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## The Pittsburgh Convention

*By Jay Richardson, Illinois Psi-Omega*

PITTSBURGH "came back"! It was twenty-three years ago—in 1893—that a national  $\Sigma$  A E convention was held in the Smoky City and for many moons it was the topic of fireside conversation and chapter house "gab fests." Two years ago the boys of the Pitt alumni association, after a hard fight, secured the Sixtieth Anniversary Convention for the Steel City and began immediate preparations for a big "come back" party with "Pittsburgh the Second" as their slogan.

The Pittsburgh Alumni Association made good; and with the aid of the active men of Pennsylvania Chi-Omicron and the other nearby chapters, staged a convention filled with history making minutes. This was evidenced by the smiles of approbation and the countenances lined with the cares of three days of satisfactory labor which were worn by five hundred and fifty  $\Sigma$  A Es as they left the William Penn Hotel late Friday night, December 29, 1916, and said goodbye to old Father Pitt and his live wire sons.

The call of Minerva was heard in nearly every land and clime and from all parts of the country came wandering brothers eager to renew old friendships and make new ones and at the same time join in the work of furthering the interests of Sigma Alpha Epsilon in the Greek-letter and college world. The lofty idealism and the

unanimity of purpose which pervaded the convention were such as to make the red blood of America's college men tingle to the quick.

It was clearly manifest from the start that each delegate, whether from an active chapter or an alumni association, came to the convention imbued with the idea that he must do his share in accomplishing the work which was set before the meeting. To many it was a revelation as to how much work was really done at a national conclave of the Fraternity. While the routine business of the convention occupied the greater portion of the time there were four red-letter events on the social calendar which relieved the session of the monotony which business alone would produce.

Each convention is always associated with some distinctive feature which sets it apart from its predecessors and by which it is recalled and spoken of in after years. The exemplification of the ritual on Wednesday night, December 27, will forever stand inseparably linked with the Sixtieth Anniversary Convention at Pittsburgh. Conceived in the mind of the Eminent Supreme Archon, Don R. Almy, and presented by him with the support of Past Eminent Supreme Archon, Marvin E. Holderness, and the active men from the University of Pittsburgh, the ritual ceremony attained a degree of brilliancy and magnificence far in excess of even the fondest anticipations. The classic words and ancient forms incorporated within the ritual by the founders of the Fraternity were revealed with a new meaning by this dignified and beautiful exemplification of the ritual. The supreme thought of the convention was expressed by Brother Almy in the words, "the Fraternity has ceased to be boy's play and has entered upon a successful career of social service in its largest and best sense and the time has come when it has a real duty to perform." The presentation of the ritual on that night pointed out the cardinal principles of life that the founders of the order wished to teach.

Throughout the entire three days' session of the convention there was a general undercurrent of fraternal feeling and enthusiasm which tended to make the hours spent in the convention hall full of interest and created a desire on the part of each delegate to get into the swing of the inner workings of the meeting. At the outset it seemed as if there was so much work piled before the convention that it would be impossible to get through it all but with Brother

Almy's zeal and handiness with the gavel the call for adjournment came shortly after nine o'clock Friday night. The guiding hand of the convention pointed at all times unwaveringly toward constructive legislation such as had been the policy of the Fraternity for the past several years. The convention was practically unanimous for well directed extension as has been the previous policy, a more complete exemplification of the ritual, larger chapters and a high standard of scholarship and morality within the chapters. It was pointed out that the highest form of fraternity life is to be found in the largest chapters.

With the delegates to the convention seated and a large number of visitors in attendance, the Sixtieth Anniversary convention was called to order Wednesday morning at 9:30 o'clock by Don R. Almy, Eminent Supreme Archon. With a few remarks, Robert Garland, president of the Pittsburgh Chamber of Commerce and a member of the city council, was introduced and after bidding the Fraternity a most cordial welcome to the city performed the time honored service of "turning the key of the city" over to the visitors. George M. Harton, Michigan Iota-Beta '92 and Michigan Alpha, in behalf of the Pittsburgh Alumni Association, gave the brothers a warm welcome to the Smoky City and offered to do most anything which could be asked to make the visiting fraters "think Pittsburgh to be what we think it to be, a place of warm hearts to the Fraternity, and our wish is that 'God bless you, every one' as long as you remain within our gates of gold." Brother Harton is one of the "old guard" of the Fraternity, though not as old in years as he would have you believe, and had the honor of making the opening address at the Pittsburgh convention of 1893. To the very kind and sincere remarks of Brother Harton, Marvin E. Holderness, Past Eminent Supreme Archon, and one of the "most loved men in the Fraternity" responded with a very short address which touched deep to the heart of every listener. "There are three classes of fraternity men," said Brother Holderness, "first there are the men who through hard work and sacrifice have brought the Fraternity to its present standard. Then there is the undergraduate, who does not know much about the Fraternity, and who comes to the convention to get his first real glimpse of the serious side of the Fraternity and its work. Finally there is the man who accepts the greatness of his Fraternity and

comes to the convention to have a good time. The ideal of a fraternity convention is one where there is a convergence of these three, one where there is none so unsophisticated as not to know a little of the greatest work of the Fraternity. We have come together here to work for that which is so near and so dear to the hearts of all of us, to teach the lessons of brotherhood, to receive new and better lessons of truth and friendship." Following these opening addresses the various committees for the convention were appointed and the routine work of the meeting began in earnest.

In the first day's business there were two other events which should bring forth more than a passing mention at this time. These were the reports of the Eminent Supreme Archon and the Eminent Supreme Recorder. They were more than mere routine reports. They were messages of vital interest to every  $\Sigma$  A E in the land. While the reports of both of these supreme officers revealed the general prosperity which the Fraternity is enjoying at this time yet they also brought to light and touched upon in no uncertain terms the real serious problems which confront Sigma Alpha Epsilon as well as other Greek-letter orders in the colleges over the country. Speaking of the progress and prosperity of the Fraternity at this time Brother Almy said, "Today our Fraternity is enjoying the greatest prosperity and has attained to the greatest prestige in the Greek-letter world that has been vouchsafed to it in the sixty years of its history. The Fraternity is enjoying today the results of labor, the sacrifice and the devotion of many of the old Sons of Minerva that have so unselfishly and devotedly served it in the years gone by; men of great vision, fortitude, and faith have made great plans for the accomplishment of great works that call for the united, unselfish service of our brotherhood. Therefore at this, the Sixtieth Anniversary Convention of our Fraternity, with prosperity and success attending us and great work to do, let us live up to the standard of our high calling; take full measure of our duty and work valiantly for our Fraternity's good. The fraternity system has come to stay. It has passed out of the stage characterized by subterranean meetings by the tallow dip shrouded by mystery, snobbishness and envy, and has come out into the light of day, and being devoted to high ideals, is seeking thereof by a devotion to the highest form of service, and so membership in these organizations

has ceased to be an empty honor and has come to be a priceless privilege."

The reports of committees occupied the morning of the second day. The report of the Eminent Supreme Treasurer, George D. Kimball and the report of the Board of Trustees clearly showed the sound financial policy which was maintained by the fraternity and that  $\Sigma A E$ 's prominent standing in the Greek-letter world is largely attributable to the wise supervision of the Fraternity's finances.

Along the line of progressive and constructive legislation, two important measures were adopted in the report of the committee of



THE EXTENSION COMMITTEE

Left to right:—O. K. Quivey, James S. Budd, B. R. Ashe, J. D. Turner, Judge Arthur J. Tuttle, William W. Brandon, Marvin E. Holderness, T. Gibson Hobbs, Charles M. Balliet, Wallace Drummond.

scholarship which was fostered by Prof. Charles H. Richardson, and the report of the committee of medical examination which was sponsored by Dr. Harry E. Mock. It has always been the aim of the fraternities to keep their scholastic average above that of the nonfraternity men. Through Brother Richardson's loyalty to the Fraternity and an unflinching desire to raise the scholastic standing of the chapters a report was submitted and adopted which requires the removal of the pledge button from all pledges in institutions where faculty or Panhellenic rules obtain who fail to meet the scholastic requirements of those rules at the second opportunity

given to complete such course. Where no faculty or Panhellenic rules are in effect it is the duty of that chapter to make every effort to bring about a standard with the second semester rule as to scholarship and to provide for a second semester initiation where sophomore initiation is not already in effect. The medical report adopted provides for the medical examination of each man in the chapter where no general medical examination of all the students is held by the university or college. An inspection of the sanitary and hygienic conditions of the fraternity house is to be made and the creation in each chapter of a sanitary officer who shall have supervision of the living conditions in the house. In conjunction with the examination of the fraternity brothers it is planned to institute a campaign along the lines of general health betterment, sanitation, and hygiene. It is proposed to interest the colleges in this work and as soon as the school adopts similar measures the Fraternity automatically suspends its work.

The election of officers claimed the attention of the convention when the meeting was convened Thursday afternoon. As a result of the election one new face appears on the supreme council. T. Gibson Hobbs, archon of Province Gamma, was elected as Eminent Deputy Archon to succeed Albrecht F. Leue. Brother Leue has served the Fraternity faithfully and has given himself unstintingly to the service of the supreme council but on account of business claiming his entire attention refused to accept the election for another term. Brother Hobbs, although new on the supreme council is by no means new to  $\Sigma$  A E and to fraternity work having served as province archon in such a manner as to call forth commendation from all sides. With such men as Judge Arthur J. Tuttle, Honorary Eminent Supreme Archon, Don R. Almy, E. S. A., T. Gibson Hobbs, E. D. S. A., William C. Levere, E. S. R., George D. Kimball, E. S. T., and Elmer B. Sanford, Editor of *THE RECORD*, the Fraternity is assured of another two years of unparalleled progress and growth.

Following the policy of extension into new fields which give promise of a ripe harvest, which has characterized the conventions for the past twenty-five years, five new chapters were added. After careful consideration and investigation and out of nearly a score of petitioners the following locals were granted charters: T. H. P. O.,



University of Nevada; Sigma Beta Phi, University of Wyoming; Sigma Theta Pi, Colorado State Agricultural College; Phi Alpha Epsilon, University of Arizona; and Zeta Epsilon Zeta, New Hampshire State College. With the exception of New Hampshire State College, which is a growing and prosperous school of New England, all of the charters granted are in the young and thriving schools of the far west.  $\Sigma A E$  has long been known as a pioneer in this work and much of the Fraternity's success has been due to this spirit of keeping step with the march of progress in the newer schools of the west as well as the east.

no  $\Sigma \Pi A$

The time for the beginning of the grand march to the brilliant ball, the closing event of the social festivities, had already passed when the convention adjourned sine die at nine o'clock Friday night, December 29, 1916, after three days of hard work, a chapter house smoker, a ritual exemplification, and a banquet. Another voluminous chapter had been added to the history of Sigma Alpha Epsilon in which was written of three days of constructive work in laying of another tier of accomplishments to that solid foundation which was begun by Noble Leslie DeVotie sixty years ago.

And now to the next convention. For the week following Christmas of 1918 Birmingham, Alabama, will be the Mecca of Sigdom when the boys near to the "banks of the rolling Warrior, mid the sun-kissed hills of Alabama, where the magnolias bloom and the violet springs eternal, in the classic shades of old Tuscaloosa that gave to the world  $\Sigma A E$ ," play the host for their first time. That the event will be an historic gathering there is not a doubt for among the many things promised is an excursion to Tuscaloosa, the home of Mother Mu, which is dear to every  $\Sigma A E$ 's heart. General "Bill" Brandon, "the best known orator in the Fraternity" is to be the official dispenser of hospitality in the good old southern way and avers that nothing in the state of Alabama will be too good for the visiting  $\Sigma A E$ s at that time.

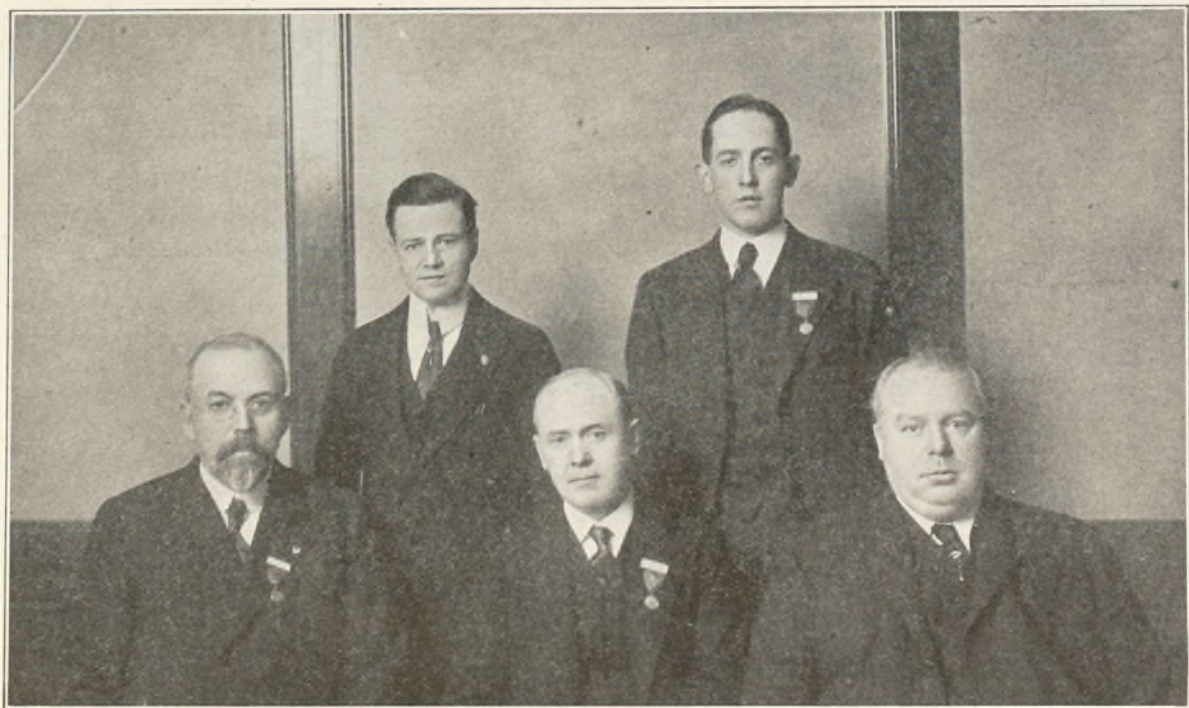
Looking back over the events which transpired with the beginning of the festivities at the chapter house of Pennsylvania Chi-Omicron on the night of December 26 until the last strains of music from the grand ball had died away, one is apt to ask, "who did it all?" Certain it was that it was a great gathering of a great Fraternity where big things must of necessity take place but back behind the

scenes appear the names of those keen, alert, loyal, and enthusiastic men of the Pittsburgh Alumni Association who shouldered the responsibility and made good their trust for the second time in the history of  $\Sigma$  A E. Prominent among those names will be those of Dr. R. E. Brenneman, president of the association, George M. Harton, Robert W. Russell, Robinson Showalter, Wilbur F. Galbraith, Dr. S. M. Rinehart, and many more which would practically entail the naming of the entire Pittsburgh Alumni Association. These were the men that put the convention over in an overwhelming style and demonstrated that they were alive, aggressive, and "up an' at 'em." That the townspeople of Pittsburgh knew that a convention was being held in their city is evidenced by the columns of publicity which were handled that week by the Pittsburgh papers. Few meetings of any character have attracted such widespread interest in the Smoky City as did the  $\Sigma$  A E convention of 1916.

As a final word about the 1916 conclave, nothing which appeared before the convention expressed so completely the theme and ultimate aim of the meeting as the following excerpt from the report of the Eminent Supreme Recorder, William C. Levere.

"So through the years may Sigma Alpha Epsilon grow. So through the years may the young manhood of the nation enter its widespread portals. So through the years may the gleam of heaven's sunniest skies illuminate the pinnacle of her wonderful structure, a structure not made with hands, an invisible temple, whose foundation stones are human hearts and whose loftiest turrets lift up and up and up until they touch the skies. So may every one of her sons serve her with a love that shall bespeak her merit, be as jealous of her reputation as of a woman's honor, be a loyal son of Minerva. Let us face together with heads uplifted the constellation in the Greek sky whose stars spell eternal friendship while our feet shall tread the paths of fraternity rectitude. Then from the voices of the nation shall come commendation and gratulation. The legislator in the halls of state shall see in  $\Sigma$  A E a force to help young men and his opposition will be disarmed. The educator within the college walls shall see the growing intellectual vision of the student and know that mind of brother touching mind of brother has stimulated the imagination and quickened the mental poise. The publicists who scan the horizon while they hope for a nobler nation

shall see coming forth from the chapter homes of the land a high citizenship, whose purpose shall be devotion to the public weal. The parents of our land, the dear fathers and mothers, shall face our institution and shall say to Sigma Alpha Epsilon, 'We gave you our sons in the first years of their adventure beyond the confines of their homes, upon your altar we laid these lads of our hearts, and you have had them since. What have you done with them?' Sigma Alpha Epsilon only need to be true to her ideals to respond proudly and unabashed, 'These youths who came into the crucible of our influence, we give back to you. We give them back with their minds touched by the divine spark of a lofty purpose, their characters developed and chastened by contact with aspiring and noble companions, their hearts tender and sympathetic because they have shared the joys and sorrows of those they love. We give them back to you trained college men ready to face life with minds like a diamond edge. We give them back to you  $\Sigma$  A Es whose faith in the brotherhood of man could not be shaken though the earth slid from beneath them, and we give them back to you *Americans* with all that word implies, lovers of their country, its soldiers if needs be, haters of snobbery, that filth from the sewers of kings, and before all the world, we give you back A Man.' "



THE SUPREME COUNCIL

Standing:—Elmer B. Sanford, Editor of The Record; T. Gibson Hobbs, E. S. D. A.  
Seated:—George D. Kimball, E. S. T.; Don R. Almy, E. S. A.; William C. Levere, E. S. R.

## Ritual Night at Pittsburgh

*By Albrecht F. Leue, Ohio Epsilon*

**R**ITUAL night of the Pittsburgh convention of 1916 will ever remain a memorable occasion, not only in the minds of the four neophytes of Pennsylvania Chi-Omicron chapter who then pledged their loyalty forever to Sigma Alpha Epsilon, but in the recollection of all who had the privilege of participating in, or witnessing this most brilliant exemplification of the Ritual of the Fraternity. The auspicious event took place in the ballroom of the William Penn Hotel, Wednesday evening, December 27, and was witnessed by nearly every member of the Convention, as well as many local alumni and visitors from other cities.

The language of the ritual itself remains unchanged from the revision adopted in 1910; but the conception of the new robes, the use of which, it is hoped, will soon be universal throughout the Fraternity, and the presentation of the coat-of-arms in sectional stereopticon views, adding greatly to the clearness of the explanation, made the rendition of our beautiful initiation ceremony doubly impressive.

