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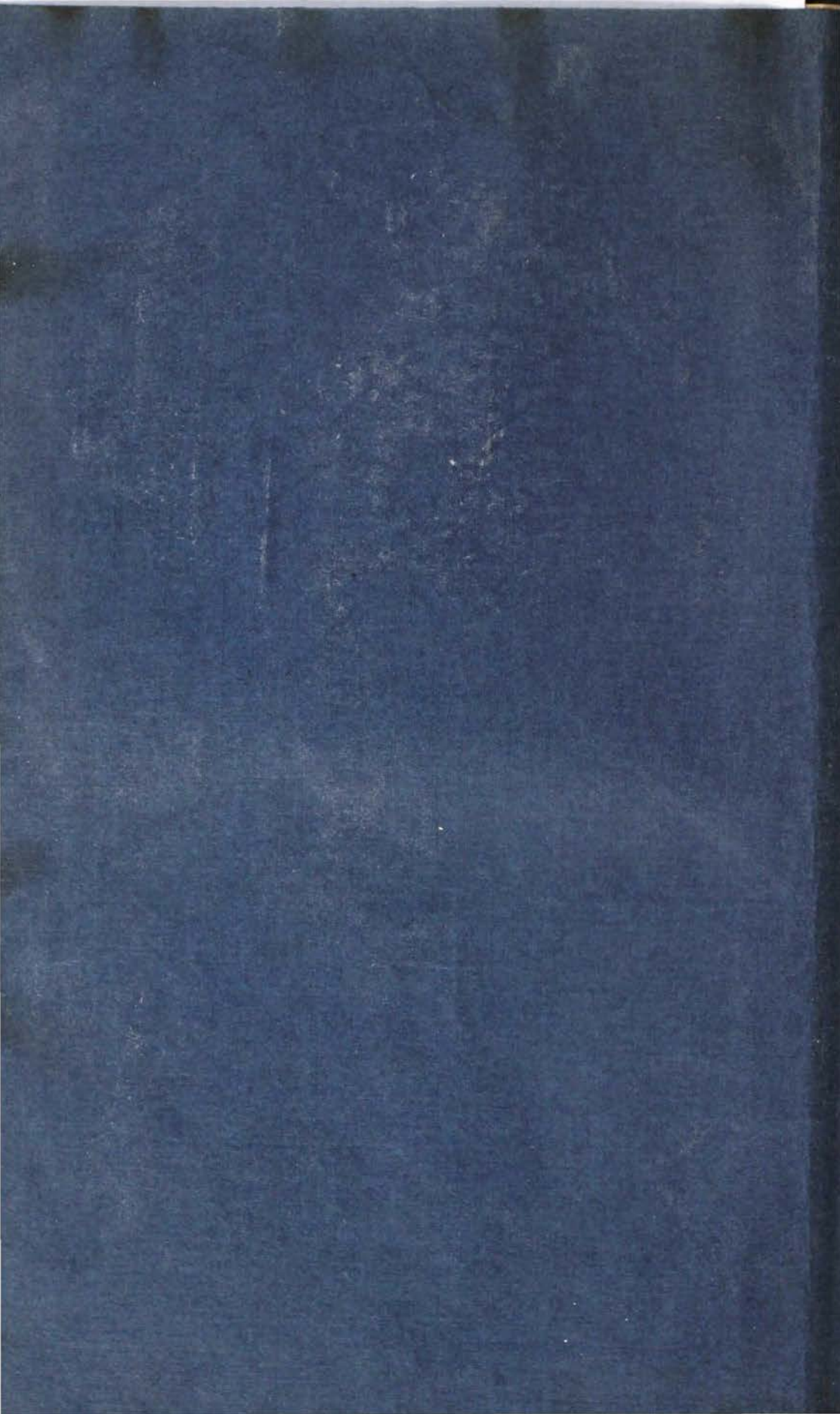
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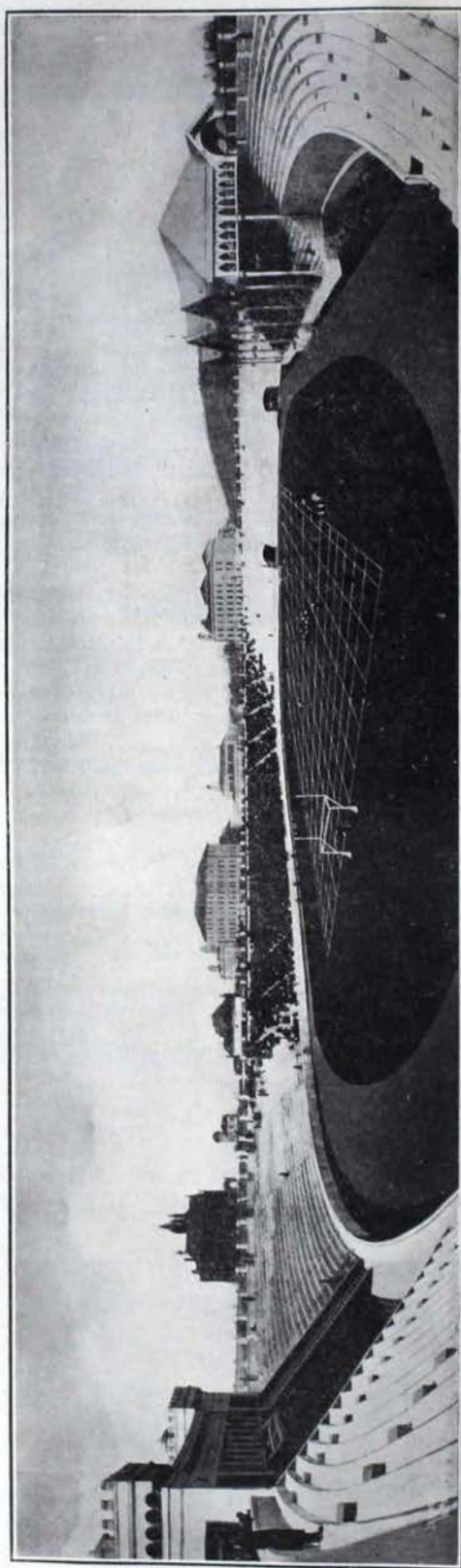
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## The Stadium of Syracuse University

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It is probable that for no other people in history have athletic games and contests played such an important part as for the ancient Greeks and Romans. The games and other competitions which were arranged by them from time to time aroused such an interest and enthusiasm as to make them national festivals, the importance of which it is difficult for later generations to realize.

In modern times we have, however, witnessed a revival of outdoor sports, and particularly at our universities, athletics is a feature of growing importance. It may be said, in fact, that no other regularly occurring events are followed with such universal interest and collect as large crowds as the athletic contests between our large colleges, especially the annual football games. There has therefore grown up a demand for a new type of building, with large seating capacity and free from the dangers of fire and collapse. The demand has brought forward the modern fireproof stadium, built with the old Greek and Roman structures as models, but with the most modern of fireproof materials, reinforced concrete.

Modeled after the amphitheater of ancient Syracuse, the new stadium of Syracuse University not only is the only one of its kind among the colleges of America, but stands far superior to any foreign construction. Only

one other university in the United States has an athletic field of its class. Harvard's stadium is built aboveground, is square, and possesses none of the features of indestructibility which are present in that of Syracuse. The original idea of the construction of the stadium was that of Mr. John D. Archbold. For many years the old oval had borne his name, and Mr. Archbold was responsible for the old grandstand and bleachers. Realizing that the future expansion of the university would require the space there taken up, he conceived the plan of using the natural basin to the rear of the campus as a suitable location.

Plans were prepared, but when contracts for the work were to be made, it was a hard matter to find a firm who wished to bid. No such work had ever before been attempted, and to prepare bids was almost an impossibility. Mr. Archbold again came to the rescue, giving free rein to the authorities to use as much money as was needed to make the contemplated plans a reality. Thus Syracuse has today the finest athletic field for sports and competitive games of any university in America.

In plan, it forms an oval four hundred and seventy-five feet wide and six hundred and seventy feet long, with semi-circular ends, joined by a straight part one hundred and ninety-eight feet in length. The central part of the field is especially intended for football games, and is covered with sod. Outside of this sodded part is a running track one-quarter of a mile long. In order to insure a good view of the races from every seat, the running track does not come close to the structure, but is separated from the same by a space five feet wide. Immediately outside of this space is a concrete wall five feet high, the top of which forms a curb for a four-foot walk, which runs around the structure. Above the walk rise eighteen tiers of seats, and at intervals of thirty or thirty-five feet small steps have been built on top of the seats so as to form stairs. Above the seats is a concrete wall, and opposite every row of steps this



wall has an opening. Outside of the wall is a promenade of concrete twenty feet wide and over half a mile long; this is covered with asphalt. It is surrounded by a concrete curb, on which rises an iron fence eight feet high, between concrete posts about eighteen feet apart. The entrance to the stadium has the character of a three-story structure, the central part of which projects slightly and forms two towers. From both sides of the main entrance, inside of the arches, stairs run up to the promenade where it passes under the towers, and from this point the people are distributed to the various sections of the structure.

The grandstand is located on the south side, and occupies the whole straight part of the same, one hundred and ninety-eight feet in length. It is covered by a cement roof, supported by steel trusses and columns, and suggests in its design the Gothic style of architecture. There is a straight track for two hundred and twenty yard races; this was obtained by building two tunnels, one at either end, through which the track continues outside the stadium proper. At the east end, still another tunnel connects with the new gymnasium that now is under construction.

The stadium covers six and one-third acres, has a seating capacity of twenty thousand people without crowding, and a possible capacity of forty thousand. Extensive driveways are being graded around both sides of the stadium, which lead to the different avenues of the campus.

To the optimistic mind, this addition to the athletic equipment of the university means the opening of a new era. To have present at Syracuse, as guests, representatives of all colleges in the annual intercollegiate track meet, or to here see Michigan meet Yale in football, would be the crowning glory of an undertaking to mean not only fame for Syracuse, but for all colleges.

## Loyalty—How Far?

*By Henry David Gray, Prof. of English, Stanford University*

Possibly only a small proportion of those who enter college have been confronted by a distinctly ethical problem. Of course, questions of right and wrong engage our attention from the first; but these are for the most part religious in character, and are to be answered instinctively. With the college years generally comes the concern with the ethical as such, largely because one becomes for the first time primarily a member no longer of a family, but of a community.

Naturally the first problem, or one of the first, that arises in this new relationship is the same as that which confronts the primitive ethical conscience when society at large begins to take on an ethical coloring. One feels the sentiment of loyalty evoked by that to which he is now allied, and begins to find his course of action shaped for him sometimes in opposition to his opinion as an independent individual, and sometimes working to the harm of those outside the sphere of this new enthusiasm. The problem then arises, "Is loyalty a virtue, or is it only a species of enlarged egoism? And how far may I be governed by it in my course of action?"

There is a cluster of these little loyalties when one comes to college, each quite distinct from the others. There is first of all the loyalty to the institution itself, the most universal, the longest lived. There is the loyalty to the particular class which the chance of one's birth some eighteen years or so before was chiefly responsible for his entering. This could hardly be a lasting loyalty, if it is ever a real one at all. Indeed, one does not hold sophomoreism and freshmanhood in opposition much longer than the night of the rush; and yet these are the abstractions for which loyalty rises to the boiling point,—the loyalty for which men have fought and bled, and even died. Who could imagine devotion to the college rising to the point of organized



war? Shame for the absurdity of it has relegated this distortion of patriotism to the euphemism of football. Loyalty to class is certainly the crudest form of the doubtful virtue.

The clearest and purest of the new group of loyalties is without question that which thrills us with the mystic charm which will be forever associated in our minds with certain Greek letters. Here new and important elements are added. Here we do not only choose the object of our veneration, but are chosen to it. Here we are not dumped in with all those who happened to come at the same time, but are elected to intimacy by unanimous approval of what we are. That others are less fortunate, and hence sometimes malign us; that other fraternities vie with us and opposition over desirable recruits runs high; that we are so identified with our own special group, and so essential and important a factor of it, all these add flavor to the instinctive loyalty which we feel.

But loyalty, like religion, is instinctive, and is not to be too coldly analyzed into its elements. Loyalty is a sentiment, as spontaneous as any other form of love, and we must hold it inviolate from too merciless a cross-examination. Let us say at once that it is as right that it should exist as that religion and love in any other phase of these noblest of emotions should exist. But let us admit also that religion has been often cruel, as love has often been unjustifiably selfish; that religion is sometimes bigoted and love is sometimes blind. And if one has the right to question his religion that it shall not be unlovely, and to check his love that it shall not carry him beyond the bounds of what is right, so one yields to the high duty of challenging his loyalty to his fraternity that it shall not confuse or hinder his devotion to those things which demand his loyalty with a grander and more compelling insistence.

Loyalty to a fraternity, then, like every other form of loyalty, like patriotism itself, ceases to be the beautiful thing that it naturally is when it interferes with loyalty to truth and justice, with loyalty to one's own

best self and the most healthful life of others, when it ceases to be outspoken even when speaking out may be very hard, when it in any way condones what is wrong.

Many men are brave enough to die for their country; few men are brave enough to endure the scorn and hatred of their countrymen by breasting public opinion and proclaiming the truth to those who do not want to hear it. Yet these are the greater patriots by as much as justice is higher than jingoism. And so it is in every form of loyalty, from the greatest to the least. The more inclusive our loyalty is, the higher it is in kind. Loyalty to fraternity must never flourish in harmful opposition to loyalty to the college. Loyalty to the state, we have learned through the bitterness of one of the most tragic wars in all history, must be swallowed up in the greater loyalty to the country. And by the same token, patriotism to country must always be measured by the higher standard of devotion to humanity itself. "The best men," says old Democritus, "are citizens of the world." This is the final outcome,—the point where loyalty becomes a religion.

"I pray thee, then,

Write me as one who loves his fellow men."

