winifred Fletcher, Lucille Horton, Margaret Marling, Doris Uhlman, Emily Mead, Elaine Osborne, Arloine Kennedy and Alice Winston.

Several have honored Eta this spring by representation in campus activities. Louise Holt was elected president of Y. W. C. A. and also as delegate to Y. W. C. A. convention in New York. We all regret with Louise that due to illness, she had to decline both. Margaret Chamberlin, who was also elected as delegate to Y. W. C. A. convention, did go and will serve on cabinet next fall.

Frances Porter was elected to *Badger* board. She has been made a member of Gamma Alpha Epsilon, a home economics professional sorority.

Barbara Beatty and Catherine Davis brought honor to Eta through their election to Crucible, an honorary junior society made up of representative women on the campus. Barbara was also made secretary of Yellow Tassel, an organization of all junior women.



Margaret Henry, who has been exceedingly active during her four years, was one of two women to receive the final emblem in Physical Education.

Peggy Smith received her master's degree in Economics. We are mighty proud of Peggy.

Alice Winston was elected to Y. W. C. A. Commission and also holds secretaryship of Red Gauntlet, the sophomore women's organization.

Elizabeth Gilmore, a pledge, was made president of Green Button, the freshman women's organization. She won first prize for riding in the International Horse Show held here this spring. In another riding exhibition Elizabeth again carried away honors.

After reading about our outside activities, you may be interested in knowing what we have been "up to" in the chapter this last spring. One event was the annual mother's house-party held the week-end of Mothers' Day, but as it would take a great deal of space to go into detail; let it suffice to say that we are eagerly looking forward to a reunion next year.

Our spring informal dance was held May 2 at the Madison Club on Lake Monona. Several of the alumnae came back, making the party unusually successful.

We were especially pleased that so many alumnae came back this June for senior banquet, which was most inspiring. It freshened all of the beauties of Kappa and strengthened anew our bonds. Although we were aglow with Kappa spirit, our hearts were very sad, for we realized what a great loss the departure of the graduates was to the chapter. They were ten sisters who had given a great deal to Kappa and who were so near and dear to us that we did not see how we could get along without them. However, they have all promised that they will come back often and we are eagerly awaiting their return. Those who graduated were Catherine Wilson, Esther Koenig, Frances Bromley, Fredrica Crane, Camilla Fenn, Esther Muggleton, Margaret Henry, Anne Anderson, Ida Crary and Elsie Brandt.

Eta is delighted that Mrs. Georgia Hayden Jones, one of her own alumnae, was made a national officer at convention. Fate seemed to work against Eta in regard to convention. The dates of graduation and the opening of summer school both fell within convention week, keeping many of us from attending and causing us keen regret. Louise Holt, our official delegate, and Carolyn Turgrimson came back most enthusiastic. They said they could not tell us how inspiring it was, but that they would tell us all about convention when we assemble next fall.

RUTH G. LEENHONTS.

### *Upsilon, Northwestern University*

Upsilon has felt that their alumnae, who number nearly 400, did not have the personal relationship with the chapter that some of the men's fraternities boast so much, so it was suggested at our annual house-party to write a news letter to them which would be a bit more informal than the regular letter to THE KEY.

This was only one of the many plans that we made at the White Lake house-party which we hope to carry out next year. We heard there the report of our year's activities and find that Kappa will fill a majority of the offices for next year. Pat Harris, our straight "A" student was graduated from the Journalism School *magna cum laude*, which corresponds to the Phi Beta Kappa of Liberal Arts.

Harriet Nerbovig was chosen May Queen, which is a very high honor. At this festival the announcements concerning Mortar Board, the senior woman's honorary society, were made and Kappa had two representatives, Francelle Harris and Charlotte Sidle.

For the coming year we have the presidency of the Y. W. C. A., the head of Judiciary, president of Nimrod, secretary and treasurer of Woman's Athletic Association, vice-president of Theta Sigma Phi, two representatives on Student Council and members in practically every one of the many organizations on our campus.