The credit for this memorable exemplification belongs primarily to our Eminent Supreme Archon, Bro. Don R. Almy, under whose personal supervision the plans were prepared and executed. The thanks of the Fraternity are also due in a great measure to the loyal brothers of the Pittsburgh chapter who carefully arranged and rehearsed the many details necessarily incident to such an elaborate presentation.

A description of the ceremonies is from the nature of the subject not to be attempted here, and even if it were permissible, words could scarcely express the splendid, dignified, and solemn portrayal of the inner life of the Fraternity.

The officers participating in the exemplification were: P.E.A.—Marvin E. Holderness; E.A.—Don R. Almy; E.D.A.—LeRoy G. Welsh; E.R.—Ray L. Huff; E.T.—A. H. C. Bixby; E.C.—Blaine Curry; E.Ch.—F. D. Leonard; E.W.—S. E. Armstrong; E.H.—Robert H. Wettach.

In addition there was a choir of thirty voices, under the leadership of Bro. W. W. Ziusmaster, who rendered a new processional, the words of which were written by Bro. Ray L. Huff, the music by Bro. R. V. Jones. Other members of Pennsylvania Chi-Omicron chapter and of the Pittsburgh Alumni Association also participated, making about fifty brothers in all.

The impression produced by this splendid ritualistic work upon the delegates and visitors to the Convention, was one of admiration for the wonderful execution of every part, of deeper realization of the meaning of our ritual, and of inward resolution to emulate, as nearly as local chapter house conditions will permit, the excellent rendition given upon this occasion.

No doubt many an old graduate went away that evening with a feeling that he might have had a better conception of the purpose and the ideals of the Fraternity, had there been the same solemn emphasis placed on these, and less on the "barrel-stave" preliminaries. And even in the minds of those who were initiated under the present ritual, there was a deep conviction that they had not begun to realize its possibilities.

These possibilities, made all the greater by the use of the paraphernalia now afforded to the chapters, not the least of which are the new initiation robes officially approved by the National Convention, should inspire every chapter to renewed endeavors to exemplify the ritual at every initiation with as much solemnity and dignity as possible. Let the spirit be to see how much we can do, not how little and yet "get by."

Too much cannot be said for the splendid effect produced by having the officers, particularly those who have active parts in the work, wear the rich and stately robes approved at Pittsburgh, with the distinctive and significant emblems appropriate to each office. Let no chapter pursue the short-sighted policy of claiming exemption from the purchase for some trivial reason, but rather let the effort everywhere be made to make the ritualistic work in every particular dignified and inspiring.

When this spirit pervades the entire Fraternity, the "rough-house" initiation will die a natural death, unmourned and unlamented, because crowded out by something infinitely better, and the ideals of those who have striven to perfect the rendition of our ceremonies will in full measure be realized.

# The Convention's Leisure Hours

*By Frank C. Stewart*

*Pennsylvania Chi-Omicron* '12

**T**HERE are scores of Minerva's sons scattered over the United States who will stoutly maintain there were no leisure hours in the 1916 Pittsburgh convention of Sigma Alpha Epsilon fraternity.

These men may say that from the time the sun first bathed the soot-laden hills of Pittsburgh with its initial rays until it settled beyond the western valley of the Ohio at the close of day there was not a vacant moment. The word "leisure," in its exact meaning, applies to that which is blank, empty, or unoccupied. It can be truly said there were mighty few vacuous minutes in Pittsburgh. The average Pittsburgher is so accustomed to hustle and bustle that idleness is considered little short of criminal. This spirit crept into the plans of the Pittsburgh Alumni Association of Sigma Alpha Epsilon to such a great degree that there were really no wasted hours in the notable sixtieth anniversary of the Fraternity.

It seems strange, therefore, that one should attempt to write about that which is paradoxical in nature. To say there were no "leisure hours," and then, in almost the same line of type, endeavor to describe the unknown is, indeed, daring.

But the task is not so bold as it seems. Any convention—like historic Gaul—is divided into three parts: business, social, and sleep. The last named is but an infinitesimal part—but, for convenience it makes a welcome division. This article has nothing to do with the King Morpheus section of the conclave, neither is it concerned with the business. By a perfectly obvious elimination, therefore, it is easily seen that the "leisure hours" have a direct application to the social activities.

They were "leisure hours" only because they had no connection with the business sessions of the program. They were golden moments of pleasure that resounded with laughter, feasting, and music. They were not dull intervals on the face of the clock. They were bright spots that added to the lustre of the convocation.

In the Pittsburgh convention there were three distinctive "hours of leisure"—the get-together smoker, Tuesday night, December 26,



**THE PITTSBURGH CONVENTION BANQUET**

At the Speakers' Table:—Al F. Leue, Elmer B. Sanford, William C. Levere, John A. Thompson, Dr. R. E. Brenneman, Wm. Brandon, U. S. Senator Key Pittman, Toastmaster Dr. S. M. Rinehart, Don R. Almy, U. S. Judge Arthur J. Tuttle, Marvin E. Holderness, T. Gibson Hobbs, George D. Kimball, Robert Gibson.



in the Pennsylvania Chi-Omicron chapter house; the sixtieth anniversary banquet in the William Penn Hotel, and the convention ball in the William Penn. To be sure, each occupied more than an hour, but for those who did not have the opportunity to be in Pittsburgh let them stand as the three supreme "hours of leisure."

First, then, allow the mind to slip back to December—a December night in Pittsburgh. Have you ever seen a Pittsburgh night? Have you ever observed those great sheets of flame that shoot heavenward from the mills? Have you ever heard the jangle of a thousand whistles that arises from the throats of pipes on factory, steamboat, or locomotive? Have you ever sniffed the acrid odor of the steel mill? Have you ever seen innumerable lights twinkling from hill to hill, from valley to valley? Have you ever watched huge clouds of smoke belch from a hundred stacks and disappear in the sable cloak of darkness? Have you ever listened to the rumble and whirr of countless mills? This is, in truth, a Pittsburgh night.

Amidst just such a wild, industrial symphony the clan of  $\Sigma$  A E gathered Tuesday night, December 26, 1916. From far and near the sons of Minerva came—some from beyond the Great Divide; some from the sunny Southland; some from the prairies and some from the classic East. Some of the brothers came in groups, others individually. All of them—strange as they were to the murmur and shriek of the "world's workshop"—found a beacon light shining from the chapter house of Chi-Omicron in the University of Pittsburgh.

The beautiful home of Chi-Omicron at Millvale Avenue and Baum Boulevard was a blaze of radiance. From every window bright rays pierced the night with a sign of welcome. The weary traveler, though he came five hundred miles, rejoiced when he saw the cradle wherein was to be born the spirit of the 1916 convention.

There was no bell to ring—no knock to be sounded to open Chi-Omicron's door. The portals were open to all who might come. Once inside the University of Pittsburgh home of  $\Sigma$  A E, a hand of greeting seemed to protrude from every nook and corner.

That bugbear of many gatherings—the reception committee—was conspicuous by its absence, because every man in the active chapter, and every member of the Pittsburgh Alumni Association, was THE committee. There was no pause for formal introduction.

One heard a brother say to a stranger, "Why, hello there, old man, where are you from—come right up stairs—throw off your coat and register as a visitor." And it wasn't a second until the newcomer was in the hands of six or seven other fellows en route to the upper floor to deposit his coat and hat.

No one depended upon memory to remember names. Every man was furnished with a tag upon which he was expected to write his name and chapter. That was the "official" means of identification—and it worked well. The evening was scarcely started until the men dropped the prefix "Mister," and called their newly found brothers, "Smith," "Jones," or "Brown." This was one of the truly distinguishing things about the "get-together" smoker. It was an  $\Sigma$  A E gathering in every sense of the word.

But the acceleration of friendship was not the prime item of importance about the opening smoker. For the first time in the history of the Fraternity the affair was strictly "dry." This, according to many of the older men present, was a remarkable feature. The absence of the "flowing bowl" detracted none from the spirit of the occasion. There was just as much joviality—just as much sport as ever. Indeed, there seemed to be an unlimited supply of genuine Pittsburgh hospitality. The "old guard" was so engrossed in the pleasure of the evening that it was quite forgotten that the chapter house was an arid spot.

There were "smokes," of course—those delectable stogies that only Pittsburgh knows how to make! For those who cared to puff cigarettes they were there in profusion. After all, what brings a man from his "shell" quicker than the aromatic odor of tobacco? There is nothing more democratic than a smoker—if a man fails to show his colors at such a time he needs to be watched. It can be safely set down that all the  $\Sigma$  A E enthusiasm that ever reposed in the breasts of the men who attended the inaugural smoker came to the surface that night.

The final event of the evening was the distribution of Christmas gifts. The active chapter secured a large Christmas tree, which was decorated with colored lights and festoons of toys. Numerous gifts were hung from it which were presented to various guests. It was a pretty custom that reflected the spirit of the season.

Sometime before the dawn of December 27 the smoker came to a close. It was an auspicious beginning that laid the social background for the splendid fellowship to follow in the next three days. Men rubbed shoulders; conventionality was forgotten and the seed of true fraternity was sown.

Thus was the first "leisure hour" spent.

The second "leisure hour"—the sixtieth anniversary banquet in the William Penn Hotel, on the night of December 28—almost defies description. Indeed, the spirit of that unparalleled occasion cannot be fully brought out by the impersonal method of delineation. Will I be pardoned, therefore, if I adopt the first person in sketching a word picture of that glorious second "leisure hour."

I shall never forget the impression the sixtieth anniversary banquet left upon me. When I was in college I imagined the meaning of national fraternity. But never until the night of December 28, 1916, did I fully realize the tremendous power of Sigma Alpha Epsilon.

As I gazed at that superb banquet hall I was first amazed at its beauty. From wall to wall was a span of Christmas greens. Intertwined with the laurel and the holly were hundreds of purple and gold electric lights. On the balconies hung pennants representing colleges and universities of the nation. In the far corner of the room three Greek letters,  $\Sigma$  A E, were boldly emblazoned in purple and gold electric bulbs. In still another part an American flag was floating to the breeze, as if by some mysterious current of air from a realm of enchantment. It was a scene of marvelous beauty, set in a gorgeous banquet hall, which for sheer splendor has few rivals.

Then I observed white tables, adorned with snowy linen, sparkling silver, and holiday greens, and I stood in awe at such a display of elegance.

And then an orchestra, away off somewhere, buried behind a bank of palms and flowers, began to play softly, oh, so softly, "Dear Old  $\Sigma$  A E.—My Beloved Fraternity."

Like a flash the revelation dawned upon me. Here was my fraternity—unfolded before my very eyes. It was not the campus society of my college days; it was not a mere social club; it was not a college political party; it was not a clique nor set of snobs;

it was not even a creature of my Alma Mater. It was a thousand times more. It was a great body of MEN whose influence and capacity for social service extended from coast to coast. It was a band of men firmly entrenched in the life of the nation with the ability to accomplish wonderful achievements for the young college students of the United States.

Yonder I looked and there sat Don R. Almy—at another table I saw “Billy” Levere—then my glance shifted and there was Bro. William Brandon, whose speeches have become immortal—then Marvin E. Holderness, George D. Kimball and others flitted into view. I beheld the men of whom I had read. For a night they were no longer creations of the printed page—they were real, living individuals.

Again the orchestra, far removed, crashed into the familiar strains of “Dixie,” and from the tables a hundred sons arose, waving napkins frantically in the air. The music changed swiftly. I heard it take up the first bars of “The Star Spangled Banner,” and again a hundred sons jumped to their feet amidst another shower of napkins. The very grandsons of the North and South, whose grand-sires, but a few decades ago soaked the earth with rich, red blood in mortal combat saluted one another!

It was a wonderful inspiration to witness men from the rugged land beyond the rockies; men from the gentle breezes of the south; youths from the slopes of the Atlantic coast and sons from the rigorous winds of the north joining hands in the bonds of  $\Sigma$  A E. The very sight of those men breaking bread together—life’s most treasured privilege—thrilled one’s very soul. It was Sigma Alpha Epsilon’s greatest family table—a board about which was centered an earnest set of men who held it within their grasp to accomplish immeasurable things for humanity. This very linking of heart and hand around the festive board marked the biggest exchange of fraternal love since the Chicago banquet in 1914.

There were never better speeches than those that formed the culminating feature of the Pittsburgh feast. There were none that could surpass them for appeal and force. Dr. S. M. Rinehart of the Pittsburgh Alumni Association was toastmaster. Toasts were responded to by: Don R. Almy, Eminent Supreme Archon; Hon. Key Pittman, United States Senator from Nevada; Hon. Ar-

thur J. Tuttle, District Judge, Eastern District of Michigan; Hon. William W. Brandon, Judge of Probate, Alabama; John A. Thompson, Pennsylvania Chi-Omicron; and Marvin E. Holderness.

The address of Brother Almy will appear in the May issue. It is impossible to reproduce the eloquence and enthusiasm of the speeches—they had to be heard to get the full effect. There is an element of sacrilege in an attempt to depict the glowing oratory of General Brandon and the superb wisdom of Judge Tuttle. Judge Tuttle's appeal for moral courage in education is a point that will bear thought.

One outstanding feature of the convention was the introduction of a new  $\Sigma$  A E song, called "Sigma Alpha Epsilon." It was written especially for the Pittsburgh convention by Bro. S. M. Rinehart of Michigan Alpha and H. J. Hair of Indiana Beta.

The committee in charge of the banquet was composed of the following members of the Pittsburgh Alumni Association: Dr. S. M. Rinehart, chairman; H. F. Baker, E. W. Cober, H. H. Cowan, J. M. Hipple, Dr. D. I. Kirk, Frank L. Sage, W. J. Stevenson, E. D. McCafferty, and Sam Ritter.

So much for the second "leisure hour."

Finally the hands of the clock are pointed to the third "leisure hour," the elaborate convention ball in the William Penn Hotel, Friday evening, December 29, 1916.

Despite efforts of the business program to thrust the dance into a remote corner of the night, it proved to be the most dazzling social event of the entire three days' session. There was a veritable mountain of business on the calendar at five o'clock on the afternoon of the twenty-ninth, and it seemed that the end would never come. Delegates chafed as eight o'clock passed and still no sign of adjournment was in evidence. It was announced that, owing to the pressing nature of the business before the assembly, the grand march would be delayed until ten o'clock. The original hour was nine o'clock.

Though it appeared to be ages, ten o'clock finally arrived. And with the stroke of ten there fluttered into view Pittsburgh's fairest maidens. The delegates read of Pittsburgh's steel; they were aware of its smoke and grime; they had experience with its narrow streets, but when that vivacious host of feminine charm swept

onto the ballroom floor the visitors were almost stunned. Where the committee secured the fair ones no person was quite ready to admit. It was rumored that Bros. "Jap" Jones and "Bobby" Groves had troubles of their own. But certainly the damsels were fair to look upon in the sight of the  $\Sigma$  A E strangers within the city's gates. Many a Southerner or Westerner succumbed that night to the wiles and witchery of a Pittsburgh girl.

No one fortunate enough to be present will ever forget that glittering ballroom scene. It was a jewel of beauty, set with palatial and exquisite surroundings. The decorations of the banquet hall were retained—the fraternity colors and emblems, the Christmas greens and tiny bulbs of purple and gold. Added to this riot of color were the gowns of the women—now a pink one, yonder a green one, and yet a crimson one. No court of ancient day ever rivalled this scene for splendor and luxury. The air itself was weighed down with the soft perfume of flowers.

Every note of the music was intoxicating. One had a desire to be carried far above the clouds by its soft, alluring appeal. There were two orchestras, which afforded a continuous program of dancing. For the grand march old Southern melodies, reminiscent of the early days of the Fraternity, were played. In honor of the same tradition the Southern figures and cut-in dances had a part in the program. An elimination contest for the presidents of the fraternity provinces was a feature.

The appointments for the ball were flawless. Every detail was looked after. There were smoking and refreshment rooms within easy reach of the ballroom. The unusual beauty of the hotel and the lounging room arrangements made the moments off the dancing floor as attractive as those among the swaying couples.

The same spirit of fraternity that was present at the banquet was noticeable at the ball. There was no stiffness nor coldness. It was a huge  $\Sigma$  A E party with every man—irrespective of his state—out to enjoy the biggest night of his life.

Regardless of the enchantment, the hours quickly fled and not far distant from the dawn of another day the most brilliant ball in the annals of the Fraternity came to an end. For the guests and visitors it was a night of undiluted ecstasy; for the committee it was the conclusion of a herculean task. And it would not be

fair to withhold the names of the brothers who promoted the unsurpassable ball of the sixtieth convention—they were: Robert E. Grove, chairman, Robert W. Russell, Robert V. Jones, Don Leonard, John C. Fryor, Alexander Patterson, W. W. Zinsmaster, Arch Dunsmore, Harry L. Smith, Henry L. Smith, Harry W. Leonard, J. Stewart Gray, and Charles K. Murray.

These are the “three leisure hours” that will linger in the memory of every delegate and visitor at the Pittsburgh convention. They were hours of sweetness and fraternity. In them was mingled the fellowship of man for man—hand met hand and voice heard voice.

As the months roll on the business and routine of the sixtieth anniversary convention will gradually be forgotten. But the smiles, the laughter, the joy, the music, the fair faces, and the friendships of the “leisure hours” will be inscribed forever in the minds of Sigma Alpha Epsilon brothers who were in Pittsburgh December 26, 27, 28, and 29, 1916.

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### Unwelcome Tasks

No unwelcome tasks become any the less unwelcome by putting them off till tomorrow. It is only when they are behind us and done, that we begin to find that there is a sweetness to be tasted afterwards, and that the remembrance of unwelcome duties unhesitatingly done is welcome and pleasant. Accomplished, they are full of blessing, and there is a smile on their faces as they leave us. Undone, they stand threatening and disturbing our tranquillity, and hindering our communion with God. If there be lying before you any bit of work from which you shrink, go straight up to it and do it at once. The only way to get rid of it is to do it.—Alexander McLaren.

## An Undergrad's Impressions

*By J. H. Ringgold, Jr., Kentucky Iota 20*

ON being requested by the eminent scribe to write of the impression made on an undergrad by the Sixtieth Anniversary Convention of the "Sunkist Fraternity," I felt, on first thought, that surely I was not equal to the occasion. But after a minute's deliberation, the thought of not being able to express one's feeling concerning such an event, made non-attempt impossible, so here's trying our best.

Beginning with the semi-convention which was held by our bunch on the train, I was at once attracted by the unselfishness and fairness which prevailed in all the informal discussions which took place while moving towards Pittsburgh. From the time the brothers passed through the gates of the Pennsylvania Station, and were received by men wearing the big buttons signifying host, until the last Phi Alpha died away in the William Penn, hospitality was the pass word, by which Minerva's followers were admitted to lasting friendships never before dreamed of. Southern hospitality, that so talked of topic, was in evidence at every turn, and if any wearer of the rhombic badge has ever had the least doubt as to our Northern  $\Sigma A E$ 's ability to make a brother feel at home, it's "a hundred to one shot" that such an idea is now safely tucked away never to be uncovered. Delegates came from all the corners of our broad domain, some with views against certain proposed amendments which they thought could never be changed, only to pack up for home with that same view completely altered by the sound judgment and speech of those having much more experience and wider vision. They were able to prove what was undeniably best for the great and noble issues which began, as General Brandon so aptly put it, "Black in 1856 on the shores of the old Black Warrior." Still others left their chapters filled with a desire to bring to pass new amendments, and they in turn were led, and led justly, to give in to the majority when that majority was unquestionably voting for what seemed best to "promote the progress and welfare of our cherished Fraternity."