In this series of loyalties I have just named, you may notice a missing link—that between the college and the state. When this is supplied, we have a clear line from college fraternity to the brotherhood of man.

Now what of this loyalty, that of the student to the student body? Can it in any way conflict with loyalty to the state, and hence be subject to check and measure? Yes; and that, I think, is the hardest problem in practical ethics that the college student has to confront. It is because it has not been rightly met and solved that the honor system and student control are not yet with us. It is a great mistake to think that student control and the honor system are favors to be granted or withheld by a now existent tyrannical authority. No college faculty can possibly prevent any student body from having student control instantly and completely. All that needs to be done is to sink loyalty to



one another as students below the level of loyalty to one another as members of the state, and act accordingly. The sentiment against "telling," the feeling that one must befriend a culprit, especially, perhaps, if he belongs to the same fraternity, the noble heresy that a man must answer to his own conscience if he chooses to cheat on examination, and not to those others who are implicitly wronged by the comparison resulting, these are instances of a loyalty to the student group which are in fatal opposition to a higher loyalty. When students feel such an impulse toward good citizenship that they will let it outweigh the false loyalty which leads them to shield a wrongdoer because he is a fraternity mate or a classmate, when, in other words, the higher loyalty triumphs over the lower, then they will ask no one's permission to organize themselves into a tribunal of justice; nor will they let any temporary extraneous discipline interfere with their own exposing and expelling of any who are guilty of drunkenness or disorderly conduct, or the getting of university credits under false pretenses, or of any other offense to the state or the community.

## The High School and the Fraternity

*By Ethel Hunley Coldwell, Mills College*

A sweeping indictment of the high school fraternity has more than once been brought before the National Educational Association, and a discussion of this vital question is presupposed in almost every gathering of high school teachers, and it is the firm conviction of most teachers that the fraternity is today a most serious menace to the high school. A more convincing and succinct summing up of the objections to the fraternity than is contained in the report which Mr. Spencer R. Smith, as chairman of the committee appointed by President Harper to investigate this subject in 1904, presented to the National Educational Association, could not be found. At the close of his report, he sums up the charges against the fraternities under six general headings, which substantially are as follows:

1. The fraternity is detrimental to the school, since it has a tendency to break up literary societies, to divide the school into cliques, and to introduce the worst kind of politics and morals.
2. It is detrimental to the student himself. For it injures his mind and character by causing a decline in school interest and in the preparation of school work, and a corresponding spirit of indifference to consequences. Negatively, it is an injury to him in that it keeps him from activities which would profit him if he were a loyal member of a united school.
3. It is entirely unnecessary, and fills no real need, as the college fraternity does.
4. It is undemocratic and causes much jealousy and heart-burning.
5. It establishes false standards of excellence.
6. It is often a serious element of danger in discipline, as it frequently becomes a nucleus of insubordination, and tends to destroy the solidarity of the school.

It may be argued that, in spite of all that has been said of the poor scholarship of members of secret socie-



ties, a larger percentage of such students graduate than of those who are without the pale of its influence. This claim may be true. The fraternity boy or girl is usually selected from families of a greater or less degree of culture. The estimate of the importance of the actual school work in the mind of the family varies, but it will be necessarily higher than that of the rank and file, to many of whom the struggle for existence is fierce and cruel, and the children of whom must early join in the labor of bread-winning. Mere graduation, however, is no proof of good scholarship among fraternity members. In fact, the low averages in scholarship of such students in the Chicago high schools—seventy-two per cent for boys, and seventy-five and six-tenths for girls—prove the contrary.

The claim that the student is a free individual whose right to organize should not be questioned involves a principle which is more important than that under discussion. The wise parent will not lay upon his child the right of a choice in a matter which will entail very vital or far-reaching consequences. The school authorities stand *in loco parentis* in all matters relating to the conduct of the school. Now the entering of a fraternity lays upon the immature boy or girl the necessity of selecting his friends for four years; of conformity to the wishes of the fraternity, and of subscribing to an oath which renders his allegiance to it more binding than his obligation to the school. Unchartered freedom is not safe for the schoolboy, or for any other immature person, and may at any time degenerate into license and become a menace to good government. The condition existing in our high schools is analogous in some points to that which has made some laws to suppress anarchy in this government an absolute necessity. Freedom under law has been demonstrated to be the only practical form of government; hence, any body of individuals which shows disobedience and insubordination to authority proves itself unfit to exercise, *ad libitum*, entire freedom in conducting its organization, or even to organize at all.

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That the high school fraternity has exhibited this unruly and obstinate resistance to authority has been demonstrated from Maine to California, if one may rely upon the almost universal testimony of school boards, university presidents, principals, and teachers.

An excellent illustration of this pernicious influence was observed in a certain high school into which five fraternities, within a space of six months, organized chapters. An elaborate system of entertaining was inaugurated, rushing with all its accompanying evils began, relations between teachers and pupils grew more formal, the scholarship of many of the members was vitally affected, and a third of the school grew society mad.

This school furnishes but one of the many examples, as the letters received by the committee before referred to very conclusively show. At the close of his report, Mr. Smith declares, in substance, that it is the sense of the committee that any system which makes paramount the decisions of immature minds on questions of social or other problems is radically vicious. Ex-Superintendent Nightingale, under whose administration fraternities were admitted into the Chicago schools, now declares that, although he did not then oppose them, their effect has been such that if it were within his province he would uproot them from the city. Mr. John F. Riggs, State Superintendent of Public Instruction of Iowa, himself a fraternity man, two years ago recommended legislation upon this subject. Moreover, all the reports recently submitted to the National Educational Association have reached the same conclusion as that which has been quoted.

It may therefore be reiterated that professional opinion now recognizes but one solution to this question—the abolition of the fraternity. Although school authorities are not always omniscient, it must be stated to their credit that they have attempted to meet the problem wisely and justly. A close study of the situation will show that in the main they have used all the means in their power to control the matter before



resorting to legislation. The results of their efforts have been attended with such difficulties, however, that the question may pertinently be raised whether the most effective method of destroying the fraternity has been discovered. Lest the general line of action should not be familiar, it is necessary to give a brief resume of the struggle which is now being waged.

The Chicago situation may be taken as a type of the battle which is raging in the Middle West. There the fraternities proved so obnoxious in spite of efforts to restrain them that fourteen high schools finally prevailed upon the board to pass a resolution declaring that all members should be debarred from representing the school in any public capacity. An injunction restrained the board from enforcing the rule, and ended, after four years' struggle, in a decision adverse to the school. In June, 1908, a new course of study for high school pupils was issued, in which a statement was added to the effect that, while the board recognized the value of social life among the students of high schools, it believed secret societies did not meet this need. Moreover, investigation had proved that fraternities were so subversive of discipline and injurious to scholarship as to require restriction. It was therefore resolved that "On or after the first day of September, 1908, all pupils attending the high schools of the city of Chicago who are members of secret societies shall be suspended."

In accordance with this resolution, pledges were presented to every pupil, at the opening of the current year, requiring all non-fraternity pupils to promise to refrain from joining; all members to give up their organizations. Most of the students signed, but one was selected to remain out to make a test case. On October fourth, 1908, the board obtained a favorable decision, but the plaintiff appealed the case. The next step will be to secure the passage of a State law prohibiting secret organizations.

School authorities in California are undertaking the same struggle. The boards of education of Sacramento.

San Bernardino, Redlands, Los Angeles, Santa Rosa, and Berkeley have all passed resolutions limiting the privileges of fraternity members, and even, in one case, refusing the recommendation of such for admission to college.

In some states the matter has been carried into the courts. Kansas and Indiana are enforcing the anti-fraternity law, and in California both houses of the legislature passed, by a large majority, a similar bill, which was vetoed by the Governor. In Minnesota, the constitutionality of the state law was tested in the Supreme Court in the case of Brooks vs. the State, where the struggle was finally dropped by Brooks. In Washington, also, in the case of Geo. Wayland vs. the school directors, the Supreme Court confirmed the decision of the lower court on a ruling of the board depriving students who held membership in fraternities of all school privileges, except the right to attend class.

But it may be argued that the causes which lead to those organizations are too important to be ignored.

Consideration of the question will show that the causes which lead to the organization of fraternities are of two classes: (1) Those which are either obsolete or illegitimate. (2) Those which are natural and justifiable.

The fraternity may at one time have sprung up among students as a sort of defensive organization against lack of interest and excessive demands on the part of the faculty. If such a cause ever existed, it has long since passed away. The lack of sympathy of teachers is a myth, except, perhaps, in isolated cases. The modern high school teacher is only too eager to go more than half way to meet pupils; he plays football, works on the track, struggles over the school paper, and takes an active part in the social activities of the students. On the other hand, the pupil often resents this so-called "interference" and, in schools in which fraternities are a power, regards his instructors as his natural enemies.



The second cause for the organization of fraternities, the tendency to exclusiveness, is too opposed to the spirit of the twentieth century, to our growing altruism in philosophy and in life, to require argument.

Of the natural and justifiable causes for fraternities, namely, social pleasure and the tendency toward organization which is in the air, it may be said that the modern school recognizes both by providing suitable rooms for social affairs, and by lending its interest and encouragement to fun, frolic, and all legitimately conducted entertainments.

The tendency to organization, too, may be amply satisfied in the class organizations and in musical societies, in debating clubs, athletic organizations, and the many other activities which students adopt or devise for themselves, with this inestimable advantage, that these are all under faculty supervision, a feature which, from the viewpoint of those experienced in the management of school affairs, is an absolute essential.

There can be no question in the mind of any unprejudiced observer that this is a problem which is of the utmost importance to the school and to the individual: to the school, because it is being undermined by insubordination, false educational standards, and the introduction of class distinctions; to the individual, because his education becomes secondary, his sense of true values is impaired, and his immaturity is forced to important decisions involving far-reaching consequences.

The fact persists, however, that attempts to regulate the matter by legislation, local or general, have met with indifferent success. It still remains for some plan to be devised which will deal a death blow to these organizations without leaving their members in the position of martyrs who are being persecuted for righteousness' sake.

## The Establishment of Social Standards at the University of Kansas

*Alberta Linton Corbin, Kansas University*

It is often said, and no doubt truly, that one of the greatest problems, perhaps the greatest problem, that faces State universities today is the proper regulation of the social life of their students. Attempts at regulation, in some cases very successful, have already been made in several institutions. It may be of interest to members of Kappa Kappa Gamma to know how Kansas University has set about this very important matter.

It might have been well to have begun in Kansas by finding out what had been done before us in other institutions, similar to ours. But we did not begin so. Indeed, it was impossible to inquire of others, for fate ordained that the opportunity to work should come upon us quite suddenly at the last; and ordained, too, it seemed, that the opportunity should be improved at once, if ever. So we simply went to work, trusting everything to the moment.

I said the opportunity came upon us quite suddenly *at the last*. For the movement really began here long ago. You know, perhaps, if you have tried, in your college work, to trace any movement pertaining to man, how very far back you may have to go to find the origin, if indeed you ever find it. So, perhaps, if we could trace our movement in the University of Kansas to its beginnings, we should find it went back to the founding of the institution. I, myself, know that it goes back twenty years, and that is half the life of the institution. Perhaps it is due to the circumstance that it does go back so far, that we have reason to hope the best for the social life of the institution. For this means that the majority of the young women of Kansas University have always, striven to live a normal, wholesome life.

The movement, as I know it, was begun by a young woman, whose name is not unknown in the world of



science. All along through the twenty years since she was a student here, her efforts have been repeated by others, with more or less success, until finally, a year ago, a marked step in advance was taken, when the Pan-Hellenic voted that the sorority girls would attend no midweek parties.

The basis for all improvement has always been found in the lives of that large number of young women who have solved the problem for themselves, in a way so easy that they were scarcely aware that there was a problem. The days for college work they devoted unquestioningly to college work. And at the week-end they found ample time for a social life, simple and unpretentious enough for the poorest in pocket, rich enough for the richest in mind and heart. So large, indeed, has been the number of these young women, that the social life here has, in general, been sane. Now that our institution is growing rapidly and becoming more cosmopolitan, what we want most is merely to preserve early standards, to prevent, by wise, timely measures the introduction of elements foreign to the best native spirit of the institution, and to correct evils where they sporadically exist.

As you have seen, the movement began with the students themselves, and this circumstance is an all-important one. Our tradition is for freedom, and we mean that this tradition shall persist. At the same time, there are responsibilities that the young people should accept, perhaps even sacrifices that they should make, for the welfare of each other and of their university, and we believe that it will be necessary only to call attention to these responsibilities, and they will be assumed; to these sacrifices, and they will be made.

In the past, not only have the students been left in absolute freedom, but the authorities have not even helped them in their attempts at self-government. This will no longer remain as it has been. The university has now formally recognized its responsibility. Last summer, at a meeting of the board of regents, regulations were outlined for the girls' rooming houses, and

were put into the hands of a faculty committee, with instructions to present them to the landladies receiving young women, and to the young women themselves, as urgent recommendations. The chief suggestions of the regents are that houses should be closed not later than ten-thirty, except on evenings when entertainments of general interest are held; and that social calls should be limited to the week-end. The committee added to these recommendations the Pan-Hellenic rule against midweek parties, and is asking all the women students of the university for their formal acceptance of all three recommendations. The girls have been approached, as grouped in rooming houses—there are no dormitories here—in the Young Women's Christian Association houses, in the sorority houses, in boarding clubs, and in smaller groups of friends. Everywhere the recommendations have met with favor. The women students are, in general, averse to regulations, at first thought, but in most cases it has proved necessary only to make clear to them the attitude of the university and the wishes and hopes of the committee, to secure their co-operation. It must be borne in mind that the university is not making the regulations; it is only asking the women students to do so, and leaving it to them to see that they are carried into effect. This must be done by committees of the girls themselves, chosen by the classes, and representing a general self-government organization. Such an organization has proved of very great influence in other institutions, and wherever formed will tend to create a democratic spirit and a feeling of good fellowship. Moreover, such an organization will supply for young women a want heretofore not fulfilled by co-educational institutions—training in independent self-government.