In checking up we found that Upsilon has had eleven engagements announced this past year. Those which have not yet been sent to THE KEY are: Francelle Harris to James Armstrong, Wrangler; Esther Rhodes to William McKay, Beta Theta Pi; Mary Louise Gent to John Scott, Beta Theta Pi; Harriet Nerbovig to Brett Taylor, and Naomi Sloane to Frank Stevens, Sigma Nu. One of our pledges, Helen Peterson, was married to Elmer McCarrison, Phi Kappa Psi and Ethel Patillo was married to Edward Mayo, Beta Theta Pi. Another June wedding was that of Margaret George to Carrol Belnap, Chi Psi.

After the second initiation all of our pledges were wearing the key with the exception of Helen Peterson, who left college the second semester. The initiates included Beth Martin, of Mason City, Iowa, whom we pledged in February.

White Lake was a fine place to check up on our year's work and to plan for the coming year. We had the hotel, Lakeside Inn, all to ourselves and spent a happy week enjoying all the pleasures of the lake. We made plans for our rushing parties which was a great help to our chairman, Marion Blessing. She will be assisted by Ruth Bracken.

After the house-party some of us were lucky enough to go to the convention and receive there the wonderful inspiration that only a group of Kappas can give. Upsilon had fifteen representatives there and they hope to be able to bring back at least a part of the convention to the chapter.

We are still working on our house fund and, thanks to the splendid management of our treasurer, Miss Grace Crippen, we had \$17,000 in cash by June which assures us of a good location when the houses are built.

With best wishes to you all for a successful year in 1924-25.

CHARLOTTE SIDLE.

### *Sigma, University of Nebraska*

Of course the first thing in this letter must be the introduction of Sigma's twenty new Kappas: Mary Towle, Priscilla Towle, Helen Ryons, Adelene Howland and Elizabeth Shepherd of Lincoln; Doris Pinkerton, Elizabeth Trimble, Frances Ure and Pauline Oswald, of Omaha; Frances French, of Columbus; Margaret Schmitz, of Hastings; Ruth Ringland, of Wayne; Jean Morris, of Newman Grove; Dorothy Campbell, of Norfolk; Katherine Saylor, of Shenandoah, Iowa; Ferne Schoening and Helen Plimpton, of Glenwood, Iowa; Alice Yoder, of Cheyenne, Wyo.; Dorothy Hopkins, of Thermopolis, Wyo.; Mildred Keller of St. Joseph, Mo. The chapter also takes pleasure in presenting the May pledge, Eleanor Scott, of Omaha.

The spring brought varied excitement. A week-end party composed of a formal dinner, a bridge-luncheon, a house-dance and a May breakfast for twenty guests



kept us busy for some time. On May 16 we had our spring party followed by an inspiring banquet—one which thrilled both freshmen and alumnae—on the seventeenth; but, after all, it was the last few days of school which brought the greatest happiness to Sigma. Mary Towle and Bessie Yort were chosen members of a senior girls' honorary organization, Valkyrie; Mary Ure won the honor of Phi Beta Kappa; Elizabeth Raymond was the Regimental Sponsor and Emma Westermann was sponsor of Company L.; Elizabeth Shepherd was made the Xi Delta for next year, and Katherine Saylor is our Silver Serpent.

The university published its first book, *Nebraska Verse*, in which there were poems by Mary Ure and Catherine LaMaster.

On Ivy Day Frances Mentzer, our new president, was chosen a member of Mortar Board. We send Frances our deepest sympathy because of the death of her mother but we are glad that Mrs. Mentzer lived to know of Frances' honors. Lois Thompson was a senior attendant of the May queen. Rosanna Williams was made an honorary member of the Kosmet Klub, a men's honorary dramatic organization. Ruth Kadel Seacrest, Sigma's president in '22, is the only other girl who is a member of the Kosmet Club. These two Kappas were pianists for plays given by the club.