Who among those present in the last hours of the convention, could help but be impressed by the way Collins of Harvard received the words of our E. S. A. announcing that the amendment, for which he had worked unceasingly, had been defeated? Who among you were not impressed, by the manner in which the delegates from the smaller chapters were made to see that certain laws, although seemingly very expensive and burdensome, were needed to bring out the true spirit and principles of Sigma Alpha Epsilon? Thus at the outset, I was most impressed by the manner in which the representatives of our many localities gave in to what was best for all concerned, and in so doing lived up to the teachings so nobly written in that little purple book with the gold badge on its cover.

Then, too, Edison's belief, that very few hours are needed for sleep when the issues of the day warrant wakefulness, was, without contradiction, proven to be true. Had the manager of the William Penn known it, he might have done away with beds entirely in order that the orators on the many committees might have had more room in which to move, when, in the Wee Sma' Hours, some obstinate member could not be brought around to the correct viewpoint. Sleep was, indeed, out of the question, but here's to those Pullman porters who had instructions to wake certain humans leaving Pittsburgh Saturday night, December 30.

Surely the great sacrifice made by many of the alumni was "driven home" to our minds when our loyal brother, Senator Key Pittman, announced soon after the opening of the convention, that he had cancelled all engagements, and would be with us until the end. And fearful lest the business and the wedding just over, should rob us of the mighty pleasure and privilege of meeting Marvin E. Holderness—we find, not only "him" present, but "her" also—and what could more impress you with the lasting devotion of the alumni.

Nothing to my mind could be more inspiring to the undergraduate than the acquaintance made with the many tried and true personages who were gathered at the Shrine of Minerva during those three wonderful days of the convention. Possibly I should have mentioned the reports of national officers first, because they were first in order—for, nevertheless, the impression made by them is lasting

whether it came to mind first or last. When Brothers Almy, Leue, Levere, Kimball, and Sanford gave us, in brief, the trials and triumphs of the past two years, certainly the hearts of all those gathered there must have been moved—for these reports showed many hours of sacrifice, love, and devotion. Still nearer the beginning of the convention, the devotion of the true  $\Sigma$  A E was made manifest when Bro. George Harton, who made the opening address at the National Convention in Pittsburgh twenty-three years ago, though barely able to leave his bed, came forward and enthused us all with his hearty greeting and his well chosen words concerning the welfare of the Fraternity.

Though we were greatly inspired by the business sessions certainly the *Convention Daily*, and the festivities of the night, including the smoker, the ritual, the banquet, and the ball, must have made a lasting impression on all who had the opportunity of attending, but since these affairs will be treated in another article, little concerning them should be said here; but let me entreat you, brothers, not to forget Chi-Omicron's hospitality, the cabaret entertainers at the banquet, together with Bro. Jack Thompson, who need never apologize to a Southerner for his "nigger" dialect, and above all, don't forget that dance orchestra, those attractive girls, and Robert Grove who got them together, for they had a big share in sending us away to the four corners of old U. S. A. with a new understanding of  $\Sigma$  A E.

## A Wife's Tale

*By Mrs. Don R. Almy*

I AM glad that you asked me for my *impressions*  
Of a fraternity convention  
For aside from the cordial and gracious entertainment  
Arranged for the tag-alongs,  
The convention itself is to me a series of disconnected impressions  
Of very busy men,  
All preoccupied with some strange unknown seriousness;  
All in retirement, on that mysterious seventeenth floor, most of the  
time;  
Coming down to the lobby for air occasionally;  
And above all  
Down to the youngest under-grad,  
Astonishingly, amazingly  
Devoted  
To Σ A E.  
I say, "coming down for air," advisedly,  
For, when one of the sisters,  
Went to the convention hall, quite naïvely  
To procure her husband,  
I asked her what she saw.  
She said, "Nothing but a lot of men in their shirt sleeves  
Trying to fight their way through the cigar smoke"  
I wondered if it was all worth while.  
But we sisters had a better time of it.  
Diversions were frequent.  
The local Alumni Association, and his wife, too,  
Dispersed all our gloom.  
*He* gave us a beautiful luncheon at a splendid Athletic Club  
Showed us some Carnegie wonders,  
Gave us many long motor trips—and two theatre parties.  
*She* took us to Duquesne Club luncheons—teas in her own home  
Then, when the intensely busy brothers awoke to the fact  
That they hadn't been  
Very gallant—for three days—

And wondered how  
We had lived  
Without them—  
They let us listen to some very good (if I do say it)  
After dinner speeches  
And some very clever monologues  
Done by a Pitt brother.  
They all said such loving things to each other  
For these belligerent days  
That one wondered if they were quite sincere!  
And still I asked myself if it were all worth while.  
The last day, everyone talked of the ball  
That is, the sisters did  
For most of the brothers were still sitting in grave conferences.  
And I know one, at least,  
Who must have subsisted on love for his fraternity  
He never dallied to eat.  
The time for the dance came, and was postponed an hour  
Disregarding three hundred of Pittsburgh's most charming girls  
Looking their smartest, trying to wait patiently  
In alluring ball rooms—  
One filled with delectable *food!*  
Still the brothers *pondered*, and *considered*.  
But when they came  
They looked so all-pleased,  
And a treasurer who had worked doggedly for days  
Dragged wearily to a balcony,  
Blinked like a returning Rip Van Winkle  
At the lights, and music,  
Supremely happy  
But too exhausted to be more intelligent,  
Or less banal, than, "Gee, this is *some party.*"  
Quite suddenly  
It came to me  
That whatever all the fuss was about  
It must have been  
*Worth while.*

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 Wright, Clive L., Pittsburgh, Pa.  
 Colbert, William H., Pittsburgh, Pa.  
 Cole, E. E., Jr., Oshkosh, Wis.  
 Davis, George H., Pittsburgh, Pa.  
 Deephey, Chas. D., Jr., Pittsburgh, Pa.

Bricker, Robert W., Pittsburgh, Pa.  
 Flinn, S. D., Wilkensburg, Pa.  
 Fryor, John C., Pittsburgh, Pa.  
 Garvin, John D., Wilkensburg, Pa.  
 Gettman, C. M., Pittsburgh, Pa.  
 Giles, A. W., Pittsburgh, Pa.  
 Gorman, George J., Shields, Pa.  
 Gow, J. Steele, Pittsburgh, Pa.  
 Graham, George R., Pittsburgh, Pa.  
 Graham, H. G., Pittsburgh, Pa.  
 Gray, J. Stewart, Pittsburgh, Pa.  
 Grove, Robert E., Pittsburgh, Pa.  
 Grumbling, J. Stewart, Pittsburgh, Pa.  
 Hallock, W. E., Jr., Pittsburgh, Pa.  
 Hamilton, J. W., Coraopolis, Pa.  
 Hanna, E. C., Pittsburgh, Pa.  
 Harvey, J. Paul, Pittsburgh, Pa.  
 Heihman, G. H., Pittsburgh, Pa.  
 Hilty, L. F., Pittsburgh, Pa.  
 Huff, Ray L., Natrona, Pa.  
 Jones, Robert V., Pittsburgh, Pa.  
 Kirk, Don I., Pittsburgh, Pa.  
 Landis, Elmer H., Dayton, Ohio.  
 Laub, Gustav, Pittsburgh, Pa.  
 Leonard, Henry W., Woodlawn, Pa.  
 Leonard, F. D., Pittsburgh, Pa.  
 Luther, William Z., Wilkensburg, Pa.  
 May, A. C., Pittsburgh, Pa.  
 Mellon, J. C., Butler, Pa.  
 Morrow, John S., Pittsburgh, Pa.  
 Murray, C. K., Wilkensburg, Pa.  
 Patterson, Alexander L., Pittsburgh, Pa.  
 Paul, William B., Pittsburgh, Pa.  
 Peck, Robert D., Pittsburgh, Pa.  
 Pool, Robert P., Pittsburgh, Pa.  
 Rainalter, Herman, Pittsburgh, Pa.  
 Spangle, L. S., Pittsburgh, Pa.  
 South, George B., Sewickley, Pa.  
 Stewart, Frank C., Tarentum, Pa.  
 Thomas, W. J., Erie, Pa.  
 Welsh, L. G., Pittsburgh, Pa.  
 Wettach, Robert H., Dormont, Pa.  
 Wood, A. C., Pittsburgh, Pa.  
 Zinsmaster, Warren W., Pittsburgh, Pa.

## Province Gamma

*Washington City Rho—*

Washburn, Duane, Washington, D. C.

*Virginia Omicron—*

James J. M., Darlington, S. C.

*Virginia Theta—*

Rankin, H. P., Beaver, Pa.

*South Carolina Delta—*

McIlwaine, William G., Crafton, Pa.

## Province Delta

*Michigan Iota-Beta—*

Becker, F. W., Cleveland, Ohio.  
 Bell, F. Cortez, Clearfield, Pa.  
 Braun, Hugo E., Saginaw, Mich.  
 Fwing, J. W., Rochester, Pa.  
 Garrett, Thomas C., Lakewood, Ohio.  
 O'Keefe, William C., Saginaw, Mich.  
 Roper, James H., Washington, D. C.

*Michigan Alpha—*

Reem, Perry L., Stuttgart, Ark.  
 Brown, Seymour H., Washington, Pa.  
 Burt, W. E., Pittsburgh, Pa.  
 Cowan, Harry H., Portage, Wis.  
 Carpenter, Charles M., Pittsburgh, Pa.  
 Crawford, Rev. Elder D., Callensburg, Pa.

- Harton, George M., Pittsburgh, Pa.  
 Miller, George H., Pittsburgh, Pa.  
 Moore, George von B., Pittsburgh, Pa.  
 Rinehart, Dr. S. M., Pittsburgh, Pa.  
 Roberts, F. E., New Kensington, Pa.  
 Wilbur, Rev. C. E., Bellevue, Pa.  
 Watkins, E. M., Pittsburgh, Pa.  
 Watters, S. E., Pittsburgh, Pa.
- Ohio Sigma*—  
 Cochran, James L., Connellsville, Pa.  
 Geltz, Harry, Pittsburgh, Pa.  
 Jose, John F., Carnegie, Pa.  
 Hunter, William V., Natrona, Pa.  
 Kendall, Ralph, Alliance, Ohio.  
 Little, James E., Braddock, Pa.  
 McLaughlin, Charles V., Jr., Duquesne, Pa.  
 McLaughlin, J. M., Pittsburgh, Pa.  
 Rickard, A. P., Canton, Ohio.  
 Patton, H. M., Pittsburgh, Pa.  
 Senn, Harry L., Alliance, Ohio.  
 Teets, F. L., Sprindale, Pa.  
 Wilkinson, Rev. L. S., Pittsburgh, Pa.
- Ohio Delta*—  
 Hanson, Ray, London, Ohio.  
 Hepburn, D. H., Lisbon, Ohio.  
 Nichols, P. O., Columbus, Ohio.  
 Miller, Leon W., Columbus, Ohio.
- Ohio Epsilon*—  
 Ryland, Donald, Salem, Ohio.  
 Sadler, Dudley K., Cincinnati, Ohio.  
 Waechter, Stanley J., Pittsburgh, Pa.  
 White, Allen Hunter, Cincinnati, Ohio.  
 Whitely, John F., Jr., Cincinnati, Ohio.
- Ohio Theta*—  
 Bolen, C. W., Columbus, Ohio.  
 Buhrman, H. O., Cincinnati, Ohio.  
 Davies, Dan, Columbus, Ohio.  
 Graf, Campbell J., Wilkingsburg, Pa.  
 Gardner, William L., East Liverpool, Ohio.  
 Hipple, J. M., Edgewood, Parke, Pa.  
 Lind, Louis J., Pittsburgh, Pa.  
 Rigby, Perry L., East Liverpool, Ohio.  
 Scatterday John R., Wilkingsburg, Pa.  
 Taylor, Harold B., Chicago, Ill.
- Ohio Rho*—  
 Eckley, A. J., New York, N. Y.  
 Findley, H. M., Cleveland, Ohio.  
 Farnham, Ralph E., Cleveland, Ohio.  
 Herendeen, F. B., Cleveland, Ohio.  
 Luther, Martin J., Cleveland, Ohio.  
 Kaighin, R. T., Cleveland, Ohio.  
 McIntosh, John, Ford City, Pa.  
 Miller, W. E., Gotha, Fla.  
 Rice, Allen E., Canton, Ohio.  
 Stadler, Harold W., Urbana, Ohio.  
 Van Allen, H. L., Cleveland, Ohio.
- Indiana Alpha*—  
 Yount, Courtland M., Madison, Wis.
- Indiana Beta*—  
 Artz, T. E., Pittsburgh, Pa.  
 Bozell, R. R., Pittsburgh, Pa.  
 Cope, H. W., Pittsburgh, Pa.  
 Eisensmith, L. E., Pittsburgh, Pa.  
 Fox, Richard W., Pittsburgh, Pa.  
 Hair, H. J., Pittsburgh, Pa.  
 Hildebrand, P. S., Middletown, Ohio.  
 Patterson, W. H., Pittsburgh, Pa.  
 Uhl, E. J., Greensburg, Pa.
- Illinois Beta*—  
 Arbuckle, P. H.  
 Kailer, F. S., Pittsburgh, Pa.
- Illinois Psi-Omega*—  
 Green, George T., Evanston, Ill.  
 Vawter, William A., II, Benton Harbor, Mich.
- Illinois Theta*—  
 Appel, Vallee O., Chicago, Ill.  
 Foster, A. P., Chicago, Ill.  
 Gebhardt, C. W., Erie, Pa.  
 Gebhardt, Neil, Erie, Pa.  
 Willd, John A., Chicago, Ill.
- Wisconsin Alpha*—  
 Hammer, Lloyd A., Madison, Wis.
- Province Epsilon  
*Georgia Beta*—  
 Snelling, Pinckney W., Athens, Ga.
- Alabama Mu*—  
 Lawson, C. S.  
 Whately, S. T., Pittsburgh, Pa.  
 Williams, Paul W., Gadsden, Ala.  
 Tyson, James J., Montgomery, Ala.
- Province Zeta  
*Missouri Alpha*—  
 Jones, E. S., Kansas City, Mo.
- Missouri Beta*—  
 Gray, Carl R., Jr., Baltimore, Md.
- Arkansas Alpha-Upsilon*—  
 Mardis, Paul L., Wilkingsburg, Pa.
- Kansas Alpha*—  
 Busch, H. F., Springfield, Mo.  
 Lichtenwalter, H. O., Parlin, N. J.
- Iowa Beta*—  
 Hamilton, Ernest C., Winterset, Iowa.
- Iowa Gamma*—  
 Horne, Robert J., Wilkingsburg, Pa.  
 Krebs, Leland P., Cedar Rapids, Iowa.
- Province Eta  
*Colorado Chi*—  
 Brunton, H. J., Boulder, Colo.  
 Dillon, E. P., Wilkingsburg, Pa.  
 Layton, H. P., New York, N. Y.  
 Kohlhausen, L. G., Boulder, Colo.
- Colorado Zeta*—  
 Harrah, Frank W., New York, N. Y.  
 Ling, Charles J., Meadville, Pa.  
 Rader, Lyle Mayer, Bellevue, Pa.
- Colorado Lambda*—  
 May, A. Largue, Beaver Falls, Pa.
- Province Theta  
*Texas Rho*—  
 Lawrence, W. B., Washington, D. C.
- Oklahoma Kappa*—  
 Bayless, Bourke H., Claremore, Okla.  
 Vernor, Miller, Wilkingsburg, Pa.
- Province Iota  
*Kentucky Epsilon*—  
 Jett, C. C., Pittsburgh, Pa.
- Tennessee Zeta*—  
 Pittman, Hon. Key, Tonopah, Nev.
- Tennessee Lambda*—  
 Whitcomb, Herman S., Philadelphia, Pa.
- Tennessee Kappa*—  
 Wilson, Woodrow, Knoxville, Tenn.  
 Hazen, Flem, Jr., Knoxville, Tenn.
- Province Kappa  
*California Alpha*—  
 Stewart, A. B., Brookville, Pa.



## What Are You Going To Do About It?

By Charles P. Wood, New York Alpha 104

**H**ERE is a question which confronts the Fraternity, relating to its mission and to its existence. It does not concern the past alone, as do so many of the questions which we discuss, but it is vital to the present and to the future. It does not ask what we think or what might have been—what we are now and what we are going to do constitute the answer required. That new conditions must be faced in a new spirit is a fact which has been evaded until the Fraternity has had to be roused from lethargy to find itself apparently out of place. This state of affairs was discussed forcibly at a recent interfraternity meeting of which notice will be found below. The question so far overshadows the social importance of the banquet that I shall endeavor to broach it here in preference to giving merely an echo of the applause which, as usual, greeted the features which we found most enjoyable. This is done with the hope that the idea may be developed by further treatment until we have something tangible upon which may be based a course of action.

Asked for an account of the First Annual Banquet of the Interfraternity Conference, the easy way to dispose of the subject would be to state that over five hundred men, representing thirty-three fraternities, sat down to a "sumptuous repast" at the Hotel Astor, New York, on the evening of December 2. Further, the facile pen would jot down that a notable array of speakers was heard with great enthusiasm and that Sigma Alpha Epsilon was represented by twenty-six men, including three members of the Council and two members of the Board of Trustees.

The above would not depart from the facts except in the use of the word *sumptuous* in connection with the repast. True, the room, gorgeous in itself, was beautifully decorated with national flags and fraternity pennants; the setting was all that could be desired. But from where I sat I could detect no groaning of the proverbial board, although the price charged for plates was liberal in considera-



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$\Sigma$  A E Occupied Tables 34, 35, and 36

tion of the attendance. Another fault, chargeable also to the hotel management, was the wretched musical program. When there are, necessarily, so many request numbers, the leader of the orchestra is to be pardoned to some extent for the quality of his music—though even this should not be required on Longacre Square—but tell me how you can be enthused by *The Star Spangled Banner* played without warning in the midst of a course and followed by *America* within another minute after you have resumed your seat. I must say that the thrill which should have been experienced as we stood and sang was somewhat tempered by the knowledge that the calorific value of the Mignon d'Agneau was being absorbed rapidly by a cold plate.

The Interfraternity Banquet was a success which barely missed being an epochal event in fraternity history. The committee deserves hearty commendation for the attendance, the selection of speakers, and the punctuality of the program. I do not see how they could have done better except by the addition of a humorist. All of us wanted a chance to laugh a little more. Next time, no doubt, we shall have our laugh. The ice having been broken, the next banquet should occasion more mingling and getting acquainted. A primary object of the gathering is to provide the opportunity for fraternity men to know one another better—the first banquet failed in this respect because the tendency was for each fraternity to maintain its identity by coming and going as a group. Only those who came early and lingered afterwards received the full benefit.