As I have already said, similar movements are going through other State universities. The responsibility of the young women in these institutions is very great. They have, in a very high degree, the shaping of the education of the women of the future in their hands. It is they who, by their own conduct, whether they wish it or not, will settle one important question—



whether co-education shall continue in State institutions. This is a great and important matter.

In the committee's conferences with the women students in Kansas University, several desirable regulations have suggested themselves, that are of especial interest to sorority girls. We think they would, if adopted, prove of equal advantage to the college and to the sorority. May I commend them to the readers of **THE KEY** for their serious consideration. They are, first, that when a social ruling is made for a chapter house, it should hold not only for the girls in the house, but for all active members of the chapter. In the sororities where this is true at Kansas University, it unquestionably tends to create a close feeling of unity among the girls. Secondly, a late pledge day; if possible, a sophomore pledge day should be established. And lastly, a scholarship requirement should be set for admission to the sorority.

## Report of Seventh Intersorority Conference

Hotel Stratford, Chicago, Illinois,

September 10-12, 1908.

### First Session

The Seventh Intersorority Conference was called to order Friday, September eleventh, 1908, at 3 P. M., by Miss A. W. Lytle, Pi Beta Phi, presiding officer. Miss L. P. Green, Kappa Alpha Theta, acted as secretary.

The following delegates presented credentials and were duly enrolled:

*Pi Beta Phi*—Miss A. W. Lytle, State Normal School, Lewiston, Idaho.

*Kappa Alpha Theta*—Miss L. P. Green, 15 East Avenue, Ithaca, New York.

*Kappa Kappa Gamma*—Miss Edith Stoner, 1529 Wabash Avenue, Kansas City, Missouri.

*Delta Gamma*—Miss Margarethe Sheppard, 225 Greenwood Boulevard, Evanston, Illinois.

*Alpha Phi*—Mrs. C. A. McElroy, 153 East Fifty-fourth Street, Chicago, Illinois.

*Gamma Phi Beta*—Miss Laura Hutchins, Marengo, Illinois.

*Alpha Chi Omega*—Mrs. Richard Tennant, 824 South Fifth Street, Terre Haute, Indiana.

*Delta Delta Delta*—Mrs. E. N. Parmelee, 755 Greenleaf Avenue, Rogers Park, Chicago, Illinois.

*Alpha Xi Delta*—Mrs. J. R. Leib, 1271 West Washington Street, Springfield, Illinois.

*Chi Omega*—Miss Jobelle Holcombe, Fayetteville, Arkansas.

*Sigma Kappa*—Mrs. K. B. Miller, 379 East Fifty-sixth Street, Chicago, Illinois.

*Alpha Omicron Pi*—Mrs. C. G. Bigelow, 172 South Francisco Street, Chicago, Illinois.

The minutes of the Sixth Intersorority Conference were read and approved.



Each delegate presented a report upon the action of her fraternity on subjects of intersorority interest; Pan-Hellenic difficulties and suggestions for future intersorority co-operation.

Motion carried that the chair appoint a committee on recommendations to which all recommendations in reports should be referred. Committee: Miss Sheppard, Delta Gamma; Miss Stoner, Kappa Kappa Gamma.

Then followed the report of Miss Smith, Pi Beta Phi, secretary of the conference, 1907-08. Her summary of the year's work follows:

1. *Secretary's Report.*

During the year just closing, the advance in interfraternity relations has been manifest in two noteworthy instances. First, no complaint or Pan-Hellenic difficulty has been brought to the notice of the secretary of the Intersorority Conference for investigation. Second, no group of chapters has applied for admission to the conference.

Eight hundred copies of the report of the Sixth Intersorority Conference were printed and distributed.

Soon after the six conference, the Pan-Hellenic Association of Michigan sent to the secretary a statement of the position of Sorosis, together with a request for special dispensation. The secretary sent to the grand presidents the following query: "Are you willing to grant a special dispensation to your chapter at the University of Michigan, allowing them to pledge senior high school girls?" All eight grand presidents concerned agreed to grant the dispensation for the college year 1907-08. The Pan-Hellenic at Michigan was then notified that a special dispensation was granted it until the Seventh Intersorority Conference convened.

Representatives of the Intersorority Conference were invited to meet with the Conference of Deans of Women in State Universities for one session, Friday afternoon, December twentieth. Each fraternity was notified of the meeting and sent a representative when possible. (A report of this joint meeting appears elsewhere in this report.)

The question of pledge day seems by no means settled, some schools which have had a late pledge day even agreeing to try matriculation day for next year. In view of the difference of opinion upon this question and considering how thoroughly the matter has been discussed, one delegate makes a timely suggestion that attention be turned to the amelioration of faulty conditions common to all fraternities.

According to the direction of the sixth conference, Miss Thompson compiled and distributed a report on the present condition of Pan-Hellenics in the United States, a most valuable article for the use of all chapters.

Later a letter was written to inform alumnae more definitely in regard to the purposes of intersorority. Four hundred copies of this were printed and distributed.

As directed by the sixth conference, the secretary has printed two hundred blanks for presenting matters for the vote of grand presidents.

The secretary has had constant demand for the names of secretaries of Pan-Hellenics. She had printed five hundred blanks to be filled with name, address, and fraternity of Pan-Hellenic secretary. These blanks were sent to colleges and returned, so that there is now on file for the use of the incoming secretary a complete list of Pan-Hellenic secretaries.

The manner of exchange of magazines has proven unsatisfactory.

Motion carried to accept the report of the intersorority secretary.

Adjournment.

### Second Session

This session was called to order at 9:30 A. M., Saturday, September twelfth, 1908.

#### 1. *Pan-Hellenic at Wisconsin.*

Kappa Kappa Gamma, the committee on Pan-Hellenic conditions at Wisconsin State University, continued by the sixth conference, reported as follows:



Since Wisconsin State University is providing adequate supervised homes for its women students, and since interscholastic has been abolished, there is no pressing reason for continuing to pledge preparatory students at Wisconsin. Moreover, some fraternity chapters there do not desire to pledge preparatory students any more. The Wisconsin Pan-Hellenic has presented no petition for renewal of its expired dispensation.

In view of this report, the Seventh Intersorority Conference is proud to announce that henceforth Wisconsin fraternity chapters will conform to the intersorority conference rule prohibiting the pledging of non-matriculantes.

## 2. *Pan-Hellenics.*

The committee upon present condition of Pan-Hellenics presented its report, which was printed and distributed to the conference fraternities early in nineteen hundred and eight. Attention was called to the fact that the variation in time of opening of our colleges—from August first to October first—results in some cases in longer compacts than the report's enumeration by date of pledge day makes evident.

Motion carried to accept this report with hearty appreciation of Miss Thompson's fine work.

## 3. *Intersorority Conference Constitution.*

Alpha Omicron Pi reported an affirmative vote upon the proposed constitution. As all the other represented fraternities had endorsed this constitution at the time of the sixth conference, a motion was carried that the official organization for intersorority conference shall be the constitution as printed in report of the sixth conference.

## 4. *Pan-Hellenic at Michigan.*

A petition for a renewal of its special dispensation to pledge preparatory students was presented by the Michigan State University Pan-Hellenic.

Since the local Sorosis continues to refuse to co-operate in the abolishment of such pledging, it was

deemed expedient that this dispensation be renewed, in order not to handicap the nationals at Michigan.

Motion carried that this conference recommend to the grand presidents of fraternities represented at Michigan State University that a dispensation be granted to the Michigan Pan-Hellenic for one year, provided only seniors in the high schools be pledged and the pledge be withdrawn if the pledged girl does not enter the university one year from September following the pledging; this dispensation to expire September, 1909.

Motion carried that the intersorority conference secretary convey to the Michigan Pan-Hellenic our sincere congratulations upon the progress of Pan-Hellenic ideas in its university.

##### 5. *Exchange of Fraternity Magazines.*

This subject was fully discussed. There was unanimous agreement that the present plan of exchange is unsatisfactory and that the ideal plan of exchange with all chapters is impractical because of expense. It was reported that the chapters of some fraternities subscribe for the magazines of other fraternities, and also that some Pan-Hellenics do the same. The following action was taken concerning exchanges:

Carried that the intersorority conference secretary prepare a journal exchange list, said list to include three national officers of each intersorority conference fraternity (these three officials, in each case, to be designated by their fraternity), and the delegates to the intersorority conference. This official exchange list is to be sent each fraternity editor, who shall be responsible for the mailing of her magazine to all addresses on the list.

Motion carried that each fraternity editor put the library of every university, where her fraternity is represented, on her mailing list and notify her chapters of these fraternity libraries; this library exchange to supplant the former Pan-Hellenic exchange.

Carried that each fraternity editor be asked to keep an accurate list during 1908-09 of the subscriptions



received from Pan-Hellenics and from chapters of other fraternities, and, through her intersorority delegate, submit a report of the same to the next intersorority conference. Each fraternity is asked to suggest to its chapters the value of subscribing for other fraternity magazines.

#### 6. *Dean's Conference.*

The following report from the conference of intersorority delegates with Deans of Women in December, 1907, was submitted:

The Deans of Women of State Universities were in substantial agreement on the following topics of interest to fraternity women:

*Chaperones.*—The office should be dignified by better definition and more authority. One way of doing this is to make the chaperone a member of the committee of the chapter, whose duty it is to formulate suitable house rules, and to secure their observance. Such a committee should be of great assistance to a chapter in determining its social activities, etc.

*Rushing.*—This way of recruiting the chapters is deplored. Sophomore pledging is approved, and a scholarship standard of eligibility is advocated.

*Parties.*—The use of university buildings for parties is advised wherever this is possible, as opposed to clubs and halls not located on the campus.

*Scholarship.*—The practice of some fraternities in securing from the deans periodic reports of individual grades for each chapter is believed to encourage scholarship.

*Visiting Delegates.*—The deans are glad to meet these ladies, and welcome conferences with them early in their visits to their respective chapters.

This report was followed by a discussion of chapter houses and chaperones. Mrs. Tennant reported her list of eligible chaperones as very small, but that, if a small salary was connected with the position, more chaperones would be available.

Motion carried that the president appoint a committee to consider with Deans of Women the position of the fraternity chaperone in college life, also the functions and qualifications of chaperone. Committee: Alpha Chi Omega, Gamma Phi Beta, Chi Omega.

Adjourned for the annual luncheon of Intersorority Conference delegates. The luncheon was at the college club, which kindly gave us the use of their rooms for our last session.

### Third Session

The session opened with a continuation of the discussion of the meeting of fraternity women and deans. Particular attention was called to the fact that the deans had concurred with former Intersorority Conferences in recommending a sophomore pledge day.

Motion carried that the Seventh Intersorority Conference again urge a late pledge day, preferably a sophomore pledge day.

The committee on recommendations then presented its report, which included all recommendations from delegates' reports to the first session.

#### 7. *Pan-Hellenic Recommendations.*

The following recommendations are submitted to local Pan-Hellenics with the request that each Pan-Hellenic give them careful consideration, and, as far as practical, adopt the principles of each recommendation.

A. Every Pan-Hellenic **MUST** conform to the by-law that requires each fraternity chapter to be represented in Pan-Hellenics by one active and **ONE** ALUMNA member. It is urged that alumnae members be chosen with great care. Women several years out of college, who are in close touch with their university's and their chapter's life, and in sympathy with Intersorority Conference ideas and work—upon which they should be well informed—should be chosen for these positions. A long tenure of office for efficient alumnae members is also deemed advisable.

B. Pan-Hellenics are urged to adopt a rule requiring definite scholarship attainment in the university as a qualification for eligibility to fraternity membership.



C. We recommend to Pan-Hellenics that they endeavor to restrict the expense, number, and duration of social functions and engagements by women's fraternities as far as is compatible with local conditions.

D. We suggest that Pan-Hellenics be careful not to create feeling between fraternity and non-fraternity college women through too many or through inopportune Pan-Hellenic meetings and functions.

E. Pan-Hellenics are urged to avoid all public press notoriety and to endeavor always to keep the respect of their university and town communities.

F. We strongly recommend that each Pan-Hellenic have some general meetings to which ALL fraternity members are invited and allowed to take part in discussions—meetings to read and discuss Intersorority Conference reports, shortcomings of our last compact, effects of a sophomore pledge day in our college, etc.

G. Since at the University of Wisconsin an organization of the resident alumnae of all fraternities has proved most helpful in solving fraternity and university problems concerning rushing, social life, etc., it is the consensus of opinion in this conference that a similar organization would prove helpful in every university where fraternities are represented. It is therefore suggested that in each Pan-Hellenic the alumnae members take the initiative in forming such an organization for their college.

#### 8. *Fraternity Recommendations.*

The following recommendations are submitted to each fraternity with the strong hope that each grand president will urge their adoption in the policies of her fraternity:

A. That each fraternity hold its intersorority delegate responsible for the distribution of Intersorority Conference reports and papers, and also for instructing chapters as to the use of the same.

B. That each fraternity include in its chapter examinations a question concerning the present procedure and possible penalty in case of the breaking of a Pan-Hellenic contract.

C. That each fraternity, with ideals of honor and faith in the integrity of others, emphasize these points in the policy of its chapters.

D. That each fraternity devise a method of informing its alumnæ of Intersorority Conference principles and policies, so that an alumna teaching in a preparatory school will not thoughtlessly take steps that will disrupt years of cordial feeling between her chapter and other fraternities in her alma mater.

E. That each fraternity instruct its visiting delegate to impress upon the chapters the need not of a higher standard of scholarship than they already possess, but a high standard irrespective of their present standing.