On June 3 we had a picnic for our seven worthy seniors: Lorna Plimpton, Lois Thompson, Elizabeth Hepler, Mildred Marley, Irene Simpson, Mary Ure and Pauline Nelson.

After the senior list comes the logical time for telling of weddings and engagements. On May 1 Helen Burkett was married to Marvin Meyers, a Sigma Nu. Shortly after the close of school the marriage of Bernadine Smith to Audley Sullivan, a Kappa Sigma, took place. Ruth Alberts was married to Philip Hockenberger, a Phi Gamma Delta. Another marriage was that of Janet Chase to George Saladin, a member of Delta Kappa Epsilon. Two engagements have been announced recently, that of Irene Simpson to Winslow VanBrunt, a Phi Kappa Psi and of Margaret Parish to Ralph Botoroff, Phi Delta Theta.

This summer we have had one party. The ten Kappas who were in town took nine rushees to Seward, a town about thirty miles from Lincoln, for a swim and a chicken dinner. We will probably have a big picnic before college begins.

The coming year is bound to be a successful one for Sigma. We are going to have Mrs. Winifred Miller, the finest of chaperons, with us. She has been with Sigma before but has chaperoned Gamma Alpha chapter the last few years. Then, too, the girls who went to convention, Bessie Yort (delegate), Zella Roope, Mary Towle, Rosanna Williams, Emma Westermann and Helen Plimpton, have so stimulated the rest of us that we are all fairly keyed up with Kappa enthusiasm. Of course, Mrs. Westermann's re-election affords Sigma the greatest cause for joy. Also, we were all proud of our alumnae representative, Mrs. May Abbott. She was initiated fifty years ago in Epsilon chapter and we have heard that she paid an initiation fee of only ten cents. Doesn't that sound like a "fish story"?

We are all entertaining the hope that the invitation of Beta Mu and Sigma for the next convention will be accepted.

ELIZABETH SHEPHERD.

### *Omega, Kansas State University*

With the beginning of college but three weeks in the future we realize that our thrills will be mixed with regrets, for fourteen of our girls were graduated last spring. Of those Charlotte Milliken, Janet Simons, Muriel Gayford, Davida Ollinger, Elizabeth Martin, Lorna Troup, Leah Floyd, Edith Frye, Alice Chapman, Katherine Eberhardt and Nelle Carey will not return. Dorothy Higgins, Jo Lantz and Dorothy Gayford will be on the hill again working for their M. As.

The chapter feels very proud of its last year's seniors and the honors which they won. Janet Simons, Muriel Gayford and Dorothy Gayford made Phi Beta Kappa; Charlotte Milliken and Dorothy Higgins also were included in the highest ten per cent in scholarship of the seniors; Janet Simons and Dorothy Gayford were elected to Pi Lambda Theta, honorary education fraternity; Dorothy Gayford won a fellowship in Spanish at the University of Kansas; Muriel Gayford won a fellowship in Economics at Bryn Mawr; Dorothy Higgins, Davida Ollinger and Josephine Lantz each won 800 points in W. A. A., thereby winning "K" sweaters.

The underclassmen also played their part in activities. Eula Brown made Mu Phi Epsilon, honorary musical fraternity; Dorothy Anne Cheney was treasurer of the Sociology Club; Mary Outland was a member of Pen and Scroll; Sue Madden was a member of W. S. G. A.; Martha Sharon belonged to the Quack Club, and the pictures of Julia Jackman and Virginia Evans appeared in the section of the *Jayhawker* given over to girls of beauty and character.

Never a spring without its romances. Dorothy Clarke married Sam Adams, Sigma Alpha Epsilon, on June 5. Alberta Mack, '21, and Edgar Mark Wilson, Sigma Nu, were married on June 10. Alice Docking, '23, was married to Homer Nevelle, Sigma Chi, on June 16.