The toastmaster, Mr. H. H. McCorkle, presided with grace and celerity. There was a letter from Hamilton W. Mabie\* expressing his interest in the conference and his regrets over having been detained at home by illness. The first speaker was President Demarest of Rutgers College. He was followed by Professor F. W. Shepardson of the University of Chicago, who pointed out some of the problems to be solved if fraternities are to survive. It is our misfortune that Professor Shepardson's remarks cannot be printed in full for the consideration of our readers. They were timely, thoughtful, and free from post prandial verbiage. He

\*Mr. Mabie, who took an active part in founding the Interfraternity Conference, died a few days after Christmas.

stated that the college world of tomorrow will be dominated by the product of America's greatest melting-pot of the nations and that there will be no place for many of the traditions which have been preserved by fraternities up until the present. He asked what we are going to do for the man outside. He pleaded that we be men enough to tackle a man's job and that there be a new fraternity spirit lifting the veil of secrecy, recognizing the universal demand for efficiency and founded on human friendship. Hon. John DeWitt Warner came next with a classical address showing that modern fraternities owe their origin to the customs which prevailed in the universities of Athens, Byzantium, and Rome, where similar organizations existed. He emphasized the opinion that the fraternity forms the strongest bond between the university and the alumnus. The orator of the day was Dean Albert Holmes of Pennsylvania State College, who displayed an intimate knowledge of his audience and a keen appreciation of the opportunity which lies before the fraternity man. Never have we had the privilege of hearing a speaker more earnest and at the same time so finished in every word and gesture. He showed how in its development from boyhood the young man's impulse goes through the stages of the race from that of the cave man to that of the most enlightened, how the fraternity satisfies the appeal of adolescence and furnishes the vehicle for the enlargement of self and the merging of self into some other organization besides self. He pictured the beauty of youth's altruism and exhorted fraternity men to set better examples to their younger brothers by the preservation of dynamic ideals. The banquet closed with remarks by Mr. Cheney, Secretary of the Conference, outlining what had been accomplished and plans for the future.

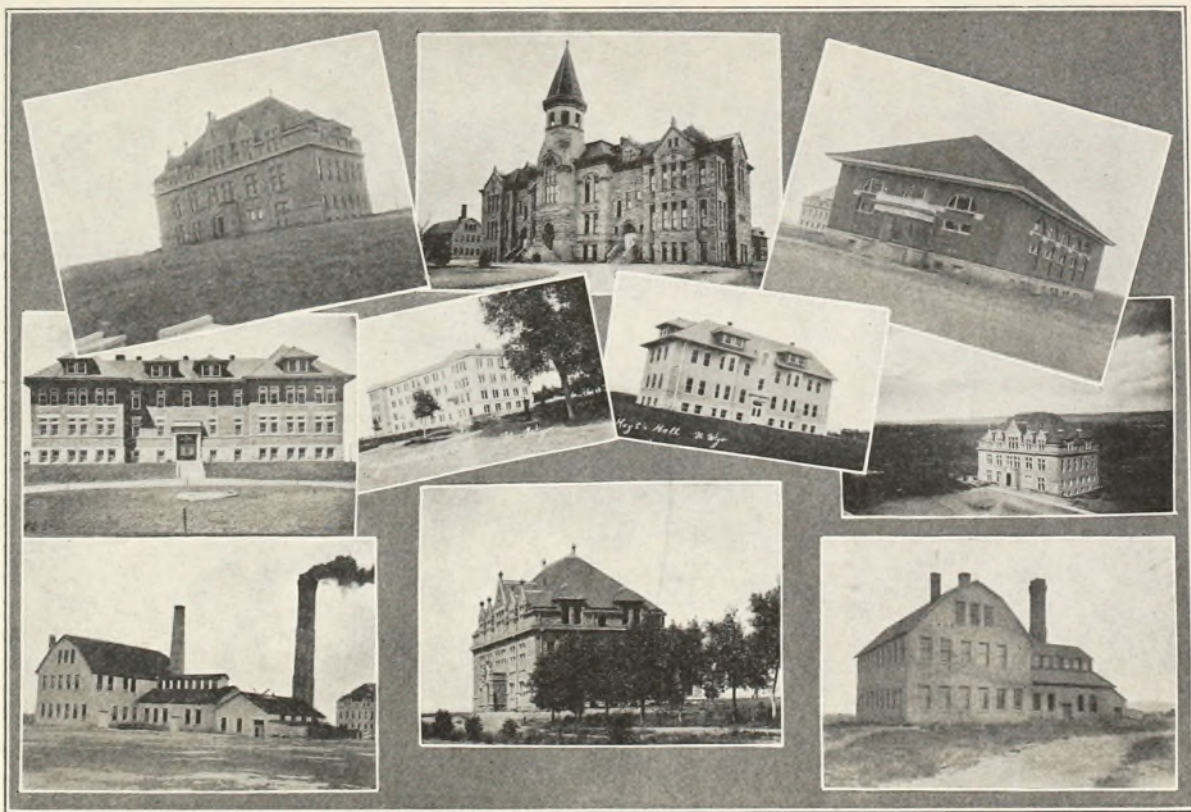
I have stated that the first interfraternity banquet barely missed being an epochal event in fraternity history. The setting was auspicious; the men were there. The call was sounded in Professor Shepardson's talk—*What are you going to do about it?* If a future gathering is to give the answer, then that gathering will be remembered as the one which determined the future status of the fraternity system. What are not the possibilities of an organized body of highly refined, educated men, which is founded on human friendship and guided by dynamic ideals? Look around you in

your college, your office, your factory, your mines, or your fields. Look in the slums of the city, in the recesses of the mountains, in the lowlands. From everywhere comes the call for light—not so much for the institution's pitiless glare as for sympathy's ultra-violet ray. Philanthropy, compulsory education, organized charity, sectarian religion—all these we have—still there is the cry of the soul for human friendship and it should be heard first, even answered, by the fraternity man.

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### A Man and His Wisdom

A wise man is never less alone than when he is alone.—Swift.



UNIVERSITY OF WYOMING, LARAMIE, WYO.

The Science Hall  
 One of Women's Dormitories  
 Engineering Building and Heating Plant

Liberal Arts Building  
 Agricultural Hall One of Women's Dormitories  
 Science Hall

Gymnasium  
 Science Hall  
 Engineering Building

# The University of Wyoming

*By M. V. Spicer, Wyoming Alpha '17*

**T**HE University of Wyoming, the home of Wyoming Alpha—Where is it? What is it? What will it be? These are questions which have doubtless greatly interested the brothers of Sigma Alpha Epsilon who could not visit the Pittsburgh Convention and most of whom have probably only heard of this institution through the action of the convention granting a charter to a local in this school.

The first of our questions, regarding the location of the University, is quickly and easily answered. The institution is located in the state of Wyoming with its headquarters at Laramie. It is distinctly an all-Wyoming institution, reaching out in its work to all departments of the state life.

Laramie, the headquarters of the University of Wyoming, is a small city of about five thousand souls. A better situation could not have been selected. The city has a good moral tone and is exceedingly healthful. Laramie derives its name from a French trapper named de la Ramée, corrupted to de la Ramie, and after his death to Laramie, who was in this country to such an extent that it was called la Ramie's country. His name, in the corrupt form mentioned, survives in the name of the City of Laramie, Laramie County, Laramie (Big and Little) Rivers, Laramie Peak, and the Laramie Plains.

The other questions which brother  $\Sigma$  A Es are asking, What is the University of Wyoming, and What will it be, are not so briefly disposed of. To answer these it is necessary to consider at least briefly the history of the institution, its buildings and equipment, the provisions for its maintenance, its curriculum, the faculty and student body, and its spirit. With an endeavor not to be too bore-some and too long-winded, we shall attempt to mention most of the essential items of these topics.

The University of Wyoming has grown from a dimly conceived idea expressed in an Act of Congress to its present actuality since 1882. In that year an act was passed to grant land to Dakota, Montana, Arizona, Idaho, and Wyoming for university purposes.

As a result of this a commission was appointed by the Governor of the Territory of Wyoming and ultimately 46,091.34 acres of land were selected, the revenue from which now accrues to the university authorities for current expenses.

The next move was the passing of an act on March 4, 1886, by the Ninth Territorial Legislature authorizing formal action toward the organization of a university. The name of the institution was to be the University of Wyoming; it was to be in or near the City of Laramie; and for its financial needs a tax of one-fourth mill was placed on the taxable property of the territory. As a result of this act the Governor of the Territory appointed a building commission and by the summer of 1887 a building was sufficiently complete to justify opening "school" in the fall of that year. This building was ultimately completed in 1890 and was called the Liberal Arts building.

From then to the present time, the university has had a steady material growth represented by the addition of new buildings to meet the educational demands placed upon it. The second building was constructed for the College of Mechanical Engineering and is now generally known as the Engineering Building. It has been enlarged and now houses the departments of mechanical and electrical engineering, a part of the workshop of the civil engineering department, and the assay office of the mining department; it also includes the heating plant of the university.

In 1902 a Hall of Science was added to the campus. This building was constructed with a purpose of adding wings to it when our growth made these a necessity. It now houses the museum, the departments of botany, mining, and geology.

A gymnasium and armory was built in 1903. On account of increasing numbers this building houses inadequately at present the military department and all physical training equipment. Besides the attributes mentioned, the gymnasium is the principal center for entertainments and social gatherings on the campus.

Through a number of legislative measures and appropriations the university has received possession of and equipped an old penitentiary property of the state consisting of a considerable tract of land and buildings west of Laramie. This has been converted into a stock farm for the Agricultural College; near this is also



located the Agronomy and Experiment Farm also used by the Agricultural College. This, with other buildings of the university in the vicinity, and the excellent buildings and equipment for various agricultural purposes, makes a very valuable addition to our institution.

In 1907 the state legislature appropriated money for the building of a women's hall to serve as a residence hall and to provide for the department of home economics. This building was finished in part by October, 1908, and was completed with an addition in the summer of 1909.

In 1910 the State Normal School was built. This serves at present for the demands of the College of Education of which the State Normal School is a part.

Three years ago a splendid agricultural hall, the best building on our campus, was added to our group. For a time it somewhat alleviated the very crowded conditions of a number of the departments, but now seems insufficient. It includes all departments of the agricultural college, the department of chemistry, and the agricultural experiment station.

The final addition to the buildings on our campus was one unit of three which will make up a large residence hall for women students. This unit was finished last spring and is known as Hoyt Hall, so called in honor of the first president of the university.

Besides these buildings actually standing on the campus, a considerable building program has been outlined by the authorities for the coming years, and will probably be carried out in some detail. New buildings which are projected are a library and administration building, a new engineering building, a heating plant, and other units of the women's residence hall mentioned above. If the present financial conditions continue, these additions can be made as need becomes pressing.

All buildings and all departments of the university are quite well prepared for their purposes. Laboratories exist where the department requires them and are well equipped with apparatus.

For the support of the university the legislature which authorized its organization placed a tax of one-fourth mill on all the property of the territory. This tax has been reduced and increased at various times by the legislature since we became a state. It now stands at one-half mill and seems permanent. This is one of our reliable

sources of revenue. Further aid is given by the state through appropriations for extension work in agriculture and home economics on a cooperative basis with the federal government and the counties. The total received from county, state, and federal government for this work now amounts to between \$45,000 and \$50,000 per year.

Besides the revenue received as described above, very material financial assistance is given by the Federal government. The Morrill Act of 1890 and the Hatch Act of 1887 contribute to our welfare; and under the original act of Congress of 1862 on this same general field, Wyoming selected 90,000 acres of land for the support of the Agricultural College. Further benefit resulted from the Nelson Act of 1907 and the Adams Act of 1906. The university has been receiving appropriations from the Morrill and Hatch funds since 1891. The university also has a share in the income from 200,000 acres of land granted to the state for charitable, education, penal, and reformatory institutions. The extension work mentioned above, under the Smith-Lever Act, gives us several thousand dollars per year.

Lands are the source of income through lease or sale. Recently the prospect of a large income from the university lands has become excellent. Oil has been discovered on these lands to such an extent that the state land commissioner has estimated that within a year the university will be receiving ten thousand dollars per month from oil royalties.

From these various sources, the Federal government, the state mill tax, and from lands, it seems evident that the income of the university is fairly stable. The University of Wyoming is in the fortunate condition that it has the whole state for its endowment and besides receives Federal support. As long as it does its work satisfactorily, there is no reason to believe that these sources will fail. Our income will doubtless always be ample.

Having considered briefly the material conditions of the university in the way of buildings and equipment, also its financial maintenance, we may now turn to a consideration of its internal conditions, more specifically, its curriculum, faculty, and student body.

The curriculum has represented an ideal from the very opening of the university. It is a matter of pride to us now that the first pamphlet of information on the institution projected a full-fledged

university. Practically all the colleges and departments now in existence were then included though there could have been little encouragement to the belief that the student body would be such as to make them all necessary. The organization of the University is now in colleges and departments. In each college now maintained departments natural to it are included. Not to mention the departments included in each college, the main units of the university for administrative or other purposes are as follows, viz: Graduate School, College of Liberal Arts, College of Agriculture (including



WINTER SCENE, ON CAMPUS AT UNIVERSITY OF WYOMING

Agricultural Experiment Station), College of Engineering, College of Education (including State Normal School), Department of Commerce, Department of Home Economics, Department of Music, Preparatory School, Summer School, Department of University Extension, and Winter Course in Agriculture and Home Economics.

The faculty of the institution is exceedingly strong. Most of the members of the faculty hold A.M. or Ph.D. degrees; some of them are of considerable note in the field of science or authorship. The

training which students receive here eminently fits them for a very high standard of work wherever they go.

Since the university started in this large state when the population was very much smaller than it is now and the educational system of the territory was undeveloped, the standard of entrance was somewhat lower than at the present time. For a number of years, on account of the lack of high school facilities throughout the state, the number of students in the University Preparatory Department was considerably larger than the number in the college departments. When the university was founded there was only one public high school in the state and the university had to make up for the deficiency. Now there are twenty-six four year accredited high schools with an enrollment of more than three thousand students and a good percentage of graduates each year, many of whom are finding their way to their state school. Now the preparatory department is maintained only as a part of the College of Education for the training of teachers and the standards of entrance to our institution are on a par with those of any of the standard universities of our country.

The growth of the student body of the university, particularly during the last few years, has been one of the most favorable of the prophecies pointing toward the greatness of its future. On the day our doors were opened, September 6, 1887, only forty-six students enrolled, and of those only five were of college rank. Our Freshman Class now numbers considerably more than twice the number of the total enrollment on that first day, and the total enrollment of the university now numbers more than seven hundred and fifty. The resident student body is about three hundred and twenty-five, with the women and men about evenly divided. Thus from the somewhat unpromising start of twenty-nine years ago, the university has become a strong and rapidly growing institution. The enrollment during the last four years has increased more than a hundred per cent, calculating the percentage of increase for each year on the preceding year as a basis.

The student body is a well-organized, compact group. All the resident students are included in a general association called the Associated Students of the University of Wyoming. This association controls all general student activities, including athletics, debating, dramatics, music, and the student publications. The government of

the body is vested in the students themselves and an elected executive committee consisting of nine student members and one faculty and one alumni representative. The student members include the president, general manager, vice-president, secretary, and five delegates at large. The manager is the treasurer and general executive head of the organization. The delegates-at-large are chairmen of the various committees in school activities. We are proud of the fact that in the government of the student body, the president, general manager, and one delegate-at-large who is chairman of the athletic committee, are members of Wyoming Alpha.

In its general student activities, particularly debating and athletics, our school enters into competition with its neighboring schools of Colorado and Utah. The high schools of our state, on account of small enrollment and long distances, do not play much football. Hence most of the men who play on the varsity team come to school without experience. They find it difficult to cope with their neighbors most of whom have played football from the time they left the cradle or at least had the experience of a high school career. But in spite of their handicap our men play the game strongly. Their popular name is the "Cowboys," and the cowboy pluck is famous throughout this region. In most instances the cowboys have to play not only against superior experience, but also greater weight. But they are improving each year, and last year made their opponents feel that the day was at hand when the cowboy yells should sound not infrequently in victory.

In other fields of competition, basketball and debating, our students have fared somewhat better. All our high schools play basketball and we get experienced men for this sport. We are frequently the victors. Two years ago, the basketball tossers defeated the Denver champions of the Rocky Mountain Conference. In debating, too, we do not fail to hold our own. Wyoming Alpha is active in all these fields, and has a majority of both the basketball and football lettermen.

We have mentioned some of the salient facts about the University of Wyoming, and now in conclusion we will mention two other points, namely, the intent of the university and its unity. By the intent of the university we refer to its attempt, its desire, carried out administratively to meet the needs of our state. This is manifested through

its correspondence work, its extension work, and other and constantly broadening activities besides the instruction of the resident student body. By the unity of the university we refer to the fact that here in one place are located permanently all the state institutions for higher education. We are not divided as are some of the state institutions, having one state college in one part of the state and another somewhere else, but we are permanently one with all the state colleges united in our university.

The spirit of the University of Wyoming is bound to win. Confidence in it is a part of our creed. It has behind it the support of the state and in return is furnishing the state what it needs in the way of trained men and women for its development. The student body is sturdy and determined and loyal. The work of the university and the student body and state are all combined for the same purpose, the creating of better men and women, the improvement of the state, and the greatness of the Nation.

## Installation of Wyoming Alpha

By Harry B. Henderson, Jr., New York Mu 1-26-17 / 5

**D**ESPITE the prevalence of intense cold and the worst blizzard in years, which completely held up all transcontinental traffic, as well as interstate railway lines, there was a large representation of the alumni of Sigma Beta Phi at Laramie, Wyoming, on the installation of that local as Wyoming Alpha of  $\Sigma$  A E. Some of the members, who were initiated into the mystic rites of our Fraternity, were on the road for three or four days traveling overland by the use of teams and automobiles, the snow drifts and terrific storms making it impossible for trains to be moved. The hardships encountered and the difficulties overcome by these men in arriving at the University of Wyoming in time for the installation is indicative of the spirit of those who are now counted among our brothers.

Due to the diplomacy of Bro. Geo. D. Kimball, E. S. T., the installing officer, the Masonic Temple at Laramie was obtained for the purpose of the installation, and in their elegant lodge room, which added to the impressiveness of the ceremony, forty-six members and alumni of Sigma Beta Phi joined hands in the brotherhood grip of  $\Sigma$  A E. Brother Kimball was assisted in administering the ritual by Bro. Frank Rinehart, president of Eta Province, Brother Andrew of Colorado Zeta, and Brother Henderson of New York Mu. At the conclusion of the ritual, which was delayed somewhat by the arrival of two trains from the west, being overdue several days, the entire group of initiates adjourned to the chapter house and enjoyed an informal smoker. An elaborate dinner was served in the evening after which the entire chapter adjourned to the girls' dormitory and were delightfully entertained and congratulated. The Delta Delta Delta sorority had previously tendered the local a congratulatory ball a week previous to the evening of the installation; and the Pi Phi's presented the chapter with a silver service on which were engraved the initial letters of our Fraternity as well as their own.