F. That each fraternity endeavor to make the position of chaperone in its chapter house one of definite duties, powers, and dignity. That, if possible, the positions be filled by alumnæ of experience and judgment.

#### 9. *Intersorority Recommendations.*

The following recommendations were adopted by the Seventh Intersorority Conference:

A. That a committee be appointed to investigate the "no-rushing policy" of the famous societies of Yale and Harvard. Committee: Alpha Phi and Sigma Kappa.

B. That an enumeration of concrete results of intersorority be printed in each fraternity magazine. This enumeration to be compiled by the secretary of intersorority to insure uniformity. Fraternity editors are also urged to give prominence and active, continued support to Intersorority Conference interests.

C. That a committee be appointed to draw up an interfraternity code concerning the dismissal of members, withdrawing of invitations, breaking of pledges. Committee: Chi Omega, Alpha Xi Delta, and Delta Delta Delta.

D. That the name of this conference be changed to *National Pan-Hellenic Conference*.

E. That a committee be appointed which shall make the 1907-08 letter to alumnæ organizations the



basis for a similar letter this fall. Committee: Kappa Kappa Gamma, Alpha Omicron Pi, Delta Delta Delta.

A vote of thanks was given the College Club for courtesies extended.

Some desultory discussion followed upon the situation of fraternities at Barnard, written replies to invitations to join a fraternity, need of constant effort to keep fraternity women informed on Intersorority Conference matters, high school fraternities, indefiniteness of Pan-Hellenic constitutions, fraternity presidents as delegates to Intersorority, and plans for the next conference.

Motion carried to assess each fraternity five dollars (\$5.00) for Intersorority Conference expenses, each delegate to instruct her grand treasurer to send the assessment direct to the conference secretary.

The Intersorority Conference was declared adjourned until September, 1909.

L. PEARLE GREEN, *Kappa Alpha Theta*,  
*Secretary of Seventh Intersorority Conference.*

## The Key

### Parthenon

#### Chapter Unity

The key to all chapter strength undoubtedly is unity—unity in purpose, in achievement, in accomplishment. It alone opens the door to true success, to perfect results. Perhaps it is one of the greatest problems in chapter life to preserve this necessary union of action and cohesiveness. The natural desire of each individual to wander off into separate fields, to lose herself in special interests, to seek unconsciously personal ends, must be continually combated.

If the management of the chapter house does not go on as smoothly as is desired, the girls are apt to criticise, to wonder why it is not better, to discuss the matter among themselves rather than with the house manager. They do not stop to think how much it would aid her to give her their support instead. Again in rushing, how often the planning of the whole campaign and, moreover, the carrying out of it are left to a small committee or perhaps to one girl. Then if the results are not satisfactory, the few who did the work are called upon to bear the blame. This is an exaggeration of the case, to be sure, but nevertheless the thought is true, and goes to show the necessity of perfect unity.

The tendency which in the beginning led to the founding of the first fraternity, that desire of truly congenial minds to form into closer bonds through the medium of organized brotherhood, is forever working within the chapter boundaries. It is generally controlled to a certain extent, but still it exists, and despite the greatest individual effort leads unconsciously to the formation of inner cliques. Thus comes the destruction of chapter agreement. It is natural, of course, that close friendships be formed, that strong personal attraction should draw two or three of the girls into closer bonds than the rest, but the effort should be made to subjugate this to chapter interests.

While the greatest loyalty and love may be evident in all personal relations, this attraction prevents that perfect harmony so necessary in a fraternity home.



This is not a call for the merging of one's individual personality into chapter interests. That would be far from desirable. The girl as a college woman must always be herself, not a Kappa; but as a Kappa she is not a separate unit, but a part of a great and extensive organization. Her fraternity's interests must be her interests, her fraternity's good must be her good, her fraternity's strength must be her strength. It is in her power to make this fraternity count as good. But this cannot be done by her separate individual effort alone. It lies in the merging of her interests into fraternity interests, in the sacrifice of her personal desires, in the unselfish giving of herself as a fraternity woman.

OLIVE VOSWINKLE, *Pi*.



**A Spring** Under the present system, our freshmen  
**Pledge** are hurried into the fraternity after one  
**Day** short week at college, and many of them immediately make their home at the chapter house. Their interests and friends naturally become limited to their own fraternity, and it is only with an effort that they reach beyond its bounds.

A spring pledge day allows no freshmen to live in the house. Thus she knows outside girls and is known by them and becomes identified with her class. The fraternity does not prop her, and she is like every other freshman.

The freshman does not dare fail in her work, because a fraternity has time to find out her academic attainments, and it will indeed be a frivolous chapter that will pledge a girl who is openly lazy in her work. On the other hand, by a late second year pledge day the fraternity loses a good many valuable members. The State university in the Middle West is taking the place of the eastern finishing school. The girl from the large city, who makes her debut at the usual age, does not care to spend four years away from home. Yet she is a member that a many-sided chapter cannot afford to lose. On the other hand, a spring pledge day helps the university in eliminating the girl who flits in

for a term or two because there are plenty of boys to amuse her. This type is often the one that dazzles the chapter during the rushing season.

Choosing what is worth while makes life what it should be, and this is particularly applicable to a fraternity. In a longer period than a few days or weeks the upper classmen will know whom they want, and by March a girl will be clearly classified into her sorority type, except in rare cases. The freshman's attitude will be reversed. She will be figuratively on her knees and humbly pursue her course, instead of being so badly spoiled that it takes her years to recover. A fraternity will be something to strive to be worthy of, and not simply a badge to dazzle the family, Thanksgiving.

SADIE CRAIG, *Theta*.



There has always been a good deal said **Democracy** and felt about the difference or barrier existing between the fraternity and non-fraternity world. Should this barrier exist, and why does it? There is little question that such an unfortunate feeling is a fact to a greater or lesser degree in every college.

We have only to consider to realize how wrong this is. Why should there be a feeling of constraint between two girls merely because one of them is a member of a fraternity and the other is not? It is the fraternity girl who is missing as much, if not more, than the other. For is she not shutting herself out from a great deal in college life that means the very most? There is certainly an immeasurable amount of benefit to be gained by every girl merely by coming into close touch with all those about her, even though their interests may be different. The very fact that there is a difference in tastes and temperament, perhaps, ought in itself to be broadening.

Who is to blame for this feeling having grown up? Perhaps the fraternity girl, and perhaps not. At any rate, she is the one who must offer the remedy. The criticism has been made of fraternities, especially in the



West, that their members become so wrapped up in their own interests and fraternity that there is no time, enthusiasm, or inclination left for the college at large; in other words, that we as fraternity women, with this privilege not enjoyed by all, are selfish with our own ability, small as it is.

We all are very busy and have many, many demands upon our energy, but let us try to be unselfish with it. Considering it merely from a selfish standpoint, what endless benefit we ourselves can gain from being vitally connected with general college activities! What is it that a line of one of our songs says:

“Kappa’s love shall teach us greater love for all.”

ALICE E. ANDERSON, *Chi*.



## Culture in a Fraternity House

Life in a fraternity house gives a girl something which she can get nowhere else. In the first place, it is home. There is an instinct for home and all that it means in every human being, and because the fraternity girl owns at least some part of her college home, she has a sense of possession and of fitness. Not less than this is the companionship—the close, intimate friendship with other girls. They are not mere passing acquaintances to be known and loved for a comparatively short space of time, but they are to be identified with her, and she with them, all through life, because of the tie which binds them to her and which can never be broken or changed.

But there is a factor which enters into both these considerations, which may be given more or less thought as the case may be. The life of a college girl is a busy one. She is apt to believe that she is the busiest person in the world. With regular lessons, outside reading, papers, and the routine work, which make her days and weeks overflowing, beside the social duties, which are none the less arduous and none the less important, perhaps she may not take the time to be careful of the little things which are so indispensable

at home, but which are so easy to slight when there is so much to occupy her time. By "little things," I mean those indefinable things which give a girl "poise" and an air which characterizes a lady everywhere. This may be mere thoughtlessness, and she does not realize that she is losing anything.

These things may be more noticeable at the table than elsewhere. There may be a party for which you must be ready at seven o'clock, or a one o'clock class, which must necessarily make your meal hurried, and while you yourself may be unconscious of it, your haste may be exceedingly unpleasant for those who are not so hurried. So, too, the conversation at the table need not be only of the things which concern you immediately, or what you are doing, or where you are going; but why should not that be the time for the discussion of current topics, of things of national and international interest, which make a girl appear so much better read and well informed? It is understood that this rests entirely with the girls, and it should be tacitly understood that the talk at the table be of general interest.

This is, however, not the only consideration. Why not have the Kappa fraternity house, in all its phases, stand for a center of good breeding as well as good cheer? That there is to be fun there is understood, but when the outsider comes in for any purpose, to my mind she should go away with the idea that that fraternity house preserves an air of quiet dignity and refinement such as may be found in a home, instead of the careless, happy-go-lucky atmosphere which a group of girls is likely to create. One of Goethe's ideas of life was that every individual creates an atmosphere of his own, and that atmosphere is good or evil, and may be felt in a room by any new-comer. We say that there is a "Kappa type." That may or may not be true, but if it is, why should there not be a Kappa atmosphere as well, which will pervade our homes and make them known and recognizable by every one?

LETA E. TOWNER, *Beta Zeta*.



## Editorials

Although each fraternity has its individual characteristics, there is much which all have in common, and it was a great step forward when representatives from these different organizations met to discuss the problems which all alike must face. The delegates to the Intersorority Conference are women of wide experience, who are well versed in college matters, and the recommendations which they offer are the result of wise and careful thought. If, as they advise, a scholarship attainment in the university as a qualification for fraternity membership were adopted, we should do away with the constantly increasing number of those who, having joined a fraternity, leave college after an attendance of a few months. The short connection of these members with the fraternity gives them little opportunity to promote its interests or to embody in their own lives its principles and ideals; yet they will always stand as representatives of the organization which they have joined. Moreover, the standard of our fraternity would be raised, for, with a scholarship qualification for membership, outsiders would know that those wearing a fraternity pin had really accomplished something in college and were not high school graduates with a smattering of university life.

The recommendation in regard to simplicity in rushing should also receive the careful consideration of our members. The weeks consumed in social affairs during the rushing season not only take much of the time that should be devoted to study, but is a drain upon the health, taking the place of rest and wholesome out-of-door exercise. It gives to the entering freshmen a false impression of college women; her social standard becomes one which for expense of entertainment and elaborateness of dress might be adopted by a woman of forty instead of a girl just graduated from the high school. Let appropriateness and simplicity be your watch words in rushing, and you will have a better opportunity to become acquainted with the freshmen, and they will

enter the fraternity with no exaggerated idea of college social life.

One more thought we would emphasize, and that is the suggestion by the deans of women that the chaperone in the fraternity house be given more honor and dignity. The selection of a chaperone should be made with as much careful thought as the election of a new member. Would it not be better to curtail the rushing expenses and pay the chaperone a salary if this were necessary to secure the right person? When the chaperone becomes a member of the fraternity household, she should command the respect and assume the social position of a mother. The girls should go to her for advice and her suggestions should receive consideration. She should not be a mere name, with a seat at the head of the table, but a person to welcome the friends of the fraternity and to be a help to the members in the many little things that are lacking in the lives of college girls away from home.



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## Initiates

### Phi

Nina Florence Gilley  
Florence Elizabeth MacArdle  
Helen Mackintosh  
Grace Wight Thompson

Marv Roberta Miller  
Flora Thomas Norton  
Christina Margaret South

### Beta Epsilon

Antoinette Fransioli

### Beta Sigma

Dorothy Cooke  
Jeanette Comstock  
Ruth Wells  
Gertrude Means

Ethel Thackray  
Jean Marks  
Mildred McDermott

### Psi

Mariana McCaulley  
Cynthia Eggles Seelye

Margaret Boulton Thorpe

### Beta Tau

Mabel Allen  
Ruby Bryan  
Blanche Loomis

Elizabeth Lowry  
Bessie Heffner  
Helen Weeks

### Gamma Rho

Marv Sowash  
Margaret West  
Bess Emery

Caroline Lauffer  
Elizabeth Ling  
Lillian Derby

### Beta Gamma

Marguerite Bange  
Helen Carpenter  
Florence Hattery  
Agnes Forman

Glendale Dunlap  
Mary McKeen  
Elsie Machle  
Bernie Boyce

### Beta Nu

Mary McGaughy  
Ruth Herron

Helen Zeller  
Helen Morrison

### Beta Delta

Marguerite Kolb  
Myrtle White  
Pauline Wittwer  
Florence Rogers  
Leora Sawyer

Lyle Noble  
Alicent Holt  
Pauline Martin  
Jessie Duckwall  
Rodetta Morrison

### Kappa

Faith Elliot  
Joy Mauk

Hazel Fenton  
Maud Miner

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### Delta

Mary Bayliss  
Elizabeth Deming  
Ruth Edwards  
Marie Farquhar  
Edith Fitzpatrick  
Daphne Hoffman

Isabell Kimple  
Ruby Morris  
Samuella Norman  
Carrie Ong  
Ethel Smith  
Bess Williams

### Iota

Florence Coombs  
Lelah Trees  
Helen Scearce  
Eeimie Whyte  
Pancy Bell  
Francis Merriman  
Georgia Stiggleman  
Lottie Thomas

Leola Trueblood  
Mary Ann Baker  
Katharyn Moor  
Hazel Rhodes  
Dena Hurt  
Florence Black  
Mary Wagoner

### Mu

Laura Kirkpatrick  
Mary Craven

Ruth Hendrickson

### Eta

Mary Emma Cornell  
Jean Currie  
Doris Carter  
Jessie Mead  
Nan Frawley  
Lois Wakefield  
Jenoise Brown

Winifred Swift  
Dorothy Rogers  
Helen Peterson  
Cora Rohn  
Marie Thieman  
Helen Swenson

### Beta Lambda

Eleanor Gilmer  
Katherine Seaman  
Margaret Dupuy  
Rachel Weir  
Dorothy Putman

Josephine Perry  
Katherine Halsey  
Clara Lee Webb  
Ruth Felmley

### Epsilon

Margaret Hunter  
Louise Leaton  
Gladys Miner

Jess Driskill  
Alice Palmer  
May Johnson

### Beta Zeta

Ellen Baker  
Ruth Mabry  
Helen Letson

Joanna Pelletier  
Helen Pelletier

### Sigma

Mary Hanna

Theo Hanson



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### Omega

Helen Phillips  
Mary Lambert  
Maude Brown

Mildred Otis  
Zoza Weathers

### Beta Mu

Hattie May Thornton  
Kate Nelson  
Ruth Shumate  
Lila Shackelford  
Mae Potter

Georgia Lucas  
Myrna Chapman  
Ruth Morrison  
Louise More  
Linda Batchelder

### Pi

Jean Tyson  
Emilie Harrold  
Mildred Porter  
Marjorie Stanton

May Van Maren  
Marion Gay  
Carolyn Teichert  
Oliver Trask

### Beta Eta

Florence Wendling  
Enid Flagg  
Florence Orr

Edith Edminson  
Helen Neal  
Lois Collins

### Beta Pi

Florence Mackey

Agnes Bunch



## Alpha Province

### Phi—University of Boston

Best wishes to all!