Edla Root is to be our next president and the year promises to be a successful one under her leadership.

We are fortunate to have our house mother, Mrs. Miller, with us again. We are always indebted to her and rush week could never be as successful without her charming personality.

Careful plans have been laid for rush week under the supervision of Leone Forney Little, our rushing captain. Preferential bidding goes into effect for the first time this year, due to the influence of our own Marie Leghorn.

Eight of our girls attended convention this summer and we are expecting them to come back with many new ideas and much inspiration to help make this coming year all that is possible for Omega chapter.

LOUISE FORNEY.

### *Gamma Iota, Washington University*

A résumé of the closing months of college leaves us with much to our credit for the coming year. We are happy in the hope that our good grades will win us the scholarship cup. If this comes true, we have largely to thank Kate Atwood and Lavinia Durkan, winners of senior and sophomore honors respectively. In athletics we have three stars, Margaret McCanless, Mildred Michaels and Agnes Price, who were the latest initiates into Sigma Lambda Epsilon, the honorary athletic society. Margaret McCanless, also vice-president of the League of



Women Voters, has been elected head of the coming campaign to procure a Woman's Building. In Glee Club two offices are held by Kappas, Betty Richey and Emily McLean, but the greatest honor of all was Ethel Johnston's election as president of the women.

This successful year was rounded to perfection by a dance at Katherine Atwoods, an alumnae luncheon complimentary to the seniors, and a picnic for the seniors by Gamma Iota.

ELISE CHAPLIN.

### *Beta Mu, University of Colorado*

"What is that gorgeous structure?"—So shriek the sight-seers and visitors, breathless and completely awestruck.

"Keep your seats, ladies and gentlemen, don't get excited, and I'll explain. No, it is not Mrs. Astor's latest mansion. It is the new Kappa Kappa Gamma house, the most beautiful and prepossessing building on the campus and the pride of Boulder. You'll find within its spacious depths a host of magnificent presents, which add greatly to the grandeur of the interior—for example, andirons from Chi Psi, a lamp from Delta Tau Delta, a mirror from Sigma Nu, a picture from Phi Gamma Delta, a fire screen and coal bucket from Sigma Alpha Epsilon, an orange bowl from Delta Gamma, silver candlesticks from Beta Theta Pi, a silver bowl from Kappa Alpha Theta, silver candlesticks from Alpha Chi Omega, a silver pitcher from Pi Beta Phi, a tray from Alpha Phi, a picture of Rheims Cathedral from Sigma Phi Epsilon, and numerous other handsome gifts. The Kappas moved in on Mar. 24, and then began a series of the most delightful entertainments you've ever seen.

"There were guests almost every night for dinner, and then there were two wonderful housewarmings. Yes—I've heard people say that the house looked magnificent, that the refreshments were refreshing, and that the girls themselves were exceedingly friendly and courteous. The first dance was a dinner-dance and was perfect in every detail—a delectable dinner, beautiful flowers and ferns, floors waxed to perfection, lights fairly dim, and superb music.—Ah, Mrs. Jones, your baby is about to fall out of the car."

"It doesn't matter," murmurs Mrs. Jones, in a trance, "Tell us more about these wonderful Kappas."

"Well," continues the guide, "another big event to take place in the new house was the initiation of twelve charming girls: Pauline Collins, Elizabeth Stenger, Jessica Gamble, Helen Washburn, Marion Raymond, Rachel Gilbert, Agnes Norlin, Louise O'Leary, Louise Jenkins, Marjorie McCutcheon, Priscilla Greene and Kathleen Curry. There occurred also the announcement of two engagements—Alice Carmody to Howard Cobb, Sigma Chi, and Eleanor Lorenze to Val Marmaduke, Alpha Tau Omega. Many honors were also bestowed. Elaine Sims was elected vice-president of Y.W.C.A., Eleanor Walters made Hesperia, and Prue Ewing broke at least two records at the track meet.