At eight o'clock in the evening the entire chapter gathered in the Connor Hotel and were tendered a banquet of elegant appointments. President Duniway of the university and Secretary Burrage were

The day, January 26, 1917



INSTALLING OFFICERS AND CHARTER MEMBERS OF WYOMING ALPHA

[Ten Charter Members not in picture.] On the left, the Installation Officers, Henderson, Andrew, Kimball, Rinehart.



guests, and spoke most earnestly on the rapid development of the institution, and pointing to the advent of  $\Sigma$  A E as indicative of the progressive spirit, and glorious future of the college. One of the delightful features of the evening was an announcement by the toastmaster that eighty telegrams of congratulation had been received from the other chapters of  $\Sigma$  A E, alumni associations, and others interested in the installation. These telegrams were read to those at the banquet, frequent bursts of applause being elicited when reference was made to the Fraternity's "newest baby." Impromptu toasts were responded to by Bro. George D. Kimball, who spoke interestingly on the growth of  $\Sigma$  A E, and offered some valuable suggestions which were later acted upon by the alumni, their spokesman being Brother Holliday, a prominent business man of Laramie, who assured Brother Kimball that not only would his other suggestions be heeded, but that his advice as to the construction of a chapter house would be followed early this spring. Amid tumultuous applause Brother Holliday explained plans for the erection of a chapter house of elaborate dimensions, and his scheme to finance the proposition was unanimously adopted with enthusiasm. The tone of the addresses by President Duniway and Secretary Burrage indicated that the advent of our Fraternity into the university was particularly gratifying to the officers and trustees. Brother Andrew of Colorado Zeta on being asked to respond to the toast "The Ladies," intimated that the four minute limit placed upon all speakers rendered an adequate presentation of the question impossible, so confined himself to quotations of poetry from Keats and *Pilgrim's Progress*. Brothers Rinehart, Spicer, and Knight, who were all present at the Pittsburgh convention, spoke at some length on the political aspect of the installation of a chapter, referring particularly to the preliminary work of placing a petition before a convention, which abounds in diversity of views.

At ten o'clock the next morning the alumni met and consummated their plans for the erection of a chapter house, pledging themselves in various amounts sufficient to insure the erection of a splendid building.

By night the blockade on the railroad was temporarily broken and the newly elected brothers, with their pins prominently displayed, boarded trains which had been delayed for several days to return

home, leaving no question in the minds of the installing officers as to the future of  $\Sigma$  A E at Wyoming University. The names of those who became  $\Sigma$  A Es at Laramie and the charter members of Wyoming Alpha are: Lewis Jackson Holliday, John Watson Burnett, Bruce Stevenson Jones, Robert Paul Gottschalk, Clarence Dean Moir, Edward Deane Hunton, Fred Vernon Skinner, John Duncan Carr, Olaf Christian Johnson, Samuel Howell Knight, Fulton Dodd Bellamy, Everett Lyle Knight, Harry John Craig, Morgan Vardry Spicer, Albert Richard Mau, Charles Wendell Skinner, William Orville Frazer, Arthur Jacob Jones, Clyde Potter Matteson, Raymond Alexander Frazer, Robert Marshall Anderson, Andrew Wesley Willis, Frank McKinley Long, Lyle Aaron Asay, Adolf George Burkert, Marshall Manning Feris, Edward Blake Partridge, Gus Peter Modlish, Allen Vincent Laughlin, Joseph Ellis Banks, John Merritt Hawes, LeRoy Snell, Arden Waldo Godwin, Irvin Hugh Austin, Earl Henry McBroom, Arlo Sheridan Goodrich, Leigh John McGrath, Jesse George Wheeler, Lester Shaw Worthington, Walter Storrie, Dean Forbes Covert, John Arthur Smith, James Farquharson Petrie, Victor John Facinelli, John Ellis Whisenand, Walter Patrick Smyth, Marion Nye Wheeler.

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### Casting Off

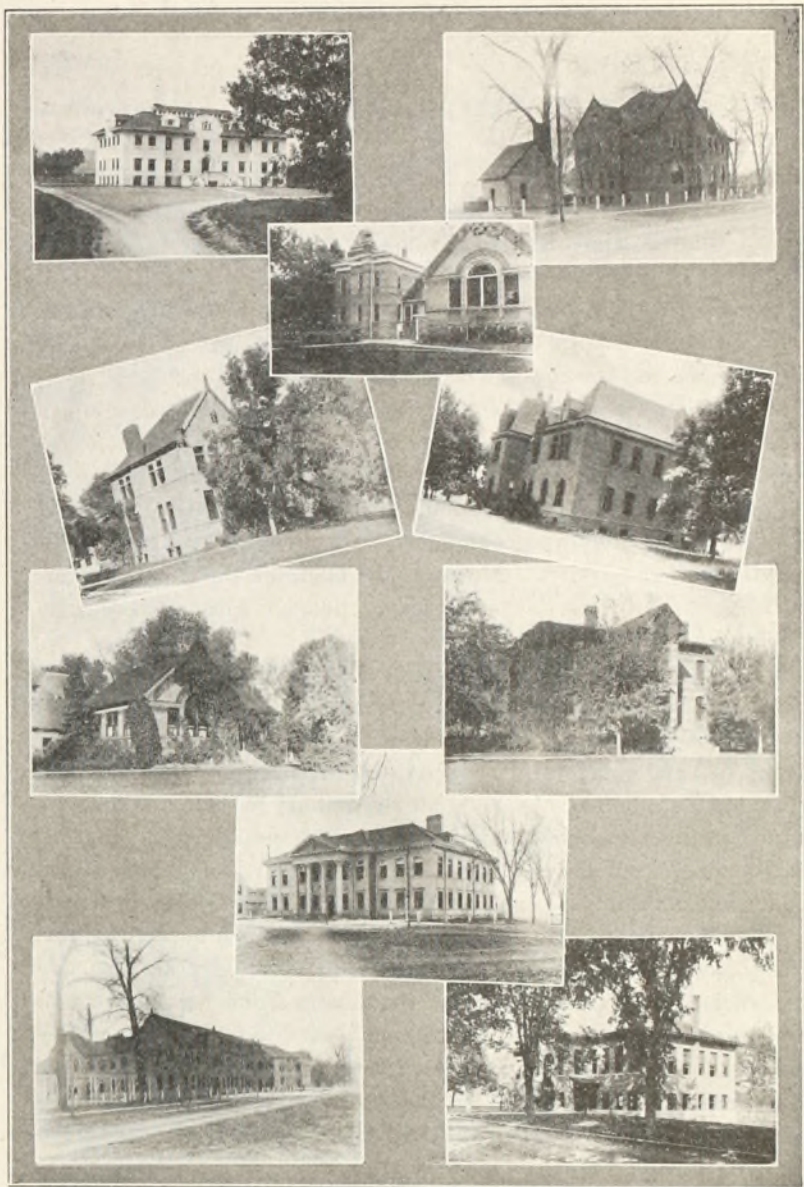
There is a casting off in everything that the true form may come. I think that should be the courage of living.—Mrs. A. D. T. Whitney.

# Colorado Agricultural College

By 'Gene Essex, Colorado Delta 17

**J**UST three years after the "initiation" of our well-beloved Centennial State into the Union, Colorado Aggies, founded in 1879, made her modest début. Supported jointly by the National and the State governments, the young institution earnestly and cheerfully took up its task, and has had a major part in developing regions in America. The ideals embossed on the seal of the Colorado, once so famous for her mining industries, is now equally well known as one of the most promising of farming and stock raising regions in America. The ideals embossed on the seal of the College, "Service," "Education," "Research," and "Extension," express most tritely and completely the principles that have guided her through the fruitful past and still continue the greatest source of inspiration to all who come to her doors. This is the spirit—"Service to all who ask."

Though building so diligently and well the farm industries of the state, the Agricultural College was seriously hampered in its growth and extension until Congress through the amended "Second Morrill Bill," in 1890 and later, supplied an appropriation for maintenance reaching its maximum of \$50,000 per annum in 1911. This fund, added to the permanent endowment of \$190,000, derived from half the original land grant of 90,000 acres under the "First Morrill Bill," and the Hatch Fund for Research of \$15,000 passed in 1887, enabled The Board of Agriculture to institute much needed improvements. State appropriations annually for special purposes also aided the officials in their work. Later the Adams Fund for experimental and research work added a maximum of \$15,000 to the college income. The problem of getting help to the farmer has been eminently furthered by the Smith-Lever Bill for extension with its accompanying fund. All in all, the Colorado Agricultural College received during the year 1915-16 over \$296,000. Investments at that time in all real estate and equipment had reached a total of over \$1,750,000. Many of the appropriations derived from the National Government will continue to increase slightly each year and President Lory of the college is, at the present writing, making an earnest



COLORADO AGRICULTURAL COLLEGE, FT. COLLINS, COLO.

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| Civil and Irrigation Engineering Building | Horticulture and Botany Building |
| A Portion of "Old Main"                   |                                  |
| Agronomy Building                         | Chemistry Building               |
| Conservatory of Music                     | Electrical Engineering Building  |
| Guggenheim Hall                           | of Household Arts                |
| Mechanical Engineering Building           | Soils Laboratory                 |

effort to secure a larger state appropriation and a greater mill levy than ever before, at Denver. The prospects are most encouraging, indeed, and it is the firm belief of all that the Colorado Agricultural College is now entering upon an unparalleled period of prosperity and efficiency.

In accordance with the terms of the Morrill Bills the curriculum of the college includes courses in agriculture, engineering, domestic and general science, veterinary medicine, and military science. The degree of Bachelor of Science is given in horticulture, agronomy, animal husbandry, entomology, and forestry; in civil and irrigation, electrical and mechanical engineering; and in domestic and general science. The four-year course in veterinary medicine leads to the degree of Doctor of Veterinary Medicine. Many of these courses are of noted excellence, and all are ranked high throughout the country. The civil and irrigation engineering course is equalled by few institutions, having, as it does, the advantages of the Government coöperation through the well-equipped irrigation laboratory. The domestic science courses are very highly recommended, and the veterinary course is the equal of the best in the country. Among our professors are several men of national reputation. They include Prof. C. P. Gillette, the entomologist; Dr. Wm. P. Headden, an authority on agricultural chemistry; Dr. E. P. Sandsten, eminent horticulturist, and Prof. E. B. House, specialist in civil and irrigation engineering. Dr. Chas. A. Lory, our fair-play president, is known and loved by all throughout the State, and by the many in the East and West who have met him.

Seven or eight classes of publications are issued by the college, comprising station bulletins, school catalogues, revenue reports, news bulletins, and special matters of interest. These are of material assistance to the faculty and students as well as the people of the State.

The college itself is situated on the southern edge of the prosperous little city of Ft. Collins. Here the largest and loveliest campus in the state spreads out its 320 acres of beauty. In summer it is a fairy land. On every hand tall trees spread their grateful shade over smooth green lawns and gay blossoms charm the eye and nostril. Through the leafy screen the smoky little Buckhorn, low lying Elk Ridge, and a myriad of wooded blue hills usher into view the king.

Long's Peak, towering among his courtiers in wonderful Estes Park, Colorado, the Switzerland of America, has no more beautiful spot than this! In the fall golden fields of ripening grain under the



COLONNADE, GUGGENHEIM  
HALL OF HOUSEHOLD ARTS

fleecy clouds, tall stacks of fragrant hay, and herds of fat cattle and swine make a charming vista through the banks of autumn leaves. There the college farm extends westward to the very foothills that cluster below the blue Rockies. Eighteen hundred acres and more of the best land much of which was donated by public spirited citizens, give opportunity for farm practice under varied conditions. Over the foothill pastures of 1,300 acres, roam blooded stock animals. Further up into the peaks the college supervises a forest range of 1,600 acres.

Near the Civil and Irrigation Building is the splendid new irrigation laboratory, operated by the government and college together. Half a mile to the east the grounds and equipment of the Experiment Station and the Government Horse Breeding Station attract much attention.

"Old Main," in the northeast corner of the Campus still keeps its circle of faithful old comrades about it. The old Electrical Building, the Conservatory of Music, the Entomology Building and Museum, the Chemistry Building, old "Hort. Hall," the Mechanical Building, the Library, the frame veterinary structures, and further south on the hill, Agricultural Hall with its old stone sheaves of wheat and ears of corn—these and others are the old timers that have given their best. From time to time new and more lovely structures grew up. Later generations of students hearken to the precepts of knowledge in such splendid structures as the Guggenheim Hall of

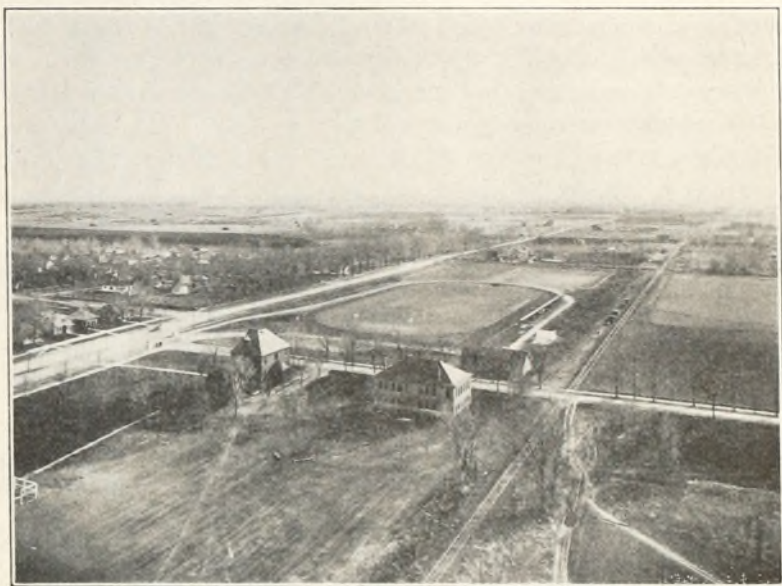
Household Arts, the new Civil and Irrigation Building, and the Soils Laboratory. Additions to old Main, the Library, and other buildings made available more room for growth. In 1915-16 the efficient and up-to-date new heating plant was completed, replacing the old inadequate one. But still Colorado Aggies is crowded. The latest enrollment report, January 25, 1917, records 667 students.

In addition to the college courses there is offered separately, under the name of The Colorado School of Agriculture, preparatory work for younger students along agricultural and domestic science lines. An enrollment of nearly 500 is accommodated. It is expected that the coming year will see the foundations laid for several new buildings in preparation for the regular ten per cent annual increase.

In the southeastern corner of the campus is Colorado Field, one of the best athletic parks in the Rocky Mountain states. The field comprises a sod football field and baseball diamond, a half-mile curbed cinder track, straightaway, and spaces for special events. It was completed in 1912 by the student body men who turned out en masse to wield pick and shovel with a will. On the west side is one section of steel grand-stand already erected, with more to come. Several thousand people can be seated comfortably. Nearby is a well-equipped modern clubhouse containing lockers, showers, heated rubbing tables, and supply stores in plenty. At the south end of the field is our new score board, the gift of the generous hearted business men of Ft. Collins. Colorado Field was opened for the football season of 1912-1913, and evidence goes to prove that Coach Hughes and the new field effectively vanquished the notorious Aggie jinx, for the first score read Aggies-21, University of Colorado-0. By the way, we see that Clemson College of South Carolina wants the coach to try their southern climate. We don't like to appear ill natured, Clemson College, but we hope it rains pitch forks and nigger babies, blows like a hurricane, and snows six feet deep with hail on top in South Carolina next year if Harry W. Hughes takes the train for Dixie-land. Coach Hughes has done more to put Colorado Aggies on the intercollegiate athletics map than any other one man. Taking us at the lower end of the list he has put us twice at the top with the Rocky Mountain Conference Championship in football. Other classes of sports are looking up greatly also as a direct result of

this man's initiative and personality. We expect to hear our chapel bell pealing victory for Aggies now from force of habit.

The aggressive, friendly spirit of the college founders is faithfully reflected and fostered in the present day faculty and student group by our popular president, Dr. Lory. Every face that passes leaves its message of cheerfulness, determination, and comradeship with you. Those coming to Aggies for the first time from other institutions are greatly impressed by the marked democracy that



COLORADO AGGIES' ATHLETIC FIELD

displays itself at every turn. We are all Aggies here, first; secondly, we are everything else. Snobbery and false display have no place in the college life and are discouraged by all.

A wealth of traditions and customs contributes to the unity of our big Aggie family and every professor and instructor knows them and supports them with all the fervent interest of an undergraduate. Who wouldn't run to see a handful of recalcitrant freshmen ducked for failure to wear the prescribed green cap—even in the middle of a class period? There are no dormitories at Colorado Aggies, but this



does not for a single minute endanger the "college spirit" of our institution, for Ft. Collins is small. In a remarkably short time a dandy turn-out can be secured for anything really important. Occasionally, you know, freshmen due at class functions may be "detained" at home. Or even seniors have been known to need convincing arguments to dissuade them from raising "mustachios." Any kindred event draws attendance as by the call of mental telepathy. Who will explain it? Then, there is that all important "Class Scrap" when nobody misses seeing the noble sophomores take the flush of conceit out of that most important class in college—the freshmen. In the spring of the year when the youthful fancy will do it anyhow, the college locks its front and back doors and all the windows, puts its key in its pocket, and hikes up to the emerald hills and valleys. Here the new student enters with wide eyes into the raptures of a "real College Day," and he or she never forgets it, believe us! There are many more cherished traditions that warm our hearts and fill our memories. The loss of them all never seems so keen as to him who must shortly give them up. But many of you who read have been there and know.

So here one is judged by what he is and does. "Pull" is spelled with a small "p" and "Push" with a capital.

From this student group Sigma Theta Pi came into being early in the year of 1911. The ten men responsible for its inception and successful organization were E. A. Dean, J. C. Hays, B. E. Dutton, E. H. Divelbliss, T. C. Allen, H. M. Woods, E. O. Marks, T. R. Warner, A. E. Paulson, and E. J. Thompson. During the first year no new men were taken in, all effort being toward perfecting the organization. In the fall of 1911 seven of the ten men returned to college and the fraternity began the struggle for success now history to our members. A larger and better house was leased and seven new men of worth were initiated during the school year. At this stage in our growth the fraternity laid the solid foundation upon which its present success and good name rest. In the fall of 1912, Sigma Alpha Epsilon was petitioned and the determination to "stick until successful" was voiced. Two more years of prosperity and growth followed, and again in 1914 Sigma Alpha Epsilon was petitioned at Chicago, our representative being present. Results at Chicago were encouraging and Sigma Theta Pi pursued its widening

path of progress. Members attained prominence in all lines of college activity. Harmony was the first word in all things and when the time came to submit our third petition to the convention at Pittsburgh, last December, Sigma Theta Pi had another two years of genuine advancement to lay before Sigma Alpha Epsilon. Accordingly, therefore, when the news of our success flashed over the wires from representative Lee Foster—"Unanimous for us. Celebrate, darn you, celebrate!"—why—we celebrated!