The most important event in the month of November was initiation, which was held on the seventh, at Mrs. Boyd's home in Jamaica Plain. All of our seven pledglings were initiated at that time. As always, we passed a most enjoyable afternoon and evening. We were glad to have with us Laurastine Marquis, of Epsilon chapter, who is studying this year at Simmons College.

The next thing was the party to the freshmen after their first fraternity meeting. This was only an informal affair, but we had a good time.

We have been so busy with studying that we have not had the time to indulge in as much merrymaking as usual. Our next lark was the Christmas party, the Wednesday before Christmas Day. The girls gave each other jokes and a merry afternoon was spent.

That evening, December twenty-third, we gave a Christmas dance, which was very successful.

Again we have had an important announcement made to us at a party. Estelle Ingalls, '09, has announced her engagement to Mr. Richard H. Lansing, of Rochester, New York.



Marion C. Butterworth, '08, has been elected president of the senior class.

Ruth Baker, '10, has been elected chairman of the junior class day committee.

MARION E. TREADWELL.



### **Beta Epsilon—Barnard College**

A spread was held on the Tuesday before Thanksgiving, November twenty-fourth, at the home of Hilda Wood, '09.

An informal party was given at Hilda Wood's on Friday, December fourth, for the sophomores who are being rushed.

On Wednesday, December ninth, a tea was given by the chapter to Kappas from other chapters, at the home of Hilda Wood.

The "Junior Show" took place on Friday evening, November twentieth, and Saturday afternoon and evening, November twenty-first. The play was "Monsieur Beaucaire," and Lilian Egleston, the junior class president, took the part of the hero, and did it remarkably well. The whole production was a great success.

The December "Class Party" of the junior class took the form of an "old-fashioned spelling bee." Every one wore an old-fashioned costume, and entered heartily into the spirit of the game, particularly when the refreshments of nuts and raisins and doughnuts and cider appeared. The party was managed by Bertha Firebaugh, '10, as chairman of the class entertainment committee.

On Wednesday, December sixteenth, the freshmen, in the guise of men, gave a dance to "their sisters," the junior class.

The sophomore dance was held in the Thompson gymnasium on Friday, December eighteenth, just before the Christmas holidays.

The Pan-Hellenic constitution, after three months of discussion and revision, has been accepted as a whole by the Pan-Hellenic council.

HARRIET FOX.

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### Beta Sigma—Adelphi College

On the twenty-third of December we had a Christmas party at the home of Mrs. Howard Mullin. The day was one of unusual joy and gladness, because it was pledge day, too. After pledging service, we had a truly Christmas supper, and then we gathered around a sparkling tree, on which was an appropriate gift for every one. It was great fun unwrapping the packages and reading the verses attached to them.

Beta Sigma sends greetings and best wishes to all for a happy and prosperous New Year.

EDNA M. HERBST.



### Psi—Cornell University

*Greetings to All the Kappas:*

Psi has had a very successful rushing season. We held our initiation at the home of Mary Hull on November eighteenth.

We have with us this year an affiliate, Wilhelmine Wissmann, from Beta Sigma. This brings our chapter roll up to ten.

During the fall term, we enjoyed the visits of our last year's seniors, Charlotte Baber, Alice Holbert, Jane Gouinlock, Amy Rhodes, and Anna Stryke.

One of our principal parties to the freshmen was a dove cotillion given in the college gymnasium.

Miss Ruth Paxson, of Beta Zeta, one of the national secretaries of the Student Volunteer Movement, was with us a few days this fall, and while here gave the Kappas an interesting talk.

WILHELMINE C. WISSMANN.



### Beta Alpha—University of Pennsylvania

A Parthenon article of several years gone by, in defending the city college against its country rival, cited, as one of the former's advantages, the opportunity of "standing in line," of rushing up several flights of



stairs to drop into a hard seat, in order to listen to a play or opera, all for the small sum of a dollar or less, though, of course, it cost another small sum in dignity. At the new Hammerstein Opera House, recently finished, one may for a moderate sum, and with no loss to the model collegiate demeanor, hear the best singers in the world, since college and musical authorities have co-operated to enable students to enjoy this great privilege at no great hardship to the purse.

A New Year's Eve costume party was given at the Philadelphia Academy of Music on December thirty-first, for the benefit of the University Hospital.

Dr. Phillip Calvert will, in the early part of the new year, leave for Central America to pursue his work on dragon flies. He has already spent years on this tedious work, but still heeds the lesson read him by a Chestnut Street postage stamp, "to stick there until he gets there."

William H. Taft will address the students at the Academy of Music on February twenty-second, University Day.

Alice Rodman, biology '12, has accepted our invitation to join Kappa Kappa Gamma.

BESSIE G. HANLEY.



### Beta Iota—Swarthmore College

*To All Kappas, Greeting:*

It was with renewed energy and hope for success that each member of Beta Iota returned in September to Swarthmore to live under the new Pan-Hellenic rules, which were decided upon and established here late last spring. So far, the year has been bright and prosperous, and we entertain high hopes for a successful sophomore pledge day next fall. With the exception of our one senior of last year, Frances Richardson, whom we have lost by graduation, our number remains unchanged.

A few weeks after college opened, the whole chapter was most royally entertained by Elizabeth White at the Marborough-Blenheim, Atlantic City. A dance, a the-

ater party, and a dinner, among other things, were given in our honor, and it was with difficulty that we were able to express our thanks to our hostess for the delightful time she made it possible for us to have.

The annual convention of the Delta Upsilon fraternity was held at Swarthmore in October. One of its most important features was a dance given at Houston Hall of Pennsylvania University, to which a great number of the college girls were invited. It proved a great success and was thoroughly enjoyed by all those present. During this convention week, the Women's Pan-Hellenic Association entertained the members of the "Devotæ Uxores" society, among whom were several Kappas, two being charter members of Beta Iota.

Kappa Alpha Theta gave a tea for the women's fraternities of Swarthmore at the residence of one of its members.

Owing to the change of pledge day to the sophomore year, the anniversary of initiation was celebrated by a "feed" given at the home of Helen Lukens on December eighteenth.

The great question which has been agitating the minds of all true Swarthmoreans for the past year has at last been solved, and at a mass meeting of the students held on December ninth, it was announced by our president, Joseph Swain, that, by the joint decision of the faculty, alumni, and student body of the college, football was at last to be restored. This decision was met by wild demonstrations of enthusiasm, and every one is now looking forward to next fall when Swarthmore will again take an active part in intercollegiate athletics.

Beta Iota sends best wishes to all her sister chapters for a prosperous and happy New Year.

EDNA CLAYTON JONES.



### Beta Upsilon—West Virginia University

Nan Brooke, Mae Sullivan, and Elsie Kraemer spent the Thanksgiving holidays in Pittsburg, and were



present at the social functions of the Phi Delta Theta convention.

Bess Rist, Gamma Rho, was a visitor here this fall, for the opening of the new Phi Kappa Psi house.

We had a very successful rushing season. The initiation was held at the home of Ethel Finnicum Moreland, Xi.

Ida Sutherland and Haven Babb, Sigma Chi, were married on the evening of November twenty-first. The Kappas and Sigma Chis were present at the ceremony, and afterwards accompanied the bride and groom on their special train to Rowlesburg, where they took the train east.

Margaret Buchanan entertained the active chapter and the alumnae, Saturday afternoon, November fourteenth, in honor of Ida Sutherland. The out-of-town girls present at the party, and at the initiation, which was held that evening, were Edna Arnold, Emma Parks, Cilda Smith, and Janie McKinney.

Daisy Pritchard was called to her home December seventh, by the sudden death of a brother.

Margaret Buchanan attended the luncheon given by the Pittsburg Alumnae Association, at McCreery's, October eleventh.

Beta Upsilon sends to all Kappas best wishes for a prosperous New Year.

NELL STEELE.



## **Beta Province**

### **Lambda—Buchtel College**

DEAR KAPPA SISTERS:

This has been a very interesting fall for Buchtel, as our football team was a success and our basketball team has won all the games so far played.

About the first of November we had our rooms cleaned and refinished.

As none of our girls went home for Thanksgiving, we held a "spread" in the fraternity rooms on Novem-

ber twenty-seventh. Our grand treasurer was among the guests.

On December eighteenth, we had a farewell "spread" in honor of the girls who were leaving for the holidays. In the evening we all went to the basketball game in the gymnasium. Miss Riese, of Beta Gamma, was our guest for the day.

On January twenty-ninth, our alumnae gave a large dance for the active chapter.

As we wish to become better acquainted with our alumnae and have the alumnae become better acquainted with us, we will be at home to them on the first Thursday of every month. They are invited to come to fraternity meeting and remain afterward for tea. We hope in this way to reach every one of the alumnae at least once a year.

BESS HART.



### Beta Gamma—Wooster University

Since our last letter, Christmas has come and gone, we have made our good resolutions for nineteen nine and the year is hurrying along. In the meanwhile, Beta Gamma has had an interesting and exciting time.

On November fifth, Mrs. Foss, one of our patronesses, gave a dance at her home, and about twenty couples spent a very enjoyable evening. Five "old" girls were here: Mable Felger, Rowena Rayman, and Rhea Mowry, '08; Fay Waite and Eleanor Douglas, ex-'10. On the seventh, the dormitory girls entertained the faculty with a musical. On the twenty-eighth, we initiated Bernie Boyce, who had been pledged since the first of the year.

After Thanksgiving, basketball became the center of attention in the college, and as Wooster has a championship team, we are all interested in the games. In order to make a little extra money, the coach and athletic association arranged for a "County Fair" in the armory, at which each fraternity was to have an "attraction"; it was not a great financial success, but



we enjoyed it immensely. Twenty-five cents was the admission to the armory, and each show cost five cents more. There was a beauty show, merry-go-round, minstrel show, chocolate shop, Japanese booth, and several other attractions.

About this time, our Pan-Hellenic affairs were taking an important turn. Our agreement was that pledge day should be in June and that there should be no rushing during the year. This latter rule was broken by the Thetas, who gave a dance and invited some of the new girls. After very strenuous fraternity meetings and Pan-Hellenic talks, we called off all rules and regulations on December eleventh and sent out our invitations. Six girls are now wearing Kappa pledge pins.

On December fourteenth, a banquet was given in honor of our pledges. Each new girl responded to a toast on some appropriate subject, and the evening was ended with Kappa songs and the call.

At the end of the week, every one left for her home and turkey dinner, glad to be free from lessons for a while, but sorry to leave "the girls." May nineteen hundred and nine have success and happiness in store for Kappas everywhere.

MARTHA TAGGART.



### **Beta Nu—Ohio State University**

For the last week, Beta Nu's life has been one of hurry and bustle, as our final examinations have come around again.

Elizabeth O'Kane Sealey, '08, and Bess Allen, who has been teaching school at Blanchester, Ohio, came home for the holidays and were honored with a "spread" given at the home of Florence Newlove, December twenty-eighth.

Our annual formal dancing party will be held on February fifth.

The annual junior promenade will take place January twenty-sixth, in the armory.

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During the holidays, Beta Nu was honored by a visit from Miss Helen Lathrop, of Iota.

Nelle Deatrick, '11, has gone to spend the winter in Florida with her mother.

We are all very happy to announce that the ground for our student building has been broken, a thing which has long been anticipated by each and every student at Ohio State University.

BERRY CARROLL.



### Beta Delta—University of Michigan

Beta Delta's ten freshmen were the first to entertain the Sorority Freshmen Club this year. The house was beautifully decorated with pink and white cherry blossoms, and as all the girls wore soft Japanese kimonos, the party was certainly a beautiful sight.

The Michigan Union's musical comedy, "Culture," was a great success; and now every one goes about the campus whistling strains of "Wishing" or singing "I want to be a football man."

We Kappas had our usual Christmas party just before the holidays, and enjoyed to the fullest extent all the fun of queerly shaped packages and presents, and ludicrous attempts at poetry.

Ruth Harrison, '07, has announced her engagement to Parrish S. Lovejoy, also '07.

Beta Delta's girls send greetings to all the chapters.

ELSA HAASS.



### Xi—Adrian College

December sixteenth, Xi held her annual "pledge" banquet at the home of Miss Reynolds, on Broad Street. Miss MacElroy presided as toast mistrees in a very able and charming manner. The enthusiastic toasts of the alumnae assured us that they were in active co-operation with the chapter.

November tenth, the following girls were pledged to Kappa Kappa Gamma: Lucile Goucher, Mable Price, Margaret Mathews, and Josephine Lambie.



Miss French, of Kappa chapter, spent Thursday afternoon, November nineteenth, with us.