"And then one morning at 5:20 (unbelievable yet true) the entire Kappa chapter—outrageously but handsomely attired—marched to the baseball field, headed by the Kappa band, in response to the Tri-Delt challenge for a baseball game. The game itself was fast and furious, and although several Tri-Delts were injured, the Kappa team remained intact. After a Tri-Delt victory, the two

chapters proceeded to the Tri-Delt house for breakfast. There, I have heard, eleven dozen eggs and 250 muffins were consumed, thus giving the Kappas the eating championship for the year.

"But since it would take a full week to tell of all that has been happening to the Kappas, and as I'm growing hoarse, I'd better end my dissertation on these highly interesting events—until our next trip. There's your child playing on the new Kappa lawn, Mrs. Jones."

After collecting the baby, they reluctantly drive away.

MARION RAYMOND.

### *Gamma Zeta, University of Arizona*

On with college! The girls of Gamma Zeta began the new college year with much pep and enthusiasm.

Last semester leaves us with memories of joyful events mingled with the hard work of finals. Of course the most joyful of these events was initiation. On Feb. 24, four girls, Gretchen Warner, Josephine Baptiste, Mable Steed and Frances Hoskins were initiated. Six weeks later, special initiation was held for Margaret Brainard and Lee Stevens. We are going to initiate our other pledges, Eleanor Winsor, Eunice Prina, Anna Deane Mote and Dorothy Coburn very soon.

In the spring elections many of our girls became prominent in campus activities. Anna Deane Mote went as the university representative to the Y. W. C. A. here. Anna Deane was also Arizona official delegate to the Western Conference of Associated Students. She is president of Varsity Villagers, and treasurer of A. W. S.

Sylvia Louis was elected assistant editor of our annual, *The Desert*. Ruth Hoopes was elected secretary of the Y. W. C. A. and two other Kappas are on the cabinet. Our president, Naoma Hoopes, is a new member of Wranglers.

We had ten girls in the Senior Follies, which is the dramatic event of the year. Four of our girls were in the spring dancing pageant and five Kappas are on the *Wildcat* staff.

We were delighted when our Province President, Alice Burrows, visited us. Her lovely personality gained both the love and the admiration of the entire chapter.

The word "scholarship" is constantly before us and through supervised study and hard work we are raising our average nearer the top.

Aside from our rushing parties, we have done some unusual and very original entertaining. One night about four o'clock our furnace threatened to blow up. As the line of excited and pajama-clad girls rushed out the door, one stopped at the phone to call the fire department. Since then, the department has had many recruits for the firemen at least know the girls "as they are," and the number of fraternity pins in the house is no longer a secret.

We have added a dining-room set to our new furniture. It is mahogany to match the living-room.

We were well represented at the national convention by Sibyl Chambers, Bess Alexander, Marion Williams and Ruth Bird, the alumna representative.

MABLE STEED.



### *Beta Theta, Oklahoma State University*

Beta Theta spent a very busy spring and summer. Foremost was the winning of the intersorority scholarship cup for the first semester with an average of 4.2. In the University of Oklahoma the grade of "B" is numbered four. The Alpha Xi Deltas had won the cup the two preceding semesters. The cup must be kept three consecutive semesters before it is the permanent possession of the fraternity and we are working hard toward that end.

Along with our cup we acquired two Phi Beta Kappa members, Mary Meredith and Eliza Gaffney. There were twenty-six chosen from the student body and Eliza stood second in line.

On March 2, seventeen pledges were made Kappas. These are Lela Wolflin, Amarilla, Tex.; Helen Shannon, Krebs; Katherine Haskell, Muskogee; Laura Kendricks, Duncan; Katherine Pixley, Enid; Freda Davis, Tulsa; Gail Lewis, Tulsa; Vivian Norvail, Tulsa; Lucy Pennybacker, Ardmore; Vinita McDonald, El Reno; Emily Butz, Muskogee; Marguerite Phillips, Sapulpa; Jaunita Willis, Kingston; Margaret Berry, Okmulgee; Bess Hall, Norman; Etta Field Jones, Bristow, and Mary Sweester Smith, Tulsa.