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### Character and Reputation

There is a difference between character and reputation. Character is what a man is; reputation is what he is thought to be. Men of good character are generally men of good reputation, but this is not always the case, as the motives and actions of the best of men are sometimes misunderstood and misrepresented. But it is important above everything else that we be right and do right, whether our motives and actions are properly understood and appreciated or not. Nothing can be so important to any man as the formation and possession of a good character.—Edmund Burke.

## Installing Colorado Delta

By Frazer Arnold, Illinois Psi-Omega

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**T**HE Pittsburgh Convention unanimously voted the local, Sigma Theta Pi, a charter; letters of marque were issued to Bro. George D. Kimball to tow the prize to harbor; and the evening of February 3 was fixed as the big day of the new chapter of  $\Sigma$  A E, located at Colorado Agricultural College, in Fort Collins.

For several years this local has been made the protégé of the Denver Alumni Association. Plans were therefore elaborated by that body for an installation which—

“When we are dead and gone from here  
To swim the fiery sea”—

would be remembered alike by neophyte and initiate.

Jack Lewis headed the committee, and the program was this, in outline: A luncheon at noon, a photograph of the gathering, adjournment to the place of installation, installation, and the banquet.

The Denver Alumni Association lunches at half-past twelve every Saturday at the Denver Athletic Club—where all visiting  $\Sigma$  A Es are urgently invited to come—and it is a poor Saturday when the attendance does not exceed thirty. About one hundred assembled at luncheon on February 3 including all the choicest celebrities among the mile-high brethren. Lieut. Bill Vaile, “near-Congressman,” just returned from the Border, was honored and made more famous in song by our ever musical Boulder Chapter, the vehicle of renown being that famous ditty too long to quote but which will occur to the minds of many when I say that Bill was represented as having—

“Fit with General Grant, by God!”—

and been hit by a cannon ball somewhere in France. A notable luncheon truly.

Then the whole crowd adjourned to the steps of the United States Mint. Von Bernstorff had been handed his passports that morning and the Denver mint was closed to the public by rush orders from Washington. When you scan the photograph in this number, therefore, remember that some \$500,000,000 in gold and silver coin and bullion were stored behind the doors and that this depository, the



REPRESENTATIVES OF THE THREE COLORADO CHAPTERS, DENVER ALUMNI ASSOCIATION, AND CHARACTER MEMBERS OF COLORADO DELTA AT THE INSTALLATION CEREMONY, DENVER, FEBRUARY 3, 1917

safest and most heavily laden in America, was the particular care of Uncle Sam's treasury at the moment when the photographer was turning his panorama.

From the mint the meeting adjourned to the Masonic Temple, and the routine work of signing the scroll and receipting for the pins began. This business consumed two hours, and during it, as pre-arranged, those who were demanded at their places of business, scattered, and all reassembled at four o'clock for the ceremony of the ritual. Here was a gathering indeed. Three live active chapters debouched their cohorts and battalions into the majestic and smoke-laden hall; Colorado Chi, Colorado Lambda, Colorado Zeta; which is to say, Boulder, the School of Mines, and the University of Denver. August alumni foregathered in squads and platoons. Before the ritual began, Minerva and King Nicotine reigned in splendor, but presently the glory of the king faded and Minerva was supreme. George D. Kimball, like St. Dunston in his hood, assumed the gavel, and that incorporeal entity to be forever known as Colorado Delta, began to take on the hue of life.

There were forty-three neophytes, twenty-nine active, and fourteen alumni. The following are the installation officers: Past Eminent Archon, B. M. Webster; Eminent Archon, Geo. D. Kimball; Eminent Deputy Archon, R. R. Andruss; Eminent Recorder, W. N. Vaile; Eminent Treasurer, H. G. Garwood; Eminent Correspondent, G. M. Cheney; Eminent Chronicler, F. J. Reinhard; Eminent Warden, G. A. Yetter; Eminent Herald, R. G. Stovall.

The ritual ended at five-thirty; Bro. Lee Foster was chosen E. A. of Colorado Delta, and the meeting then broke up, to reassemble in an hour at the largest and best celebration ever held among Colorado Greeks.

Founders' Day banquet had been advanced to the date of the installation, and the result was the best banquet and the best installation ever known west of the Mississippi, if not of the Atlantic.

To reproduce a printed program is dead language, and the events moreover were in number and variety like acts in a hippodrome. Two hundred and three brethren were present, seated at a long table shaped like a capital U around a ring, with a stage at the open end. Wrestling and boxing bouts in the ring; songs, vaudeville, opera,

burlesque, on the stage. Hired talent figured, but most important was the symposium of song, dance, comedy, and instrumental melody offered by the four active chapters and a few alumni. A glimpse of army life given by Colorado Delta brought down the house. Prof. Brother Wolle of Boulder attired like the bird of paradise gave a hula hula that carried the crowd back to the beach at "Poona," and ended up with Egyptian and Greek studies in deep emotion like Isadora Duncan does, but better. George Shaw of Ft. Collins told of another eloquent legal light who, unlike George, got



CHAPTER HOUSE AND ACTIVE MEMBERS OF COLORADO DELTA,  
FT. COLLINS, COLO.

in bad; while between every course and every number, resounded the choruses of the three active chapters roared out in unison. To show that this account is not over colored by patriotism, I record the fact that numerous bald-headed residents at the athletic club crowded the balcony of the gymnasium, and looked on and listened with high amusement until the end.

One outstanding comment was the approval of the sketches staged by Colorado Delta and of the new chapter generally. There was naturally a good deal of war talk. Steadman, who refereed the bouts, was to leave in a few days for Ft. Leavenworth, having just

won a commission in the army. General sentiment seemed to agree with our distinguished frater John M. Dickinson, Ex-secretary of War, who had that morning declared for a little action, and you heard the famous lines:

“They think we will not start it, but by jingo if we do,

We’ve got the men, we’ve got the guns, we’ve got the money too.”

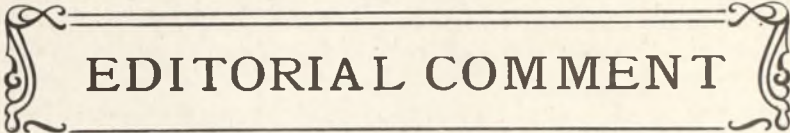
George Kimball read, to the accompaniment of applause, scores of telegrams sending best wishes to Colorado Delta, from Maine, California, Florida, Washington, and every section of the continent. When the last of these messages of good will had been proclaimed and cheered, the banquet ended, with the yell, at midnight.

The following is a list of the charter members of Colorado Delta: Bert Edmund Dutton, Earl Joseph Thompson, John William Mollenhauer, Earl Barton Darrow, Floyd Edgar Ball, Harry Charles Graham, William Louis Green, Homer Virgil McCullah, Archie Joseph Chisholm, Francis Alfred Chisholm, Richard Lisle Strong, Ralph Rollin Robinson, George Robert Johnson, Norman Lee Foster, Ralph Erland Alstead, Stephen Leroy Conrey, David Harry Moffat Strong, Carl Herman Doehling, Roscoe Harry Becker, Charles Eugene Essex, Harold Livermore Gaymon, Leonard Saville Smith, Hobart Eugene Northrup, Linne Daniel Klemmedson, Ralph Lewis Freed, Edwin Eugene Summers, Jay Tracy Williams, William Arthur Ross, Joseph Donald Chisholm, Harley Kelso Stevens, Ray Duff-Willson, Wayne Mellinger Akin, Frederick Naugle Megahan, George Zopher Dimmitt, Paul Fredrick Sweitzer, Volney Briscoe Bowles, Otto Clair Brubaker, Irving Otto Schaefer, Frederick Axel Fredlund, Donald Arthur Sillers, William Edward Strohm, Phillip Edwin Murray, Wendell Lowell Bevan.

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### Books: Our Teachers and Our Good Masters

These are the masters who instruct us without whip or rod, without harsh words or anger, asking naught in return. If you seek them, they are not asleep; if you ask counsel of them, they do not refuse it; if you go astray, they do not chide; if you betray ignorance to them, they know not how to laugh in scorn. Truly, of all our masters, Books alone are free and freely teach.—Richard de Bury, 1345.



## EDITORIAL COMMENT

One who attended the Pittsburgh Convention can not look back upon it without feeling a thrill of enthusiasm. In every one of its activities it left an indelible impression. The business of the convention, the reports of officers, the attentiveness and good judgment of the delegates, the inspiration of the ritual, wonderfully exemplified, the heart-felt sentiments expressed by our orators, in convention and at the banquet, the beauty and exhilaration of the ball, and best of all, the genuine hospitality of our hosts, the Pittsburgh Alumni Association and Pennsylvania Chi-Omicron. To them we give all praise for their untiring efforts in making us feel at home. As to the business part of the convention we can not but express our admiration for the systematic manner in which Brother Almy planned and arranged it. Every detail was worked out in advance, even to assigning a definite seat to each delegate. And yet, with all of his foresight and planning there were too many matters left over for the last day of the convention. Probably this can not be avoided, but it is a matter about which we should give some thought and endeavor to devise a plan to expedite matters so that more committee reports will be ready for consideration earlier in the convention. Truly, Pittsburgh gave us a great convention.

Minerva, the Goddess of Wisdom, has smiled upon five new chapters. It was a generous act, but one indicating the spirit of her intelligence, for it is the part of wisdom to do those things which are good. Unselfishness, as thus exemplified, surely manifests a real democratic spirit in her brood and our Fraternity may justly feel proud of its record of advancement in this respect. It is, therefore, with genuine pleasure that we welcome into our circle the five new gems to add their lustre to the glittering helmet of our patron goddess. It is a fine thing to be a fraternity man. To have an opportunity to prove that the



ideals for which we stand are a real vital force in our everyday conduct. Let us not forget then that the world has a right to expect better deeds from fraternity men and is justified in requiring them to demonstrate their worth. In this hour of rejoicing, however, it is well for our new chapters to realize the seriousness of the task before them, the grandeur of the obligation they have assumed. Let it be a time for sober thought—not merely a pledging of fealty to the ideals exemplified by our ritual—but rather a sincere resolve to put into action those principles which stand for manliness. Here, my brothers, is a task that is worthy of the best that is in you. May success crown your efforts.

Some one has said that reason is the most active of the human faculties. We were strongly impressed of the truth of this statement by a little incident which happened during the debate on

**Have You a Reason?** granting a charter to one of our petitioners. A delegate from an active chapter, absolutely sincere, who was opposing the granting of the charter, in answer to a direct request to state his objections, in effect said, "I can not put my objections into words, but did you ever black-ball a man without knowing just why?" In reply, Judge Tuttle, who was presenting the merits of the local, said, "No! I never black-balled a man without reason." Here is a good rule to follow in our everyday conduct—and most certainly under the circumstances mentioned. In many cases a little self-examination might reveal prejudice, ignorance, and indifference—but let us hope, never conceit nor snobbishness. "Come, let us reason together." But certainly this does not mean to be ignorant, prejudiced, conceited nor snobbish together.

"The Fraternity is the only thing in my life which has not been accompanied with disappointments," said Judge Tuttle in his banquet address. Truly, this is a ringing testimonial of the influence and worth of the Fraternity when it is taken seriously. To those who are familiar with his career, with his devotion to the Fraternity, and especially to his chapter, such a statement is not surprising. It merely made

Judge Arthur  
J. Tuttle

the Fraternity stand out bigger and nobler than ever before. If there was ever a loyal member of  $\Sigma$  A E, one who has tried to live up to its teachings, it is our beloved brother, Judge Tuttle, Honorary Past Eminent Supreme Archon. It is our sincere wish that he may be with us at many future conventions—and that the Fraternity may continue to be to him what he has been to it.

Are you ready for war? Not with the Germans—but in the event war with Germany becomes an actual fact—which we hope and pray it will not. Here is something worthy of the serious contemplation of every chapter—for in such a crisis, it will be the young men in our colleges and fraternities who will first respond to the call of Uncle Sam. Are you able to stand such a call? Are your finances in such condition that your local debts will be cared for? Will your chapter house obligations be met? Will the chapter continue to live? Perhaps we view the situation too seriously. But, as we see it, there is but one possible precaution and that is a large membership. Then if the call to arms does come, the large chapter will be prepared to send its quota of men to the front, and at the same time, leave enough behind to keep the fires of fraternalism glowing, and a membership capable of fulfilling every obligation.

We abhor war as does every thinking man. Unfortunately the world has not advanced to that stage when war is no longer possible. Police forces are still necessary in cities and the proverbial constable in rural communities. Yet the world is growing better, and the time will come when brotherhood will be more the rule than the exception. But we must deal with the present. To be able to defend our homes, our country, means more than a willingness to die for them. It means to be ready to preserve them—and this can only be done by being prepared. We do not need, nor do we want, a large standing army. But we do want and do need men with a sufficient knowledge to be of service when the call comes. Men who can be moulded into an efficient service in a short time. We confess to having had several patriotic thrills of late and a willingness to serve in any capacity—but it would take us a year, at least, to get a sufficient knowledge

of the service and to be able physically to stand the hardships connected with military life. If military training had been a part of our high school and college life for a decade we could soon mobilize a formidable force for defensive purposes. Such a training would not Prussianize this country, nor would it destroy democracy. But it would give us more men who are able to give efficient service to our country in time of need. It seems to us the most feasible plan. We wish to call attention to an article which will appear in the May issue on the inefficiency of the National Guard system. You may not agree, but it is well worth considering.

It was our great privilege to attend the Interfraternity Conference as one of the delegates representing  $\Sigma$  A E. We confess, too, that we had dreamed of just such an experience but it is not exactly what we thought it would be. It is a case where anticipation exceeded the realization. We do not say this in a critical sense but rather as a youthful confession to having high aims and ideals for the work of the Conference. What was lacking, you say? Well, it was this: there was not sufficient time for intermingling and getting acquainted; there was not sufficient discussion of the splendid reports submitted; there did not seem to be a clear understanding as to the exact function of the Conference. We would not have you believe that we did not appreciate nor enjoy the meeting. On the contrary, we were deeply impressed by the seriousness and sincerity of the delegates. We had long desired to meet Wm. Raimond Baird, Professor Shepardson, O. H. Cheney, J. B. Curtis, Dean Clark, E. B. Hulley, Frank F. Rogers, and the hosts of others prominent in fraternity work—and that desire was gratified in part, for we had the pleasure of exchanging greetings with them and others. We were impressed by the care and attention devoted to the preparation of the various reports. We enjoyed the remarks made upon them. But withal there was a something lacking, and we can not better express it than by saying that most of the discussion did not accomplish very much. We believe most heartily in the Conference and feel gratified at the progress it has made. If it had done nothing more than destroy the prejudice and suspicion which once prevented

coöperation it would have been worth while. But it has accomplished infinitely more and we feel sure that the future has better things in store for it and for the fraternity system under its guidance. In this regard we call attention to an article in this issue of *THE RECORD* by Chas. P. Wood, formerly editor of the magazine. It strikes the keynote of a serious problem for fraternities to solve, a problem which has been in the minds of earnest fraternity workers, and a problem which, when solved, will mean that fraternity membership will be open to all those who desire it. The Conference is alert to the situation and its activity in this regard will be closely watched in many quarters.

With an ever-increasing cost of publication and with an income which has not been keeping pace, we have been forced to make many changes in the make-up of *THE RECORD*. We are also bound to observe a certain limit in its size, and if we are unable to devote as much space to the various departments as in previous years, it will be understood rather as a necessity of economy and not from choice. On the other hand the use of the coated surface paper offers some advantages and we trust that our income will be sufficient to enable us to take advantage of them. While as a steady diet we prefer the old form of *THE RECORD* we hope that the change in appearance and form will meet with the approval of our readers.

**The Record  
Make-up**

**Is It Possible?**

Observe good faith and justice towards all nations; cultivate peace and harmony with all; religion and morality enjoin this conduct; can it be that good policy does not equally enjoin it? It will be worthy of a free, enlightened, and, at no distant period, a great nation, to give to mankind the magnanimous and too novel example of a people always guided by an exalted justice and benevolence. Who can doubt that, in the course of times and things, the fruits of such a plan would richly repay any temporary advantages which might be lost by a steady adherence to it? Can it be that Providence has not connected the permanent felicity of a nation with its virtue? The experiment, at least, is recommended by every sentiment which ennobles human nature. Alas! is it rendered impossible by its vices? —From Washington's Farewell Address.

## THE COLLEGE HUMORISTS

COLLECTED BY J. M. PARMELEE

Old Robinson (inspecting young R.'s "personal expenses" account for the last term)—What do you mean by \$40 for tennis?

Young Robinson (easily)—Oh! that's for a couple of rackets I had to have.

Old gentleman (severely)—Yes, I understand, but I think we used to call them bats.—*Princeton Tiger*.

"Mr. Jones has such a dainty appetite."

"Yes, and such acute indigestion."—*Harvard Lampoon*.

He—I'm afraid this story will shock you.

She—It will if I haven't heard it.—*Dartmouth Jack O'Lantern*.

Guy—Do you know Lincoln's Gettysburg address?

Jane—I thought he lived at the White House.—*Ohio Sun Dial*.

John (angrily)—Now I see through your subterfuge.

Marie—Well, that's only because there's a very bright sun.—*Dartmouth Jack O'Lantern*.

First student (examining change)—Hey, waiter! Where do you get these Canadian dimes?

Second student—Canada, you chump!—*Yale Record*.

"My heart is with the ocean!" cried the poet rapturously.

"You've gone me one better," replied the seasick friend, as he took a firmer grip on the rail.—*Princeton Tiger*.

"It's an extended corridor that has no ultimate termination," mused the absent-minded professor, as he patiently plodded around the revolving doorway.—*Dartmouth Jack O'Lantern*.

First select a girl (a pretty one). Then bet her a dollar that you can kiss her without touching her. (This sounds impossible and will appeal to her sporting blood.) Next kiss her and pay the dollar like a good loser. Who wins?—*Harvard Lampoon*.

Lounge Lizard—Why are debutantes always so healthy looking?

Rocking-chair Reptile—Aw, think of the simple life they lead.—*Williams Purple Cow*.

Ruth loves Merrill.

Merrill loves Ruth.

Merrill wants to wander.

Ruth wonders why he would wander.

Says Ruth, "Let us at least wander together."

But Merrill doesn't want to wander that way.

Says he, "No."

He exits ruthlessly, but Merrilly.—*Columbia Jester*.

Poly Sci Prof.—What has been the dominant character of America's military program up to the last three years?

Stude (who was on a party the night before)—Not prepared, sir.

Prof.—Correct.—*Michigan Gar-goyle*.

"Old Professor Gobbs has been teaching here a long time, hasn't he?"

"I should say he had—why, when he began teaching, he lectured on current events; now his subject is Mediaeval History."—*Princeton Tiger*.