Vera Swift was essayist at the anniversary of the Lambda Phi Literary Society, held December third, in Plymouth Church.

Alma Butler, Edwinea Windrem, and Vera Swift attended the State convention of the Young Women's Christian Association, which was held at Hillsdale, Michigan, November twelfth to fourteenth.

Edwinea Windrem was elected by the Young Women's Christian Association as a delegate to the missionary convention held in Ann Arbor.

Lena Beem is essayist for the anniversary of Star Literary Society, to be held in January.

VERA A. SWIFT.



## **Gamma Province**

### **Delta—Indiana State University**

The alumnae entertained the active chapter at a most delightful Christmas-tree party on the evening of December twentieth.

Clara Phrimmer has returned from Omaha, Nebraska, where she spent the fall months.

Miss Ruth Paxson, national secretary of the Student Volunteer Movement, visited the university the end of November, and was a guest one evening at the chapter house.

Gayle Blankenship, '08, and Ruth Maxwell, '07, visited at the chapter house during the past month.

Mary Wright, of Louisville, is pledged to Kappa.

On December eighth, a play, "Mr. Witt's Widow," was given under the auspices of the Women's League, and one of our freshmen, Bess Williams, took a leading part.

MARGUERITE F. GRIFFITH.

## Iota—De Pauw University

DEAR KAPPA SISTERS:

Studentship is our watchword these days, and now with a new year before us, with all its possibilities, we are inspired to great exertions toward making our studentship all that it should be. A "dig" is not the ideal of a true college woman, but the distinction between a "dig" and a student is vast. College life, in common with all life, pays back in proportion to that paid in, and these are our days of paying in. With the spirit of earnestness and serious purpose now prevailing, there can be no doubt of success as we enter the year, strong in our resolutions to send Kappa standards higher than ever before.

The most eventful incident of the past term has been the initiation of our fifteen pledges. We are now rejoiced at having them fully fledged Kappas, and more loyal and earnest ones cannot be found.

The last Sunday of the term witnessed our first university service of the year, the sermon being preached by our new president, Dr. McConnell, of Brooklyn. We were delighted with him and are anxious for his permanent installation, which is to be in March.

We all greatly enjoyed the Christmas vacation at home, but were anxious for the return to college. To our great regret, Eva Valodin and Jess Landfesty were unable to return for the following term.

During the Thanksgiving vacation occurred the wedding of Mary Denman and Mr. Paul Dee, Delta Tau Delta. The wedding was a quiet home one, with only the family and a few intimate friends present. Mr. and Mrs. Dee left at once for their future home in Newton, Illinois.

On December twenty-third occurred the marriage of Edna C. Carroll and Mr. Roberts. The ceremony was performed in California, where the couple will continue to reside.

Iota sends her best wishes for a happy and prosperous New Year for all Kappas.

MARY ALICE GILMORE.



**Mu—Butler College***Greetings to All Kappas:*

One of the most delightful affairs of the season was held at Ruth Hendrickson's, where an elaborate supper was given, followed by a dance. We entertained several guests.

On December fourth, an inter-sorority dance was given in the gymnasium. It was a Dutch party. Half of the girls dressed as Dutch lads, and the rest as "fair maids of Holland." "A Dutch luncheon" was served. All declared the party a great success.

We have had several "spreads" during the term. One of these was particularly memorable, because we pledged Hallie McKern, of Thorntown.

On December fifth, we were most royally entertained by the alumnae. They gave a Christmas party and invited the active girls. Each one brought a little gift with an appropriate, original verse. The gifts were placed on a table, and each took one. Then we read the verses, sparkling with Kappa wit and cleverness, and had lots of fun over them. The house was beautifully decorated with Christmas bells, holly, and, dearest of all, a row of baby stockings above the fireplace.

We regret exceedingly the loss of one of our freshman girls, Mary Cravens, who has gone to Asheville, North Carolina, for the winter. We hope to have her back in the spring.

On December seventeenth, we entertained some of the alumnae girls with a "spread" at Elizabeth Bogert's, a farewell party for the girls who were going home for the holidays.

Mu wishes the other chapters a Happy New Year.

LAURA KIRKPATRICK.



**Eta—University of Wisconsin**

Eta has been most fortunate in becoming acquainted with a charming Kappa from Chi chapter, Louise Hill, who visited an Eta for a few weeks this fall.

On December second, the Red Domino Dramatic Society of the university presented "Cousin Kate," with Edna June Terry, '09, in the title role. The play was extremely successful, and Eta felt very proud of "Cousin Kate."

On December nineteenth, we gave our annual fall dinner-dance to introduce our freshmen, and were happy to have with us some of the older girls, who came back for the occasion. The dance was rendered all the more exciting by the announcement of the engagement of Alice Currie, '08, Milwaukee, to Harold Drew, '09, Phi Gamma Delta.

Eta sends her best wishes for a happy and successful New Year to all Kappas.

EDITH SWENSON.

**Beta Lambda—University of Illinois**

DEAR KAPPAS EVERYWHERE:

Mrs. Dupuy, a Kappa, was present at our initiation November fourteenth, to see her daughter, Margaret, taken into the fold. A number of others, whom we did not mention in the last KEY, and who were here, were Lucy Williams, Myra Sinclair, and Elisabeth McClure, of Bloomington, and Isabel Mabin and her mother, of Danville. Margaret Pouk, ex-'10, who is teaching this year, was also here at that time.

Elisabeth Graff, '06, who moved with her family to Port Huron, Michigan, a year ago, came for initiation, and has been visiting in town since then.

On January second, at her home in Chicago, occurred the wedding of Emily Nichols Lib, '05, to Merle J. Trees, '07, Phi Delta Theta. They will be at home in Chicago after March first.



Mrs. Hanna gave a party at her home in Oak Park for all the Beta Lambda girls who were in or around Chicago on Tuesday after Christmas.

We were happy to entertain about fifteen of the Upsilon girls who came down for the football game with Northwestern, November twenty-first.

Nell Perry was elected to the Scribblers' Club this fall.

One of our patronesses, Mrs. J. P. Brooks, gave a thimble party for the chapter at her home, December fifth.

Nell and Josephine Perry will leave in February, as their family is coming to live in Champaign. Those of us who are "town" girls will welcome another Kappa family.

A new branch of the city street car line is being laid across the campus just north of the Agriculture and Woman's Buildings. The student body is much dismayed by the possible marring of the beauty of the back campus.

Two new buildings are being constructed: a fine new physics laboratory, to stand just east of Engineering Hall, and an addition to the south side of the Natural History Building.

We wish a happy and successful second semester to you all.

EVA L. McINTYRE.



### **Upsilon—Northwestern University**

A glorious New Year to all our Kappa sisters!

Our college season has started with so much success for Upsilon that we cannot but hope that this New Year will usher in vast success for all our sister chapters.

We do wish you could know our loyal freshmen and that we might know yours, for there are great things ahead when every year brings such splendid pledges. We have many dear Kappa mothers here in town, so generous with their homes, that we are taking advantage of this opportunity to entertain in little home parties

every few weeks. Thanksgiving time we spent a very pleasant evening at Helen McCarrell's home, and another evening was spent at the home of Gertrude Carter.

On the evening of December eleventh, the Young Women's Christian Association of the university held a county fair on the main floor of Willard Hall. With its booths and side-shows, it was a hilarious scene, and the financial profits proved far beyond even expectations. This amount goes into our missionary "budget," to be used in our Northwestern Settlement in Chicago and in our foreign interests. This fair was the plan of Elizabeth Fox, our new Young Women's Christian Association secretary, a Kappa from Beta Epsilon.

Mora Murdock visited us for a week before Thanksgiving and Hazel Schnabele spent a week end with us.

Now after our Christmas vacation we are ready to go back and begin to prepare for semester examinations, which, alas! come all too soon.

Wishing all of you an exceedingly happy nineteen hundred and nine and another splendid year in Kappa.

MARY C. HOTCHKISS.



## Delta Province

### Chi—University of Minnesota

Chi chapter is fortunate in having five of her members, who have been away at college, home for the holidays. Martha Washburn, Elizabeth Ware, and Marjory Roberts have been at Smith, Helen Brown at Wellesley, and Kathryn Bruckholz at the Woman's College in Baltimore.

The active chapter gave an informal dancing party at the Town and Country Club on the evening of December twenty-ninth. It was given in honor of the girls who were here for the holidays.

The alumnae members of Chi chapter gave a New Year's reception for the active chapter. It was given at the home of Mrs. George Doublas Head, and members of the faculty and college friends were invited.

Chi sends New Year's greetings to all other Kappas.

ALICE E. ANDERSON.



## Theta—Missouri State University

MY DEAR KAPPA SISTERS:

Since my last letter to THE KEY, a new university president has been inaugurated. The inaugural exercises were unique and impressive. Representatives from all the American universities were present.

December nineteenth, the Kappas entertained the Sig Alphas at a matinee dance. Katherine Ware, one of our girls of last year, visited at the Kappa house the first of this month.

On December twenty-ninth, Virginia Yancey, '07, and Mr. Hamilton, Sigma Chi, were married at the bride's home in Mexico, Missouri.

At eight o'clock on the evening of December thirty-first, the chapter house was the scene of a pretty Kappa wedding. The occasion was the marriage of Adele Flemming to Dr. Abner Gore. The wedding took place in the drawing-room. Laura Robertson sang, and then the bridal party descended the stairs to the strains of Lohengrin's wedding march, played by Caroline Jesse, '07. Two ribbon bearers, Clara Thompson, '09, and Helen Vandiver, '11, preceded the bridesmaids, and the matron of honor was Mrs. Welch, a sister of the bride. Then came the bride, gowned in handsome white satin trimmed with pearls and duchess lace. From the opposite side came the groom and best man. Under a bell, decorated with holly and mistletoe, hung in a recess banked with palms and ferns, the two were united. The Episcopal ceremony was used. After the wedding, a reception was tendered the guests. The young couple took their departure on a late train that evening, amid a shower of rice and congratulations.

December thirty-first, Mildred Lewis and Mr. Charles Russell were married and will live in Washington.

Wishing all the chapters a happy and prosperous New Year.

SADIE CRAIG.

## Sigma—Nebraska State University

The girls of Sigma chapter have been exceedingly busy, both in university and in fraternity affairs, since the last letter to THE KEY.

We had a visit from Ruby Cornell, an initiate of last year. She left for California, after she had been with us, and will make her home at Long Beach.

Several "showers" have been given for Gladys Hargreaves, who was married on the twenty-second of December. The girls gave a "linen shower" for her at the Kappa house on December fourteenth, and Edna Baker, one of our older girls, a "fruit shower" on the eighteenth.

Florence Riddell has been elected to membership in the German Club; and Jessie Beghtol "tried out" successfully for the Dramatic Club, and was elected to membership in the Equal Suffrage Club and the English Club.

On December fourth, we gave an informal dance at the University Temple, and at the time entertained at the chapter house several out-of-town girls who expect to come to the university next year.

Our chancellor, Doctor E. Benjamin Andrews, has resigned from the chancellorship. Special farewell services were held for him in the chapel, and a new university song, written by him, was sung.

The acting chancellor at present is Doctor Avery, who is the head of the chemistry department.

The regents are seriously considering him as a permanent chancellor, and we shall probably know before very long who the new head of the university will be.

The new engineering building is going up rapidly, and, although we miss our old athletic field very much, we cannot but feel proud that we are to have such a splendid new building.

JETTIE A. TAYLOR.



**Omega—Kansas State University**

The principal item of interest to members of Omega chapter in looking back over the events of the last few months is the banquet given at Kansas City by the alumnae chapter of K. K. G. to members of Omega and Theta chapters, in honor of our grand president, Miss Stoner. The banquet was given in the beautiful Italian room of the Baltimore Hotel. Mrs. Hubbell proved herself a witty toast mistress, and introduced Miss Anna Williams from Omega, Miss Faith Pierce, and Miss Stoner, who responded to toasts. It was certainly a happy gathering and one of which Kappas might well be proud. Miss Thornton, of Beta Xi, who is visiting in Kansas City, was there, and we were very glad indeed to listen to her word of greeting from her Southern chapter to us. Many of the girls who came to the banquet also went to the Kansas-Missouri football game Thanksgiving Day. Of course the Kansas girls were very enthusiastic when Kansas won the game, and thus closed an ever-victorious season for Kansas. A few weeks later, the big room in the Robinson gymnasium, so long accustomed to uniformed figures, was the scene of unwonted festivities. Kansas University celebrated her football victories and honored football men with a banquet. Here were toasts given for the victorious old team and the new to-be-victorious team of 1909. The K's were awarded and the whole scene closed in a wave of enthusiasm.

Omega Kappas were very proud to wear the colors the week before Christmas for Bertha Dach, of Lyons, Kansas.

Chancellor Strong has many plans in view for the expansion of Kansas University. Kansas has now a reputation for maintaining one of the leading universities of the Middle West, and we wish to maintain and further that reputation. The appropriation Chancellor Strong will ask includes an appropriation for repairing some of the old buildings and the building of new ones. The Chancellor hopes in the near future to see women's

dormitories around the campus of Mt. Oread, so that the girls of the university may be under the more personal and direct supervision of the faculty and university authorities. This is but one of the betterments in connection with the women's student life, towards which the authorities are so earnestly working.

ANNA WILLIAMS.



## **Epsilon Province**

### **Beta Mu—Colorado State University**

Since the rushing of the fall, things have been less eventful for Beta Mu, but now that Christmas vacation has come and gone, we are all very much interested in final week, which ends the term.

On Hallowe'en evening, the Alpha Tau Omega fraternity was entertained in the chapter house at a dance, and the Beta Theta Pi fraternity, December twelfth, at an informal dance.

Mrs. Howard, a patroness, has entertained most royally this fall, by having two or three girls go to her home every Sunday evening for dinner.