April 1 found Beta Theta busily engaged in moving into her new home. It was a long tiresome job but our efforts were more than repaid when we were really settled and began to enjoy its conveniences. Our alumnae also share our joy in the new house and to them is due praise and gratitude for their support before and during its construction.

Our number was depleted this spring by three when Cupid took a hand and Marthel Mayes married Eben Hart, Tulsa; Cleo Reid married D. B. Morgan, Phi Gamma Delta, Tulsa, and Laura Kendricks married Fred King, Kappa Alpha, Duncan.

Seven seniors graduated this spring. They were Gladys Guillot, Lucille McMillian, Lydia Pace, Mary Meredith, Ernestine Guillot, Eliza Gaffney and Margaret Pemberton. We shall miss them as will all "Soonerland." Several are going on with special work while others are joining the ranks of pedagogues this fall.

With such a successful year just passed we are inspired to do great things in the coming year and under the guidance of our able leader, Helen Wallace, we feel sure of success. Most of the girls who did not finish will be in college and there are many worth-while and attractive girls coming to the university this fall. During the summer Kappas over the state have not been idle.

Although much correspondence and indirect news has been circulated about convention we are anxious to hear the official report of our delegate, Helen Wallace.

MARGARET BERRY.

### *Beta Omicron, Tulane University*

If any Kappas were more thrilled and delighted over the convention in Canada than those who were present from Beta Omicron chapter I would like to see them! Such ecstatic exclamations I've never heard! I'll tell you what a sophomore confided to me but you mustn't let her know I told you: She said, "Secretly, I was prepared to be a little bit disappointed in some of the girls. I tried to tell myself that one fraternity cannot have all the nicest girls of each college where

it has a chapter. But, she said, "convention has convinced me more and more of Kappa's wonderful selection. I wasn't in the least disappointed in the various chapters. I was proud to claim every girl as my sister and instead of confining my admiration to our own small group, I quite lost the thought of it in my admiration for the girls as a whole, for big, real Kappa Kappa Gamma in action. I can't tell you how it thrilled me." Beta Omicron wants to tell all the other Kappas how pleased she is to hear such complimentary things about each one of the other chapters. We are more than proud of all of them and we hope, ourselves, to be always worthy of them.

We realize it isn't a good thing to throw bouquets promiscuously but we feel that we would not be true to ourselves if we did not give you some idea of how royally we are treated in New Orleans by our alumnae. It's a reflection on us to admit it, but I really believe they are more active than the active chapter. Do you remember Berthe Lathrop and Agnes Guthrie Favrot at the convention? I'm sure you do if you were there. There are others, too, who have that same sort of energy; the sort of people that do their own duties better than anybody else and make other people's duties seem easier for them. Just how it's done is their secret but a few of us are diligently endeavoring to find out; and when it comes to having a good time our alumnae doesn't stop with the A.B.C.s. They go to the X.Y.Z.s and a P.S. for good measure. You should have been on that picnic they gave the actives in the spring! The cars were all lined up one Saturday (many Fords, the real picnic automobile) outside the dormitory awaiting the bell for dismissal of classes. An alumna was in each, two or three when the many boxes of food gave room, all waiting for five or six actives to chaperon them. They must have needed several more chaperons apiece for that was a wild ride those Kappa chauffeurs took us on. I would say "up hill and down dale" if there were any such physiographical features to the country but since New Orleans and its surrounding are as "flat as a pancake," let it suffice to say that that was the impression it gave. Not one of the cars-full could truthfully say when they all finally reached the destination that it hadn't been lost at some time or other from all the rest. If those speed fiends in front hadn't been delayed occasionally by slow rope-pulled ferries, I doubt that we would have ever been all together at last. However, at these places the people who had the smallest amount of food in their cars stressed the importance of keeping in sight of each other, so finally we discovered a spot most perfectly adaptable to our purpose and there we spread our food and verily it was a feast. If the requirement to make sandwiches, cakes and candies like those is to be a Kappa alumna I think it's worth my trying to graduate in one more year instead of two! Needless to say the picnic was a huge success.