"Don't you consider an order of rare beef improper?"

"Why so?"

"Because it isn't done, you know."—*Pennsylvania Punch Bowl*.

And Possibly the Steak Burns?—Two tramps who had been literary men, but had fallen even lower, were wending their hungry way past a farm house. Smoke was coming from the kitchen chimney. It was supper time for everyone but the literary tramps.

Mused one, "It looks like Keats over there."

Answered the other, "Yes, and I bet the potatoes are Browning."—*Ohio Sun Dial*.

Alphonse—Where is ze maid?

Jean—Ze maid is arranging ze hair of Madame.

Alphonse—Oui, Et Madame, is she with her?—*Pennsylvania Punch Bowl*.

Bounder—I see Binks has a new siren for his car.

Rounder—You don't say! What happened to the blond?—*Stanford Chaparral*.

"Bill Smith made an awful break at the Style's tea."

"How so?"

"Someone handed him a cup of hot chocolate with whipped cream on it."

"What's wrong with that?"

"Well, he put his foot on the round of the chair and blew off the cream."—*Princeton Tiger*.

Fair One (after coaxing young man to sing)—Don't ever tell me that you can't sing—I know now.—*Pitt Panther*.

Queen of Spain—Moi Gracia! The baby has the stomach ache.

Lord Chamberlain (excitedly)—Woo! Call in the Secretary of the Interior.—*Northwestern Candle*.

"Why do you trade at the Coop?"

"Oh, I suppose because it's on the square."—*Harvard Lampoon*.

"Gracious, how close it is in here! Let's go out."

"But, my dear, the orchestra will change the air in a minute."—*Yale Record*.

He—Let me stay an hour more, dear—just an hour by the clock.

She—But, Billie, the clock doesn't need company.—*Penn State Froth*.

Starvation.—The shipwrecked sailor sat disconsolate on a lonely raft in the middle of the trackless ocean. In his hands he held the last remnants of a pair of shoes. "Though reduced to the lowest extremities and completely surrounded by water," he croaked hoarsely, "I can still take to my heels." With these words he made his semi-weekly meal and spent the remainder of the afternoon picking the nails out of his teeth.—*Princeton Tiger*.

She—What were you doing after the accident?

He—Scraping up an acquaintance.—*Cornell Widow*.

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El Paso, Texas

The first of a series of entertainments to be held by the local alumni of the Sigma Alpha Epsilon Fraternity and those of the different regiments stationed in El Paso was held Saturday evening at the Sheldon Hotel. The army members attending were: Lieut. Robert T. Hayes, Kentucky Epsilon; Herbert Blakey, Kentucky Alpha; James H. Roberts, Kentucky Iota; Quartermaster Sergeant Bailey A. Radford, Kentucky Epsilon; Chaplain Joseph Clemens, Fifth Field Artillery, Pennsylvania Psi-Omega; I. H. Schroth, Ohio Field Hospital, Ohio Epsilon; Frank W. Forsythe, Fourth Ohio Hospital, Ohio Delta; Sergeant G. S. Prugh, Ohio Field Hospital, Ohio Epsilon; Sergeant W. S. Evans, Third Kentucky Infantry, Kentucky Iota; F. L. Pierce, Fifth Ohio Infantry, Ohio Rho; A. H. McBride, Jr., Atlanta Artillery, Georgia Psi; Capt. E. J. Felts, Company M, Third Kentucky Infantry, Kentucky Iota; Sergeant Harry M. Seubert, Troop D, Ohio Cavalry, Ohio Alpha; E. M. Hinchman, Ohio Engineers, Ohio Epsilon; A. E. Ely, Kentucky Infantry, Kentucky Kappa; Sergeant C. H. Porter, Ohio Field Hospital, Ohio Epsilon; Captain J. D. Elliott, 34th U. S. Infantry, Alabama Alpha-Mu.

The local alumni who attended were Henry F. Reynaud, Judge M. W. Stanton, H. C. Enos, S. S. Nichols, C. H. Teague, Allen Grambling, Hugh Coldwell, Douglass Crowell, R. M. Shaver, Zach L. Cobb, C. W. Croom, Ballard Coldwell, Colbert Coldwell, O. Karr, and Thornton Hardie.

It was decided that a dance would be given in honor of the Sigma Alpha Epsilons in the army and that

a banquet would be held on the night before Thanksgiving.

Brief talks were made by Zach L. Cobb, Chaplain Joseph Clemens, M. W. Stanton, and Judge Ballard Coldwell.

Sixty  $\Sigma$  A E S arrived with the Georgia regiments Saturday night too late to attend the supper—*El Paso News*.

Hartford, Conn.

THE Hartford Alumni Association is not large in numbers, since it does not have any local active chapter to furnish members for it, but it has sixteen upon its rolls at the present time. Two of these are from the old Connecticut Alpha of Trinity College, long since defunct, while most of the others are from the Massachusetts chapters or the middle west.

We represent many different lines of work, the law, the ministry, teaching, insurance, and salesmanship being conspicuous, but are a very congenial company, and find that we gain breadth by the interchange of experiences and varying points of view. Our regular meetings are at a monthly luncheon which is now being held at the University Club on the first Tuesday of the month, and the membership of the association is composed of those who are in the city or near enough to meet more or less regularly with us. We have also annually a Founders' Day banquet at which other brothers are present from a greater distance. Brothers stopping temporarily in Hartford, or passing through the city, will be heartily welcomed if they will look us up.

We are glad to report that our president, F. L. Jeffers, who is a most enthusiastic fraternity worker,

but who had seemed hopelessly doomed to a bachelor's life, has repented of the folly of his ways and is about to take unto himself a wife, as we learn from the announcement of his engagement which appeared recently in a Hartford paper.

E. S. PIERCE.

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Indianapolis, Ind.

THE December meeting of the executive committee of the Interfraternity Conference of Indiana was held at the Board of Trade yesterday. The committee consists of thirty-two members, representing as many different national college fraternities and more than 5,500 Greek-letter men in the state. Howard Webster Adams, Beta Theta Pi, was elected president to succeed George M. Cook, Sigma Nu, who recently removed to Chicago to assume a position with the Associated Press. Mr. Adams has been secretary of the conference and Harry E. Jordan, *Sigma Alpha Epsilon*, was chosen as his successor. Other officers are Charles Warren Fairbanks, Phi Gamma Delta, vice-president, and Henry F. Campbell, Delta Tau Delta, treasurer. Preliminary arrangements were made for the annual banquet, which will be held the latter part of January. It also was decided to hold a series of noon luncheons during the coming year, to which all college fraternity men are invited. The first luncheon will be held January 6 at the Ayres tearoom.—*Indianapolis Star*, December 20, 1916.

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New York

THE annual meeting of the New York Alumni Association of Sigma Alpha Epsilon was held

December 12, 1916, at the New York Athletic Club. Delegate and alternate to the Pittsburgh convention were chosen, and officers and the Executive Committee elected for the ensuing year. The Alumni Degree Committee rendered its report in writing. The report was accepted and the committee discharged with thanks. The treasurer was instructed to distribute the Alumni Degree Ritual prize fund in accordance with the terms of the contest. Checks have been sent accordingly to Bro. William C. Levere, winner of the first prize, and to Bro. Watson B. Selvage, the only other contestant who complied with all of the conditions of the contest. A committee is at work revising the ritualistic material submitted and as soon as the revision is completed, another committee will undertake to exemplify the proposed alumni degree before the association. It is confidently expected that this will take place this spring.

The Executive Committee is considering the feasibility of permanent clubhouse accommodations for the association. The success of the association, aside from any plan for permanent quarters, obviously depends upon the cooperation of all  $\Sigma A E$  men in the metropolis, and they should make sure that the secretary is informed of their address and advised of any change of address. This will insure notices being sent, and enable men to participate in the activities of the association.

The Executive Committee is confident that an  $\Sigma A E$  alumni chapter house can be established in a convenient section of the city, if a sufficient number of men signify their willingness to rent rooms at moderate prices. Men contemplating



settling in New York this summer or next fall who desire such facilities are urged to communicate at an early date with the secretary of this association, as their name together with those already on file may insure the realization of the project. A dinner will be held to celebrate Founders' Day.

WILLIAM LILLY.

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Sioux City, Iowa

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THE second annual dinner of the Sioux City Alumni Association was held at the West Hotel in Sioux City the evening of December 30. Not as large attendance as could have been desired, but a good feed was enjoyed. Several new pledges were present and we provided ourselves with a set of officers and a working plan for another year. The officers elected are: President, Alfred G. Smaltz, Minnesota Alpha, Kingsley, Iowa; Secretary Stanley G. Eaton, New Hampshire Alpha; Treasurer, Hubert Everist, Indiana Beta; Director, Paul Sturges, Nebraska Lambda-Rho, all of Sioux City, and Clark Elmore, South Dakota Sigma, Vermilion, S. D., director. We planned to have a joint celebration with South Dakota Sigma on Founders' Day in Sioux City but the chapter at Vermilion believes it best to have their banquet at home so we will have no Founders' Day banquet, but many will go to Vermilion or to their own chapters.

Saturday, March 17, at 1 p. m., at the West Hotel in Sioux City we will hold our first luncheon and continue at the same time and place every week after, as long as we have a crowd. As it only takes "three to make a crowd" we hope to make these luncheons a permanent event. But as there are few of

us we depend upon the traveling brothers who come this way to join with us whenever in Sioux City on Saturday.

After the brief business noted above was transacted we indulged in a regular  $\Sigma A E$  talkfest and further limbered up by gathering around the piano and singing  $\Sigma A E$  songs. Stanley Eaton is smiled upon from time to time by the muse of poetry and as a result presented us with some new  $\Sigma A E$  verses set to music by his sister.

"Oh! this is a song of a dozen schools

In the East and South and West,  
And this is a song of a dozen fools  
For each said his school was best.

So they wrangled with nary a pause  
And they argued loud and free.

But each was as good as the other  
one was

For they all pledged  $\Sigma A E$ .

And so they dwelt when the fight  
was done

In brotherly amity

For the Alma Maters are all one

'In the bonds of  $\Sigma A E$ .'

The out-of-town brothers present were: Art May, Nebraska Lambda-Rho, Oakland, Neb.; Clifford Hallis, and Clark Elmore, South Dakota Sigma, Vermilion, S. D.; Charles Sheldon, Minnesota Alpha; Charles Shepard, pledge, Minnesota Alpha, Lemars, Iowa; George Sturges, Nebraska Lambda-Rho, Kingsley, Iowa. Pledges Lerch and Schuetz, of Iowa Gamma, both of Sioux City, also were with us.

Nothing new or startling has happened to most of us since the last writing. Among those who finished school last spring and have located in this territory are George Sturges, Nebraska Lambda-Rho, who is practicing law in Kingsley, Iowa, and Noble K. Jones, Minnesota Alpha, who is located at Lemars,

Iowa, and is connected with the Wheat Meal Co., which is a rock-ribbed  $\Sigma$  A E institution.

In the past year John Harvey, Colorado Lambda, has been pretty near all over the continent looking for a location which would be as interesting and not as dangerous as old Mexico, has recently decided upon "somewhere" in Cuba. We will find out just where before long as we are expecting him home, his engagement to Miss Abbott of Sioux City having been announced.

Hubert Everist and Wm. P. Shepard, Minnesota Alpha, are both sojourning in the sunny south, but for widely various reasons, the former with his family on pleasure bent, and the other because his medical or patriotic zeal led him into the Hospital Corps of the 1st Field Artillery, Minnesota National Guard.

ALFRED G. SMALTZ.

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Syracuse, New York

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A REGULAR meeting of the Syracuse Alumni Association of  $\Sigma$  A E was held November 19, 1916, in conjunction with a meeting of the New York Delta Association, at the temporary quarters of the chapter, 716 S. Crouse Ave. Plans for a new chapter house were discussed and committees were appointed to investigate various phases of the question. At the next meeting, March 9, the house question will be taken up again and the matter definitely settled.

The following officers were elected for the year: President, Prof. Chas. H. Richardson; Vice-president, Dr. M. L. Ryan; Secretary, William V. Dixon.

WILLIAM V. DIXON.

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### Founders' Day Celebrations

There is every indication that Founders' Day will be universally observed this year. We are particularly gratified at this and hope that every chapter and every alumni association will send an account of its celebration for the May issue of *THE RECORD*. Remember copy must be in the hands of the editor not later than April 1. We are particularly anxious to have an account from each alumni association—and if a list of the membership is included it will be printed in connection with the article. Toasts and speeches worthy of being handed on to the others are also desired and we will appreciate the loan of the manuscript in order that the Fraternity at large may be given the pleasure in sharing them.

## CHAPTER LETTERS

*Chapter letters for the May RECORD must be in the hands of the Editor not later than the first of April. As this date has purposely been fixed as late as the prompt publication of THE RECORD will permit, correspondents who ignore this warning will risk the non-appearance of their letters in the forthcoming issue.*

*Elect as your correspondent the man who can write, and whose sense of duty and personal responsibility is such that it is certain that he will write. No man should have this post because of his mere popularity.*

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### PROVINCE ALPHA

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Maine Alpha, University of Maine,  
Orono

**T**HE anxious hours which the mid-year examinations bring have just past and we are now launching on our second semester.

We heartily appreciate the Thanksgiving visits of Brother Doctor Whitman who always brings good cheer to Maine Alpha. At present we have with us Brother Dorsey, '16, who has recently begun on his duties as instructor of agriculture here at the university.

The Christmas house party was "some party." It was planned to be a one evening event, but amid the gay life of the dance, nature brought Mr. Snowstorm, and when the late hour for departing came we found ourselves "shut in from all the world without." So our formal party became a week-end visit. We all agree with "Marm" Waterhouse, "too bad it couldn't have lasted longer."

I take pleasure in introducing our new pledges: Packard, Duncan, Harriman, and Lurvey, whom we

are to initiate on February 24. We shall endeavor to make the ritual ceremony very impressive.

Brother Joy was our regular delegate to the National Convention. Brother Barbour attended the convention en route to a prohibition convention at Lexington, Ky.

It is with great sorrow we speak of our departed brother, George Smith, who entered the university in the class of 1916, but owing to ill health was obliged to leave at the end of his sophomore year. The funeral was held on January 22 at his home in Hanover, Maine.

We are now centering our energies on making our annual February 22 celebration a great success. We have sent letters to all the alumni and are looking for a big bunch back.

ARMAND E. JOY.

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Massachusetts Beta-Upsilon, Boston University, Boston

**T**WENTY-FIVE years ago in April, Σ A E entered the East establishing the chapter at Boston

University. At that time the college was a small city institution of eight hundred students. Today, it ranks third in enrollment among the New England colleges with a total student body of three thousand four hundred.

In 1920, when Massachusetts celebrates tercentenary of the founding of the Plymouth Colony, the faculty and student body of the college are to commemorate the fiftieth anniversary of the establishment of Boston University. Boston  $\Sigma A E$ s and the men of Massachusetts Beta-Upsilon want the 1920 Convention of  $\Sigma A E$  in Boston. We are going to get it.

Massachusetts Beta-Upsilon welcomes New Hampshire Beta. It seems very appropriate to have New Hampshire Alpha, which was the last of the eastern chapters to be established in Province Alpha, usher in the "Baby" on March 10. We are going to send a big delegation to help wheel the "go-cart."

In April of this year the chapter expects to have the best birthday banquet and celebration of its history. All sorts of plans and intrigues are being laid to make April 29, 1917, a day filled with the memories of all that is good in the associations of alumni and active chapter, and a day of tradition for the future men.

On April 27 there is to be a dance, at which time we are going to ask the faculty and coeds of the college to help us out. "Bill" Cozens is chairman of the dance committee.

Saturday, April 28, is to be the real celebration. It is to be the twenty-fifth anniversary celebration banquet. Listen, alumni, we have a big surprise in store for you. We want you to help us put this surprise over in the right way. "Ed" Medley away up in Cordova, Alaska,

where gold nuggets are used to pave the streets, is coming down to help us. We want it the biggest and best.

Sunday, April 29, is to bring forth an informal get-together at the house. We hope that the underlying purpose and the thoughts of these few days will be for the future development of a better chapter.

In retrospect, the last semester was very successful. The active chapter totals to date twenty-one active men. The men have all been scholastically strong and it has been the purpose of the chapter to keep its scholarship high.

A new field was opened to us with the establishment of the day sessions of the College of Business Administration which consists of a four-year course leading to a degree of Bachelor of Business Administration. The entering class comprises two hundred and eighty students. We are certain that our standard accounts will be kept in business-like condition as of yore. Brothers Burrage, Calderwood, and McLeod all expect to be bankers. I mean *bank presidents*.

Brother Morton, who is located in Farmington, Maine, where he makes doughnuts and tries to corner the wheat market every once in a while but never succeeds, because the housewives immediately declare a boycott on "Every Bite Deserves Another," visited us while on his honeymoon.

Maine Alpha certainly likes to come to Boston and we most certainly like to have them here. It must be awful to be all snowed-in and when the streetcars are used for snow ploughs there is no communication from the outside world. "Marm" Waterhouse, "Paw" Hiller, "Stack" Stackpole, "Armie" Joy, and "Raiser" Barber certainly ought

to get to Heaven if monastic life reflects piety.

Pennsylvania Omega has three strong representatives in the East in the persons of Brothers Gaily, Wolfe, and Thomas. We introduced "Tom" to "Tommy," but whether it was "Tom" did not like "Tommy" or the other way around, we never found out. Streetcars are not conducive to romance, no matter what short story writers do try to make out.

ERNEST W. FALCONER.

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Massachusetts Iota-Tau, Massachusetts  
Institute of Technology, Brookline

**M**ASSACHUSETTS Iota-Tau has just completed one of the most successful terms in history. The results of the mid-year examinations, were, as a whole, very gratifying. The freshman marks, especially, were much better than usual. A new plan for improving the scholarship of the chapter was tried this term and it proved successful enough to warrant its mention here. A general chart was kept by the entire chapter and every brother was asked to indicate each evening by a letter on the chart whether his time was spent in study at the house, work at the institute, institute activities, or social pursuits. Therefore, when the mid-term reports came, the executive committee had a basis for action.

The brothers have just returned from mid-year vacation, which proved a welcome contrast to the previous two weeks. Brothers Haviland, Smith, and Taylor represented  $\Sigma$  A E on the musical club's trip to Chicago and report a delightful time. On Saturday, February 3, the day of the musical club's concert in Philadelphia, five of the brothers

took luncheon with Pennsylvania Theta and were very cordially received and entertained by that chapter.

On Thursday, February 8, occurs the annual "stag" dinner at which the newly elected officers speak and outline their policy and aspirations for the new term. The dinner is followed by a theater party. This event is always a most enthusiastic one and draws us closer in that unity which is so essential in any chapter.

With the opening of the new term begins the spring rushing season and we are all prepared for real work. The chapter will lose nine seniors by graduation in June and there is a very great need of more juniors to fill the ranks next year.