The freshmen gave a most original "stunt" party for the other members of the fraternity, November nineteenth. Every one was obliged to dress in a child's costume, and the affair was pronounced a great success.

Wednesday evening before Christmas vacation, we had our Christmas tree, each girl receiving one or more presents. Christmas refreshments were served, and every one had a good time.

LENORE C. BROOME.



### **Beta Omicron—Tulane University**

Beta Omicron wants to introduce to all Kappas her new pledge, Sarah Pipes, a girl she is indeed proud to see wearing the two blues.

Freshman Banner Day was on the thirteenth of last November, and we were especially interested in it, as the majority of the girls in our active chapter are



juniors, and on this day the juniors entertained the freshmen, presenting to them their class banner.

During these past few months, the first of the new college year, and the last of the old year, we have been too busy with our every-day chapter and college work to give much time to entertaining. The only social affair we have had was a "room warming," when the active and alumnae chapters met together in the fraternity rooms and had "lots of fun."

We have been very fortunate and happy lately to have had with us several visiting Kappas from other chapters.

Beta Omicron sends heartiest greetings and best wishes for the New Year to all other chapters.

CLIFFORD DRAKE.



## **Zeta Province**

### **Beta Pi—University of Washington**

Beta Pi wishes all her sister chapters a very happy New Year.

The past two months have been very busy ones for us and, although it has not been entirely work, we are glad that vacation time has come.

In November, one of the Stanford Kappas, Emily Caskey, and Jean Johnson, a Kappa pledge, both of whom live in Tacoma, visited us for a day or two.

The 'varsity ball, which is the largest college dance of the year, took place on December eleventh, and, though the freshmen were not allowed to go and dance, two of our pledges were asked to serve punch in the booths.

Helen Starr, '09, a Beta Pi, but now of Stanford, visited us during her holidays.

May Lyon, '11, has stopped college and is to travel in California for the next three or four months, entering again on her return.

Aryeness Reeder, '12, is spending the holidays in and around San Francisco.

ELLEN F. HOWE.

## In Memoriam

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### Laura Edwards

On November eleventh, Eta lost one of her most loyal and best beloved members in Laura Edwards, '09. Although an active Kappa but two short months, her sweetness of character and her faithful devotion to the fraternity endeared her to us and gave her wide influence. In her we mourn the loss of a true Kappa, one who most loyally aimed at the ideals placed before her; and we are thankful that to us was granted the privilege of knowing and loving her.

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### Irma Herdigen

Beta Mu mourns the death of one of her honored members, Irma Herdigen. She died November twelfth, after a lingering illness of several years.

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Phi

Eleanor Cummings, '08, has been elected president of her class at the Normal School of Gymnastics, in Boston.

Mrs. Martha I. Chase, who has been spending the last five months in France, sailed for home December sixteenth.



Beta Alpha

BORN.—To Mrs. Lacey Evans (Helen Euston, B. S., '02), a son.

Mrs. O. P. Phillipps (Mary Geisler, B. S., '02), of Washington, will return to Philadelphia for the holidays.

Mary E. Pennington, Ph. D., '95, represented the United States Bureau of Chemistry at a recent international meeting, in Paris, of governments interested in the cold storage of foodstuffs. Her paper was the subject of much favorable comment.

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### Beta Epsilon

Caroline Lexow, '04, as president of the New York Association of the Collegiate Equal Suffrage League, introduced Mrs. Snowden as the principal speaker at a recent large public meeting in the interest of women's suffrage in New York.

Lily Murray, '05, is engaged to Professor Adam Leroy Jones, of Princeton University.

Eleanor Phelps, '02, was married at four P. M., on Wednesday, December thirtieth, at the Hotel Gotham, to Mr. Frederick Huntington Clark, ex-Amherst, '99, E. M. Columbia, '07, Δ Κ Ε, Τ Β Π, Σ Ψ. He is the son of Professor John Bates Clark, of Columbia University. Among those who received with the bride at the reception which followed the wedding were Virginia Gildersleeve, '99; Mary Eaton, '01; Mary Budd, '02; and Ethel Pool, '03. Mr. and Mrs. Clark will live in Guanajuato, Mexico, where Mr. Clark is manager of the San Cayetano Mines Company.

MARY WITTER BAILEY.



### Psi

Gladys Miller, '04, was married on December thirty-first to Mr. Robert North, of Buffalo. She will make her future home there.

Anna Stryke, '08, has accepted a position as assistant of Professor John Henry Comstock, professor of etymology.

The engagement has been announced of Amy Teagle Rhodes, '08, to Ralph C. Rogers, Delta Upsilon, Cornell, '05.

On Thursday, December thirty-first, 1908, at Troy, New York, Eliza Dorrance Huestis, '02, was married to Mr. Frank Lawrence Stiles. Mr. and Mrs. Stiles will be at home after March first at 37 Ackroyd Avenue, Jamaica, New York.



Beta Gamma

Mrs. Shepard, '92, visited her niece, Helen Carpenter, this fall.

The engagement of Grace Baird, ex-'09, to Chester Woodruff, of Toledo, Ohio, has been announced in Los Angeles. The wedding is to take place in the spring.

Miss Emeline McSweeney, a Kappa faculty member, was seriously injured by a fall on an icy pavement. She is now in the Wooster Hospital.



Xi

Alice McAfee has been visiting Marian Walker, of Steubenville, and Olive Neer, of Catawba.

Mrs. Hood, wife of Dr. Hood who has been practicing in Nevada, is spending the winter in Adrian.

Miss Julia Hood has been spending the fall in Guimon, Oklahoma.

Margueritte Arnette was married to Mr. Clarence Wilcox at Fairmount, West Virginia, December thirty-first. They will be at home after the first of February at the Wellington, 68 Willis Avenue, West Detroit, Michigan. Julia Hood and Jess Byers attended the wedding.



Iota

Mrs. Lichliter (Gertrude Larrimore, '99) has moved to St. Louis, where her husband, McIllyar Hamilton Lichliter, is pastor of the Maple Avenue Methodist Episcopal Church.

During their absence in Luhenood, New Jersey, the home of Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Penfield was badly damaged by smoke and water; the fire itself was confined to the basement.



Eta

BORN.—To Mr. and Mrs. Eric W. Allen (Ida Elliott, '02), on August twelfth, 1908, a son, John Elliott Allen.

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The marriage of Caro Chamberlain, '08, to Mr. Roger Isham Lee, Yale, took place February second.

The engagement of Ruth Wyer, '08, to Mr. Russell Greer, Beta Theta Pi, Minnesota and Cornell, is announced.

Harriet Armstrong, '03, is spending the winter in Missoula, Montana.

The marriage of Grace Wheaton, '02, to Tresham D. Gregg occurred October seventeenth. Mr. and Mrs. Gregg are residing at 345 East Sixty-first Street, Chicago.

Cornelia Kennedy, '03, is instructor of chemistry at the Minnesota State School of Agriculture.

The engagement of Ruth Chamberlain to Mr. Albert C. Koch, Beta Theta Pi, of Milwaukee, Wisconsin, has been announced.

Cleora Clark Wheeler, '03, ex-Grand Registrar, is business secretary of the St. Paul Young Women's Christian Association.

The marriage of Mary Morgan, ex-'07, to Mr. Eric St. Clair Purdon, of Iloilo, Philippine Islands, is announced. Mr. Purdon is British Vice-Consul at Iloilo.

Ella Clapp, '10, will spend the remainder of the winter in Washington with her father, Senator Moses Clapp.

The engagement of Harriet Brearley, ex-'08, to Frank Lyon, Beta Theta Pi, is announced.

Helen Patterson, '05, spent several months this winter with Mrs. Ralph Talbot (Marguerite Morgan) at Ogelthorpe, Georgia.

Isabel Clark, '96, of Mandan, North Dakota, is instructor at Graham Hall, Minneapolis, this winter.

Dr. and Mrs. Geo. N. Bauer (Bertha Blum, Beta Zeta) are in Germany. Dr. Bauer has a leave of absence and is studying mathematics at Gottenberg University.



The engagement of Gertrude Louise Hale to Dr. Arthur C. Strachauer, Delta Kappa Epsilon, has been announced.

The engagement of Kate Burwell, of New York, pledged to Chi, and Horace Lowry, Psi Upsilon, is announced.



### Beta Mu

Mr. and Mrs. Moore (Kate Todd, ex-'01) have taken a temporary residence in Boulder.

Maybelle McCandliss, '08, has taken a position as teacher in the high school at Lamar, Colorado.

Guests at the lodge are: Helen DesBrisbay, ex-'09; Vera Lewis, '08; and Isabelle Warner, ex-'08.



### Pi

BORN.—To Mr. and Mrs. Adolphus Graupner (Elise Wenzelburger), a son.

## Exchanges

By Elizabeth Rhodes Jackson

Exchanges that receive three copies of THE KEY are asked to send exchange copies to Miss Edith Stoner, 1529 Wabash Avenue, Kansas City, Missouri; Mrs. Frederick W. Potter, 26 Pacific Avenue, Piedmont, California; Mrs. Ralph T. C. Jackson, 169 Locust Street, Fall River, Massachusetts.

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

October: *Sigma Kappa Triangle*, *Crescent* of Gamma Phi Beta.

November: *Arrow* of Pi Beta Phi, *Aglaia* of Phi Mu, *Rainbow* of Delta Tau Delta, *Delta* of Sigma Nu, *Beta Theta Pi*, *Alpha Phi Quarterly*, *Lyre* of Alpha Chi Omega, *Garnet and White* of Alpha Chi Rho.

December: *Record* of Sigma Nu, *Delta Upsilon Quarterly*, *Alpha Tau Omega Palm*, *Shield* of Phi Kappa Psi, *Scroll* of Phi Delta Theta.

Whether or not it is true that there is a "type" of member for each fraternity, certain it is that each fraternity magazine is a "type" in itself. Uniformly, the exchanges reflect certain very marked characteristics of their editors, or perhaps the national policy of the society. Some of the magazines are broad and mature in tone, as for example the *Delta Upsilon Quarterly*, which is most ably edited and of interest to the general reader. Others confine themselves closely to the interests of the individual fraternities that they represent.

The women's magazines, perhaps more than the men's, indicate an advanced acceptance of co-operation instead of competition as a basis of inter-fraternity relations. In general, the women's magazines tend towards discussions of internal problems,—the



responsibility of the fraternity to its members, and of the chapter to its college. They have usually a department corresponding to our "Parthenon," and their long articles are along the same lines; while the contributions to the men's magazines are more frequently statistical, biographical, historical, or financial; and the only contributions from active chapters, in many instances, are the chapter letters. As to the chapter letters, they are much alike the country over, borrowing their chief interest from the reader's personal knowledge of places and people. And almost all the editors live in a perpetual state of discouragement and exhortation over the letters that are behind time, or badly spelled, or badly written, or written on both sides of the paper.

It is a very pleasant as well as an educative experience, to have access to the publications of other organizations, and to realize that each fraternity is as dear to its own members, and as earnest in its ideals, as our own. In spite of rushing rivalries and personal vanities we are all working towards a realization of uplifting ideals.

The November number of the *Arrow* of Pi Beta Phi devotes eight of its contributed articles to various phases of Y. W. C. A. work, and the fraternity's part in it. The report of the Inter-Sorority Conference is given in full. From the department, "What a Fraternity Girl Thinks," come these quotations:

Last spring we collected all the pictures of fraternity interest that had been taken in the last few years, and made a Pi Phi kodak book for the fraternity room.

For several years past it has been the habit of Massachusetts Alpha to give pins to the seniors who are leaving us. These are usually small gold badges with Pi Beta Phi and the class engraved on them.

It is the custom of New York Alpha to have posted at the chapter house a bulletin board principally for the use of the freshmen who are not living in the house. Upon this bulletin are posted the daily chapter happenings and plans. It is required of the freshmen that they visit the chapter house at least once a day and check their names from the bulletin.

California Alpha has a birthday book in which each girl's birthday is recorded. On that day the table is decorated with that girl's favorite color, and a big box of candy is passed around the table. During the meal we sing Pi Phi songs, always commencing with "Here's to

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You." The birthday cake is brought on, blazing with candles, and the birthday girl must cut it.

We are going to introduce into the chapter a suggestion box. At chapter meetings each girl will be given an opportunity to place unsigned notes in this box, the contents of which will be seen only by the girls to whom they are addressed. The recipients will consider the suggestions and profit by them unless they think the criticism is unjust, in which case they will be permitted to lay the matter before the fraternity in chapter meeting.

Our gift to each bride is a dozen salad forks. On the upper side we have her initials engraved and on the under side are the Greek letters. Besides our formal gift, we have the Pi Phi shower, which is a hosiery shower. It is always accompanied by the cooky shine.



More than half the pages of the *Alpha Phi Quarterly* for November are devoted to chapter news and personal notes. Biographies of the newly appointed officers and a report of the convention of the Association of Collegiate Alumnæ occupy an important place. There is an article on the duty of the alumnæ chapter towards the new member, and discussions under the captions, "Sparks From Many Forges," and "The Round Table," including a plea for chapter libraries and for readable, entertaining chapter letters. The California chapter reports these items:

The juniors and seniors of Alpha Phi presented the chapter with a silver loving cup, which was to be for the best scholarship in the freshman class. As a result of last year's best results, Hope Matthews has her name inscribed on the cup and is to keep it all year, until the next freshman may have it.

The Pan-Hellenic society is going to try to institute a new custom, that is, that on the last Tuesday in the month, groups of three sorority houses, fixed as to location, will have "open house." This enables any sorority girl to go and take any non-sorority girl with her, and is not a purely fraternity affair.