Now I've scarcely left room to tell you about the banquet but you can best imagine it from the one you attended anyway. Our alumnae are well represented and they certainly added their share to the fun and increased our happiness on account of their presence. No matter how clever a stunt we think we have concocted, they always produce something entirely original which makes a bigger hit. Sometimes we wish they weren't quite so brilliant. This doesn't mean, however, that we can't tell you some nice things about ourselves. We warn you; some day we will.



Beta Omicron sends this eulogy as an excuse for a chapter letter and along with it we want to wish each chapter and all Kappas a good year for 1924-25.

MARY MARTIN FENTRESS.

### *Beta Pi, University of Washington*

We at Beta Pi are indeed gratified for a most successful year.

Out of sixteen pledges to Tolo, the Washington upperclass women's honorary, four of the girls were Kappas. They are Alberta McMonagle, Josephine Lewis, Joyce Gowen and Katherine Talbot. This number established a record, too, in that no other organization has ever had more than three pledges in one year.

Convention far exceeded our fondest dreams. We are delighted beyond measure to have been able to contribute to the welfare of the national and only hope that our budget will be as successful in the other chapters as it has been in ours.

Our annual senior luncheon was all that could be desired. Katherine Richards and Lu Schmidt, two of last years' graduates, announced their engagements and so provided the necessary thrills.

Catherine Thompson, Margretta McFarland and Marie Leghorn, former National Registrars, are all to be married within the month and two of this year's pledges, Rebecca Scurry and Julia Perrine, have announced their engagements this summer.

The girls have been doing an inordinate amount of traveling. Six of them went to convention and then spent several weeks sight-seeing in the East, two are traveling in California, and Marie Barlow has gone to Alaska.

JANE HENRIOT.

### *Beta Phi, University of Montana*

Not having had our last letter in THE KEY we have a great deal to tell you. Perhaps the most important thing is the purchasing of a new house. Our "alums" have bought us a most attractive house and we are more than looking forward to moving in and furnishing it this fall.

The next important item is the initiation of our twenty freshmen. We initiated twenty out of twenty-two and how those girls did work for grade points! The initiates are: Gladys Ayers, Gertrude Dalke, Eloise Walker, Eleanor Stephenson, Ann Stephenson, Marjorie Macrae, Janet Vivian, Hazel Day, Mary Joe Dixon, Jessie Partridge, Mary Miller, Hulda Miller, Helen Smith, Betty Peterson, Margaret Sterling, Lois Allen, Betsy Sutherland, Marie Neely, Jessie Burns and Salome Torrance.

This June we lost eight seniors! Helen Newman was elected May Queen; this is the highest honor bestowed on a senior. Since graduation Helen has been appointed as private secretary to the president.

Anne Beckwith was elected Y.W.C.A. president, and Catherine Reynolds was elected to the Y.W. board.

Audrey Allen, Mary Flemming and Anne Beckwith were taken into Penetralia, senior women's honor society.

Gertrude Pease, Anne Beckwith and Catherine Reynolds were taken into Kappa Sigma, national biological society.

Salome Torrance was appointed to the A.S.U.M. store board.

We have had our share in spring dramatics also. Mary Flemming and Audrey Allen had the leading rôles in *You and I*.

The freshmen are a promising lot, each one doing her bit either in dramatics, athletics or scholarship. Eleanor Stephenson and Mary Joe Dion were appointed as leaders in the Dorm.

We are glad to welcome three new sororities on our campus, Kappa Delta, Alpha Xi Delta and Sigma Kappa.

ELIZABETH ROWE.