The October *Crescent* of Gamma Phi Beta has no department corresponding to the Parthenon. It gives for the most part news articles of local chapter happenings, with a descriptive article on "An Old Church in Mexico," reprints Mr. Birdseye's address on "Chapter House Life" from the *Delta Upsilon Quarterly*, and gives the report of the committee on social service work of the Inter-Sorority Conference. The alumnæ chapter correspondents of the *Crescent* have learned how to write letters that are informal and at the same



time dignified, personal, and yet of general interest. Perhaps the title of "Associate Editors" sets a high standard!



Alpha Chi Omega held her biennial convention at Champaign in November, so in the November *Lyre*, convention information shares the place of honor with installation doings at Baker University. The secretary's report of the Intersorority Conference is given. An article in narrative form suggests the pleasure and profit to be derived from a chapter memory book, containing "clippings, kodak views, programs, invitations, place cards, post cards," and other souvenirs of each generation in turn. These quotations are from the exchange department:

The Los Angeles Alumnae Association of  $\Delta \Gamma$  has placed a register in the office of the local Y. W. C. A. for the benefit of any Delta Gammas who may be in Los Angeles. This register has in it all the names, chapters, and addresses of the association's members, and already one or two visitors.—Quoted from *The Anchora* by *The Arrow*.

A number of chapters of A T O set apart an evening for the entertainment of different members of the faculties. In this way, a better mutual acquaintance is effected.

And this excellent editorial in the *Lyre* must not be passed by though we can find space for only a part of it:

Make up your minds that you will stand for Quality, allowing quantity to take care of itself. If you cannot secure the *best* girls this year, never content yourselves with the next or any lesser degree, no matter what the temptations. Another year the best will gladly come to you, knowing it to be an honor. At the beginning of each semester, appoint a committee on chapter meeting, whose duty it shall be to make the weekly meetings so interesting that they will be eagerly anticipated. Do not depend upon a cut-and-dried program where every one dreads their part and consequently shirks it, but vary it with mock trials, small dramatics, reviews of fraternity history, and general information, in the form of old-fashioned spelling "bees," and occasionally have a family mock initiation, even the ritual, doing all these seriously and with the aim to learn, and they will be found to be rich in pleasure giving, making your evenings together bright spots in your chapter life. Also have your *Lyres* for the year bound—the expense is trifling; then go over them in chapter meeting to see if among the letters, the articles, the editorials, and the exchanges, there is not some hint which remains unacted upon, and other matters to be discussed together, which may help you greatly. We suggest that one person have charge of each number, bringing up the matters she has collected from the various departments, for general or individual discussion. In this manner, take up the current *Lyres* also, so that at the end of the year eight will have been reviewed. It would amply repay you to arrange an exchange with other fraternities, so as to take up their editions in the same way; also

standard works on fraternity. Study parliamentary law together, and if it is found troublesome, you undoubtedly will be able to secure the aid of some faculty member or one of your patronesses who could hold illustrative meetings with you. After the meetings are arranged for, it will be found advisable to place a calendar—designed by some member—in the chapter room, which shall contain the dates of the various programs, those on which certain business must come before the chapter, the red letter days of the fraternity's founding, the chapter birthday, alumna day, and any other dates which each chapter may create for its own, also the birthdays of sister chapters, on which days—fourteen during the year—we recommend the plan of sending greetings, the first year, in the form of inexpensive chapter flags, so that at the close of the year each chapter will have a flag representing every other; the next years, pictures, postal or otherwise, of local surroundings, chapter calendars, which, attractively mounted, would be useful to other chapters in offering suggestions; kodak pictures of the girls, the chapter house, etc., all of which the chapters would find worth far more than the slight effort to send these little remembrances, which would bring about such a pleasant spirit of intimacy and acquaintance. This work should also be in charge of a committee, whether of one or more individuals, so that every department would be systematized. As for your own birthday, or any day dear to the chapter through some special significance, always observe it in some suitable manner, but we suggest that it be a home celebration, as there are many other occasions for public affairs. Christmas and other holidays should not be forgotten, even your sisters' birthdays, by which we do not mean presents must be exchanged or money lavished in other ways, but simply make those days centers of attraction by quietly celebrating together. Then there is the kodak book we also mentioned once before. Surely someone in the chapter has a kodak, and we hope at the first of the year every chapter will purchase an album, which should abound in chapter pictures, so that each succeeding chapter will have a fairly tangible link and interest in the preceding one, besides being of exceeding interest to the returning alumnae. The pleasure the girls themselves would derive from such a collection would justify its preparation.

The chapter history comes next to mind, which we earnestly urge you to attend to religiously. At the close of every term this should be read in meeting to see that nothing is omitted. A reminder of this duty should also be on the calendar. As to the scholarship committee, it is too vital to be left to a mere remembrance. Scholarship means so infinitely much to every individual, to those who are sending a girl for that purpose, and to the fraternity to which she belongs, that we implore every girl who wears the lyre to conscientiously co-operate with such a committee or any other method that may be preferred, such as reports direct from the dean or individual senior supervision.



The *Sigma Kappa Triangle*, too, which, by the way, celebrates its first birthday with the October number, has a good deal to say about the December convention at Washington. Then follows an article on "Undergraduate Life at Illinois," and the Intersorority Conference report is given. The *Triangle* calls its general symposium, "Views From Different Angles."



The *Aglaia* of Phi Mu comes to THE KEY as a new acquaintance. It is illustrated with photographs of three very attractive Grand Council members. Phi Mu, it appears from the *Aglaia*, was founded at Wesleyan College, Macon, Georgia, in 1852 and incorporated in 1904. Whether the present society is a survival or a revival of the original one is not stated. Phi Mu has ten chapters, all in Southern colleges or institutes, and held its second annual convention in June, 1908. One of its Grand Council officers is a "reporter," whose "chapter notes" supplement the chapter correspondence.



An editorial in *Beta Theta Pi* presents an interesting discussion of "the problem of the pawn shop." A correspondent of the *Sigma Chi Quarterly* finds it "disgraceful" that Greek-letter badges are allowed to remain exhibited month after month in the New York and Chicago pawnshops. He reminds his readers that any Sigma Chi who finds a badge of his fraternity in possession of a pawnbroker is expected to buy it and send it to headquarters, and he will be immediately reimbursed. He recommends also an interfraternity co-operative system of reporting and buying back such badges wherever they are found by men of any fraternity. But the editor of *Beta Theta Pi* takes the matter much less seriously and objects that the very reason why so many college fraternity badges are displayed in pawnshops, is that pawnbrokers are trading on a well-known fraternity sentiment, even to the extent of buying unofficial badges in quantities from cheap jewelers who imitate the official badges. "We believe," says *Beta Theta Pi*, "that if Sigma Chi commences to purchase its badges of pawnbrokers, it will find a reasonably sufficient supply constantly available. If a badge has engraved on it the owner's name or his chapter letter and roll number and he can thus be identified, he will usually be very glad to get it back, but if all identification marks have been removed it will be difficult to dispose of.

An office which appears to be peculiar to Alpha Chi Rho is that of "Resident of the Graduate Chapter." A "resident" is elected annually by each "graduate chapter" from among the graduates living near the active or "resident chapter." His duties are to keep the graduate chapter informed of the doings of the active chapter and to advise the undergraduates.



"If, at the start, a group of petitioners is certainly in earnest; if, at the start, they are worthy men; if, at the start, they are financially sound; if, at the start, they are recognized by the rest of the college; why wait? In most cases they are better at the start than they are later, because as time goes on a sentiment against the local organization is created by the national fraternities. As members of a local organization they are sure to lose the fight for new men, and since we desire to enter the institution such loss is directly our loss.—*Delta of Sigma Nu.*



## College Notes

*By Elizabeth Rhodes Jackson*

The University of Michigan Cosmopolitan Club entertained the national association, consisting of eighteen chapters, at its annual convention in December.



At the request of the alumni, the trustees of Cornell University have appointed a committee of forty graduates, to be known as the Cornellian Council. Its purpose is the collection of an alumni fund for the support of the university, subscription to the fund to carry with it immunity from solicitation for all university projects. Any subscriber to the fund may designate the object to which his contribution is to be applied and the trustees are to have the disposal of all other funds.



The students of Spokane College, Washington, unwilling to wait till the college could afford to give them a gymnasium, are building one for themselves, according to newspaper reports, furnishing the material and doing practically all the work. They are tearing down some of the temporary structures of the National Apple Show, and receiving lumber in payment. Four students volunteer each day to do a day's work, and when the building materials have been collected, the student body will erect the building. The students are also raising a fund to equip the gymnasium.



The President-elect is a Yale man of the class of 1878, and a member of Psi Upsilon. His daughter, Miss Helen Taft, is a student at Bryn Mawr.



A Mohammedan girl educated in the American College for Girls at Constantinople has translated the play of "Julius Cæsar" into Turkish, and her translation is to be given at the new Constantinople Theater.

The newspapers state that Cornell, Yale, and Harvard will be invited to send crews to Seattle to compete in the exposition regattas. It is also stated that the business men of Seattle have formed a fund to send the winner of the Stanford-California-Washington races East to compete with Eastern college crews at Poughkeepsie.



The men's fraternities at Cornell have tried the experiment of a Pan-Hellenic rushing contract this year, entered into last spring. The rules provided that there was to be no entertaining of freshmen until the entrance examinations were over, at six o'clock on September twenty-fifth. Until September twenty-sixth, only two men from each fraternity, duly elected, were to return to the university. These two delegates were allowed to meet the freshmen and help them in securing quarters, and to make engagements with them for the chapter, for dates after the twenty-sixth.



The Associated Academic Principals of New York State, convening at Syracuse, have appointed a committee on legislative abolishment of Greek-letter fraternities in the high schools.



The buildings of the University of New Mexico are designed with an eye to perpetuating the architecture of ancient Pueblo. This construction is good for a rapidly growing institution, because it is possible to make additions without demolishing the old buildings. Unique among fraternity houses is a Pueblo Estufa, occupied by the Tri-Alfa fraternity at this institution.—*Record of Sigma Alpha Epsilon.*



Bryn Mawr has established a scholarship for the girl who has shown throughout her four years in college in the highest degree the qualities of joyousness, high courage, fortitude, and faithfulness, in memory of May Helen Ritchie, for many years secretary of the college.—*Anchora* of Delta Gamma.



Cornell University is seeking a new emblem suitable for printing, jewelry, sculpture, stained glass, etc., and announces a competition open to all students and graduates of the university.



## From the Magazine World

*By Elizabeth Rhodes Jackson*

"America at College, as Seen by a Scots Graduate," is the title of a volume by Robert K. Risk, published in Glasgow, and reproducing a series of articles that appeared in the *Glasgow Herald*. They give interesting though superficial impressions of Harvard, Yale, Cornell, Michigan, Hobart, Chicago, Johns Hopkins, Bryn Mawr, Wellesley, Columbia, College of the City of New York, and Princeton; and there are chapters on "The Social Side," "Staff and Student," and "Some General Conclusions." The author finds material for adverse criticism in the low standards of scholarship in American colleges, the excessive use of the elective system, and the over-importance of intercollegiate athletics. College yelling—"organized applause"—he finds "a novelty" and "something grotesque and infantile." His summing up is of interest:

The American universities fulfill one part of their work, the forming of character, with notable success. When they are some centuries older, they will produce scholars as well as engineers, doctors, lawyers, agriculturists, and administrators in policies and commerce. Meantime the universities are training the kind of man required by a nation whose material resources have only begun to be developed.



In "The Greek Letter Society: a Menace or a Help," in *Education* for September, 1908, Marguerite Ogden Bigelow traces the ritual and mystery of fraternities to medieval influence, while the modern tendency towards organization is shown in "an organized friendship for the social betterment of its members." The worst charge against fraternities, she believes, is that they are selfish and undemocratic, but these tendencies are deplored by good fraternity members as well as by educators. As solutions she would offer, the abolishment of the present rushing system, no pledging in the first year, the requirement of a fair grade of



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The great college presidents and governing authorities of the present, and I believe of the future, are men who can put themselves in the students' place, hear with the students' ears, see with the students' eyes, and appreciate with the students' mind. . . . With all fraternities in particular should the governing authorities keep themselves in close touch, not for the sake of directing these organizations themselves, but for the sake of making them of the utmost worth to each individual member, and also to the good order and enrichment of the college.

Recourse to the parents of a disorderly student is a method that President Thwing reserves till other means have failed, and only as a last resort does he advocate appeal to the civil law.



The *Atlantic* for November publishes an article by Henry S. Pritchett on "The College of Discipline and the College of Freedom." He cites West Point as a college evolved under the ideal of discipline, and Harvard as exemplifying the ideal of freedom. In the college of discipline, the tendency is to emphasize the duty to society at the expense of the individual; in the college of freedom to emphasize the rights of the individual at the expense of social organization. The

one overlooks the fact that to be effective, discipline must be self-discipline; the other that in civilization, freedom for the individual is a function of the observance of social restraints. The chief fault at West Point is the lack of instructors who are masters of their subjects, due to the appointment of young graduates for the sake of preserving military traditions and atmosphere. The chief fault at the colleges of freedom is the decadence of scholarly ideals and the growth of secondary agencies for getting boys through college with a minimum of study. "The special function of the college," says Dr. Pritchett, "seems to me to be, not to hold up exclusively the ideal of discipline or of freedom, but to serve as a transition school in which the boy grows out of one into the other."



The following extract is quoted from "co-education" by John Bascom in the December number of the *Educational Review*:

While the fact of sex may give direction and tone to social activity, we are not to assume that it seriously modifies our intellectual powers, or divides the field of action into radically distinct parts. Among the wrongs we more frequently do each other as races, classes, and sexes, is this wrong of defining growth and curtailing opportunities to an interested and preconceived notion of what belongs to these distinctions. The entire field of life is each man's possibility and should be open before him. The East may be proud of what it has done for women as an afterthought and a remedy, but can never regard its colleges for women as standing on any terms of equality with its universities. Poor scholars can do poorly, medium scholars can do fairly well, in either, but the attainments of the best minds in the two reveal a great difference.



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