### *Beta Kappa, University of Idaho*

As autumn approaches, Beta Kappa is pulling together again after a summer of work and play and making plans for "the" big year. Of course each year should be a little better than the one before. How could it be otherwise when our beloved university is constantly growing bigger and better? Chapters of Pi Beta Phi, Alpha Chi Omega and Sigma Chi were installed last year and Delta Chi has been granted a chapter which will be installed shortly after school opens this fall. The new Science Hall is nearing completion and plans are already under way for a new gymnasium.

Last spring was very full for Beta Kappa. A new home imposes many duties as well as pleasures. Junior week was followed by a round of parties, among which were our tea-dance and a bridge-tea given by the underclassmen for the Endowment Fund.

Initiation was next in order and we were delighted to welcome four new Kappas, Bertha Church, Margaret McAtee, Beatrice McDonald and Margaret Young.

The rest of the year's activities were devoted to the seniors. We graduated ten, two with highest honors and members of Mortar Board.

Ruth Montgomery, our convention delegate, came back so filled with enthusiasm that she has made us all impatient for college to open this fall. Nearly every girl is expected back and it is likely that several "old girls" will return.

WINONA RUSHTON.

### *Gamma Gamma, Whitman College*

The approach of fall and with it the opening of college, invariably brings its joys and pleasures which are destined to be ours the coming year—the joys and pleasures of which Kappa is most worthy—but, to turn back, spring came and with it the usual gaiety and Kappa stood in high favor.

At the beautiful suburban home of one of our patronesses, Gamma Gamma entertained at a pretty garden party. Our guests were prospective college students.

The spring informal, a successful one, was our last big social event of the year, and then as commencement morning dawned, we gathered at the Park House for our annual June breakfast. At this time, all Kappas, young and old, reassemble to drink again to loving Kappa memories.

Graduation played its part, taking from us five capable and loving seniors. All received honors, which scored again for Kappa. Irma Martin, our president, *cum laude*; Barbara Elliot, *cum laude* and honors in American History; Katherine McGonigle, *cum laude*; Margaret Thygeson, *cum laude* and Martha Young, *magna cum laude*.

The \$1,500,000 Endowment Fund campaign for the college this spring was foremost in our minds. We are happy to have subscribed 100 per cent.



Our group will be well represented on the campus this coming year. Mercedes Dow was elected to Phi Beta Kappa and president of Y. W. C. A.; Julia Ferrell, vice-president of Associated Students and president of Women's Self Government; Margaret Trout to the Order of Wailatpu; Jean Elizabeth Acorn, vice-president of Women's League and of Dramatic Club. Katherine McGonigle was chosen the prettiest girl in college and Julia Ferrell the most popular. Several of the girls are associated with the college journals.

It is with keen anticipation that we await news of the convention from our delegate, Julia Ferrell.

JEAN ELIZABETH ACORN.

### *Gamma Eta, Washington State College*

Since our last letter we have eleven new members, initiated March 14. They are Alice Miller, Mary Graham, Ruth and Margaret Wilkins, Dorothy Diffenbacher, Greta Bennett, Dorothy Sheller, Katherine Milliren, Helen Hale, Eleanor Hyslop and Anne Davis.

Mu Phi Epsilon, national honorary musical fraternity, pledged Marguerite McLaughlin, our violinist, just before the college closed. We were happy to have Margaret's ability recognized in this way.

Irma Jean Waters, a pledge, was a member of the indoor baseball honor team and Olive Warner was chosen a member of the hockey honor team during the spring semester.

Last week Eleanor Hyslop entered the Northwest Tennis Tournament which was held at Tacoma, Wash., and made an enviable record. She received a silver plate for runner-up in women's doubles. The highest tournament honors for women's singles and doubles went to Winifred Suhr, Pi chapter.

This summer the girls are scattered all over the state. However, we are making definite plans for fall activities and rushing.

We are all eager to return to college and make next year a most successful year for our chapter.

ANNE A. DAVIS.



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