Four of the brothers in the active chapter were able to attend the convention at Pittsburgh and certainly feel abundantly repaid for going. As one brother expressed it, "A man doesn't half appreciate his fraternity until he attends a national convention."

J. ALECK LUNN.

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Massachusetts Gamma, Harvard University, Cambridge

**W**E are just now emerging from our mid-year examination period, but in the midst of all our cramming we have not once forgotten our Fraternity. Unlike many previous years when we used to do away with a meeting or so during mid-years, we have been hard at work shaping definite plans for the coming semester in the chapter.

One man who is doing all within his power to shape plans for us is our new Eminent Archon, Basil S. Collins. Those of you who were at the Pittsburgh Convention will

doubtless remember Brother Collins as our delegate and will easily recognize that we have an exceedingly energetic man at the helm. But Brother Collins is not going to do all the planning; the many committees which he has appointed are already up and doing. He is seeing to it that these committees keep alive and when "Bass" looks after things they are sure to be done.

We have an active chapter of thirty-four men. We regret to lose a new brother, Raymond Gibson, who has secured a leave of absence for one year from the university in order that he might serve in the Harvard Ambulance Corps in France. His is a noble and worthy cause, upheld by a noble and worthy man. Brother Watson, also a new brother, has had to become inactive because of the recent death of his father. Harold A. Kent, our retiring Eminent Archon, has also become a passive member because of his duties in the Harvard Dental School. All of these brothers will, needless to say, be greatly missed. I guess this is about all I have to say about our personnel, except that we have initiated ten men since I wrote the last RECORD letter.

A very welcomed visitor at the house the first part of January was Brother Stone of the Berkeley, Cal., chapter. We hope that other brothers when passing this way will do as Brother Stone did and come to see us.

Our social calendar is fast being filled up. The big chapter dance will be given at the Hotel Tuileries, Boston, on February 23. The committee is putting forth every effort to make this a truly enjoyable and successful affair. "Tech" night, the night we entertain the brothers of Massachusetts Iota-Tau, comes the

nineteenth of this month. A bowling tournament is soon to begin. A mock trial is being worked up. Tea dances will start in the spring. There has recently been posted a tentative list of dates for coming chapter events and this makes us believe that we are sure to have a good time the next few months.

J. V. CUMMINS.

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Massachusetts Delta, Worcester Poly-  
technic Institute, Worcester

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AT last mid-years are over and most of the men came out better than expected. We are, however, sorry to have lost Brothers Ward, Titus, and Bond in the fight for the survival of the fittest. If Fate deals with us kindly, we hope to see two of these brothers back again with us in the fall. To offset this, we initiated on the night of February 10, four pledges, namely: Maurice W. Heinritz of Clinton, Mass.; Oliver C. Wulf of Norwich, Conn.; Herbert E. Brooks of Gardner, Mass.; and Carleton F. Gilbert of Thomaston, Conn. We have been very fortunate this year in securing such excellent pledge men. At present we have four outstanding pledges which we hope to be able to take in before summer.

Our house is in excellent condition now after a week's work by our four new members. On February 22 our annual house party begins and lasts for four days until the twenty-fifth. In the interfraternity basketball league we are at present second, but are striving to get at the top. With three regular varsity relay men, we hope to win the relay races held between the fraternities.

WARREN HAYFORD.

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New Hampshire Alpha, Dartmouth College, Hanover

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WITHIN the last month we have passed through two strenuous periods—mid-year examinations and Winter Carnival. One of these so well counteracted the other, however, that no ill effects remain. At the Carnival house party we entertained a dozen young ladies and feel that it was certainly a great success. Now we are looking forward to the biggest thing ever pulled off at New Hampshire Alpha—the Spring Auburndale. We feel that we are very fortunate in having the installation of New Hampshire Beta take place here as well as having the other chapters in the province come to Hanover, along with our Eminent Supreme Archon and others. We trust that every brother in this province and as many others as can will be present, for our location makes it hard for brothers to drop in on us except on some special occasion like this.

We did not get into the new house until late and have just gotten to going along nicely and now we regret to say that Bro. Alfred Smith, '12, a professor here in the Tuck School, and the man who made our house dreams a reality, has left us to accept a fine position in New York City. Although he has left us in body we do not forget that it has been due largely to his untiring efforts that we are located the best of any fraternity at Dartmouth.

However, the Smith family is still active with us, Brother Ray having been elected captain of the varsity cross-country team for the coming year, and as the year goes on we expect to see him making a great try for the leadership of the varsity track team. Brother Smith, handi-

capped by illness a year ago, has certainly shown the old spirit and made a great come-back as his record the past fall shows. "Busy, booming, Bema" Brother Balliet, is all of that just now. As its business manager he has certainly put the *Dartmouth Bema* up in a class with the leading college pictorial magazines. He is also very busy as president of the Lincoln-Douglas Debating Society. The latest additions to our list of debaters are Brothers Arnold, '18, and Robinson, '18.

Brothers Pease, '17, Piper, '18, and Wilder, '19, all made the musical club trip to perform before the girls at Smith and seemed to show an unusual interest in the trip. Other stars of ours in the musical sky are Brothers Cone, '17, and Arnold, '18, the former being the bass drummer of the college band, and the latter flutist in the band, college, and dramatic association orchestras. In the Outing Club we are especially strong, Brothers Arnold, '18, and McCrillis having much to do with making Carnival a success. Brother Robinson, '18, showed good form in the ski-jumping contests and has been chosen for the team which is to give exhibitions at various carnivals throughout New England. Brother "Fat" Arnold, '18, the real live wire in our bunch, in addition to his other activities, is making a strong bid to succeed Brother Balliet as business manager of the *Bema*.

The fellows are especially studious this year and are well represented in the associate schools. Brothers Brown, Clark, and Emmons are the seniors who are embryo business men in the Tuck School, while "Doc" Woodruff, '18, is picking up the fundamentals in the Medical School which will enable him to some day be Illinois's leading physician.

At the present time Brother Gee leads all others as billiard champion of the college, and Brother Garvey is in a class by himself on the smooth boards. Our bowling team got away to a bad start but since it has struck its stride it has defeated all comers and is sure to get into the "money" by the end of the season.

The freshmen all survived the first semester, thanks to their own

adviser, Brother Edgerton, '17, and are now anxiously awaiting the ability and the efforts of freshman ritual. In the meantime nightly walks are quite frequent.

Once more we urge all who possibly can to be in Hanover on March 9 for the big time, for we hope to make it all of that—and then some.

GEORGE E. CLARK.

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### PROVINCE BETA

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New York Alpha, Cornell University,  
Ithaca

**N**EW YORK ALPHA wishes to present the following men for the approval of the Fraternity with the statement that they are as fine a freshman class as the chapter has had in a number of years. They are: Geo. W. Clay, New Orleans, La.; Harold H. Clarey, Sayre, Pa.; Geo. B. Healey, Dubuque, Iowa; Herbert H. Linnel, Manila, P. I.; Robert C. Phillips, Port Jervis, N. Y.; Thomas M. Stampfer, Dubuque, Iowa; John D. Strock, Bever Falls, N. Y.; Michael B. Reynolds, Billings, Mont. Also the following pledges: D. G. Douglas, '19, Jacksonville, Fla.; James A. Roberts, Pittsburgh, Pa.; R. T. Tustin, Hailey, Idaho; W. T. Winder, Tucson, Ariz.; C. G. Welles, '18, Schenectady, N. Y.

Judging from their activities, they are out for a record as up to the present none of them have sought the cooling influences of Lake Alpha but there is always the spur of the Porcelain when one grows careless.

The plea for originality for the chapter letter has been dinned into the ears of the scribe by several of the more original of the brothers so he finds that he can do little better than to let his pen run wild and publish some of the sayings and doings of these originalists. So here goes without rule or guidance—

There be one of the brothers who is a great composer of music, sheet and chin music in fact, and nightly as the hours of rest flit by, he composes. Oft he holds great and lengthy conversations with the spirits that gather around his bed and at times shouts aloud his side of the communications. Allah! Allah!

Then, too, one of the brothers noted for his freedom, has developed a bad case of socialitis. He paralyzed the house by bringing a fair one down to dinner one Sunday and, like his new tie, he fairly shown.

Just about this time of year our "perfectly handsome man in evening clothes," Brother Read, develops the theory that "all work and no play makes Ev. a dull boy,"



so with March 9 approaching, to hear his languid murmuring of soft lights, quiet corners, lulling music, and crashing rag, etc., etc., you would be sure of a "formal" coming.

Fame and prominence has descended upon the worthy shoulders of some of the brothers.

While the mercury hides around zero, Brother Haucke may be seen striding across the campus in his famous coyote lope, beneath the mighty "C." (He won it in football this year, by the way.) Many a heart goes pit-a-pat as he drives his way to the "Ag." barns. What *will* they do in cooking school?

Brother Ensworth also has seized laurels but in a different class. To see his troubled face, anyone would know that the fate of Junior Week rests on him.

One of the pleasantest surprises of the year was the un-hoped-for chapter report of Brother Robertson. He evidently believed in the old adage, "set your affections on things above"—for he certainly aimed high. Many a face went red as the ruthless tongue tolled on.

Having thus touched lightly on the more serious side of things, I shall try to curb my pen and to be serious on the lighter side.

Ere this script shall have appeared in print, the joyous time of mid-years shall have come and gone like some delightful dream. How we have looked forward to it, and hoped for it—yes, even prayed for it!

In fact, there are some of the brothers who, knowing the great pleasure that is in store for them, have brought themselves to such a tension that there is danger of exhausting themselves from the university.

But such is life, some always will overwork.

This is the last chance that this faithful Waterman (where is that ink?) shall be allowed to flow freely across the page for *THE RECORD* as there follows me, one, who by his wit and eloquence, shall play upon the strings of your emotions as he wills, and shall luckily blot out that which has gone before.

Between the war and mid-years, New York Alpha is running up an enormous electric light bill. Burning of the midnight "juice" over books and bull-sessions has made the E. T. wring his hands in despair. But such is the price of education.

But in the last meteoric burst of my short career, let me add that New York Alpha has a few extra beds in the dormies and if any brother, wandering between the coasts, should hesitate in this region, he will find the front door unlatched and a welcome at any hour of the day and night at Hillcrest. You'll get here eventually, why not come now and get acquainted.

HAMITON H. ROBERTS.

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New York Mu, Columbia University,  
New York

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**T**HE year before last Columbia University, not satisfied that it was fitting men for every known profession, decided to definitely form a school of business with a view of fitting men for the more practical work of the business world. The school now has a strong faculty of thirty men holding fifty-four degrees and "C. P. A.'s." The courses are designed especially for the college student who, at the close of his sophomore year, may desire to secure a more thorough and exact knowledge of the principles, organization, and methods of the commercial, industrial, and financial world

than is furnished in other departments of the university. One of the objects is to prepare students thoroughly for the state examination for the certificate of certified public accountant. There is a two-year course for men who have had two years in some institution of rank equal to that of Columbia College and a four-year course for the high school graduate. Both courses lead to the degrees of B.S. and M.S.

The student in the School of Business covers a very broad field. Especial emphasis is laid on all the principles of economics, advertising, selling, accounting, corporation finance, money and banking, transportation, and the courses in business law, including contracts, carriers, bankruptcy, insurance, agency, partnership, etc., are given by members of the Columbia Law School faculty. The school has already attracted many students who have come from other colleges and among the number are five loyal  $\Sigma A E$ s who have already affiliated with New York Mu.

And with the completion of the new million dollar building for the School of Business, many more students will find their way to Columbia and among this number we hope for more  $\Sigma A E$ s to find a welcome in New York City, Columbia, and New York Mu. For Columbia is essentially a graduate university and a nonfraternity graduate student generally remains so, while a fraternity man coming to Columbia for graduate work generally enters into the spirit of affiliation and helps his new chapter with all the vigor of fraternity experience. Year after year New York Mu's membership has de-

pended largely on the affiliation of these men and so it must be, for the "initiates" are limited to Columbia's undergraduate body of but twelve hundred men, one-third of whom are scattered among Columbia's too many fraternities. So, were graduate students not allowed to affiliate with their chapters, the Columbia fraternities would be merely Columbia College fraternities and Columbia College is but one small part of the great whole—Columbia University. Graduate students at Columbia University, then, are only fraternity men by affiliation. Seldom does a graduate student "go a fraternity" unless he comes from one of the nonfraternity universities.

Plainly then it is of mutual advantage to  $\Sigma A E$ s and to New York Mu to come to Columbia in pursuit of the university's offered advantages. In furtherance of this plan to increase our membership by affiliation and to make known the School of Business to our brothers in  $\Sigma A E$  we have, in connection with the secretary of the university, arranged to send printed matter on the subject to every chapter of  $\Sigma A E$ .

I regret to have left unmentioned the many deeds our New York Mu brothers have been authors of since the last letter to *THE RECORD* but add as a summary that there are twenty of us full of pep and alive to the best interests of the Fraternity. And further, if the reader is one of the seventy-one brothers entertained by us at intervals during the year 1916 let him pass his welcome on as a welcome to any other brothers who chance to be in our neighborhood.

ALAN BRUCE CONLIN.

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New York Sigma-Phi, St. Stephen's College, Annandale-on-Hudson,

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NEW YORK SIGMA-PHI is busy, extremely busy, for we are in the midst of our rushing season. Mid-year examinations are a thing of the past, and so the brothers are turning their attention to the business at hand under the leadership of Brother Kendall who heads the chapter this semester. Prospects seem to be favorable, it is true, but we hope to be able to tell you more about the matter on or after February 12.

On November 24 Brother Fraser was initiated into the Fraternity. For the occasion Brother Bull, '95, honored us with his presence, and acted as toastmaster at the banquet which followed the initiation. Brother Bull was one of the founders of our chapter, and had many interesting stories to tell us, as well as a number of good jokes. His visit at the college was the first one in many a year, and we were only too glad to have him in our midst again.

It may be interesting to know that the  $\Sigma A E s$  are playing a prominent part in the college glee club. Brothers Fraser, Stretch, Hoffman, Koch, and Kendall lend their voices in melodious harmony with that organization. Let me say here that Brother Kendall is on the Board of Directors, and at the present moment is in New York City with the double quartet who are to sing at the alumni banquet in that city.

One thing more ere we close. In the month of May, probably towards the latter part, the exact date being not determined upon as yet, the members of New York Sigma-Phi are going to give their triennial spring dance. Now the brothers who have been present at that dance

in former years, realize the charm of spring in Annandale, and how that charm is greatly enhanced when they are in the company of a winsome young lady.

HAROLD V. O. LOUNSBURY.

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New York Delta, Syracuse University,  
Syracuse

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ONCE more the trying period of mid-year's is past, and our sleep is no longer disturbed by visions of examination books and typewritten sheets.

New York Delta is very comfortably and compactly settled in its temporary home, but we miss the spacious dancing accommodations which the old house afforded. Consequently our informal dance was held at Sedgwick Farms on December 15.

Four pledges who became eligible this fall were initiated in November: Dayton Glover, '19, of Schenectady, N. Y.; Edward Inman, '17, of Philmont, N. Y.; Henry "Hank" Lucy, '19, of Cortland, N. Y.; and Berton F. Whiteside, "The Turk," of Duluth, Minn.

Since the last letter we have pledged Herman "Dutch" Steiner of Holyoke, Mass., a track and baseball man; Joseph Greenway, '20, of East Rochester, N. Y.; David H. Mahnfeldt, '20, of New Britain, Conn.; Harold Waite, '20, of Fort Ann, N. Y.; and George Pelletier, '20, who was pledged last year and reentered college for the second semester, having been at Colby for the first semester. George was the star high jumper at Worcester Academy and holds the Junior Outdoor National Championship title in this event. He also won the high jump at the B. A. A. games in 1916 with a leap of 6 feet 1½ inches.

The date of initiation is set for February 25 and the initiation banquet will be held at the Onondaga on March 10, the night after the Founders' Day banquet which will be held at the chapter house.

Our basketball team started off with a rush, defeating S. A. M. 27-12. Brothers E. Cronauer, Lucy, Davis, Malone, Inman, Glover, and Gano make up the squad. Brother Dowd, who was champion intercollegiate bowler last year, is on the varsity bowling team and should be captain. Jack Malone has a sure berth on the varsity baseball team, and the way he steps around the track promises well for  $\Sigma$  A E in track. "Eddie" Davis, last year's freshman crew captain, and Art Osman, captain of this year's varsity crew, reported for practice on January 27. "Pepper" Lucy is living up to his worthy title as aspirant for the job of vice-commandore, Waite, '20, and Reams, '20, are pulling hard for seats in the freshman boat, and Jackson, '20, is out for freshman coxwain. Bros. "Ed" Inman and "Date" Glover chirped in the university chorus. "Ed" was also lately appointed Proctor in Section 5 of Sims Hall. Brothers Tompkins, Glover, Busted, and Givens are out for Tamborine and Bones. John Cronauer, '20, who has played all season at forward, is the star of the freshman quintet. "Ed" Cronauer, '18, "Cy" Sanborn, '18, and John Cronauer, '20, are out for the lacrosse team. Brother Campbell, '19, is working hard for a place on the varsity debate team and his work on the *Onondaga* board bids fair to land him the managership.

The Senior Ball, the big social event of the year, was held in the Archbold Gymnasium on the evening of January 30.  $\Sigma$  A E was

well represented, about twelve couples occupying the  $\Sigma$  A E box.

*We Are Seven* was given by Boar's Head, Monday evening, January 29. Brother Hueber was in the cast, but sickness obliged him to give up the part.

The varsity basketball team is experiencing a very successful season having won seven out of ten games played thus far. Bro. "Art" Osman was jumping at center until crew work demanded his services in the tank.

Bro. "Billy" Levere visited the chapter in November. We heard a good lecture, and all the news from the other chapters. There was but one disappointment; Billy warned us that he snored, but either he stayed awake or the Syracuse air did the trick—for there was "narry" a sound. Probably he will never know which it really was. We don't, so how should we know when he hardly knows himself.

PAUL H. SANBORN.

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Pennsylvania Omega, Allegheny College,  
Meadville

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THE first of February finds us hugging the fire with at least three decks of cards and several chess boards the center of attraction. All of our examinations are over and we are enjoying a few days of loafing until the second semester beings. Casually, I might explain my first statement. It is twelve below zero with eighteen inches of hard packed snow covering the campus, so that even Bro. Rat Phillips, our mighty representative at Hulings Hall, must stay indoors. Yes, he has recourse to the telephone, but it is the consensus of opinion that if this weather keeps up he will have to have a private

line installed. We would suggest a sentimental line with Brother Hart as operator.

Since my last letter two things of importance have taken place. First, we have pledged eight of the best men from a wealth of material in the freshman class, all of whom are striving to uphold their end of college activities and who will certainly prove fine  $\Sigma A E$  material. Pledge Shaner is president of the freshman class and holds down a regular position on the varsity basketball team. Lawhead is trying hard to make the squad. Booth, considering his size, showed up splendidly in football. Miller is singing tenor on the Glee Club and we are only waiting the opening of track season to prove the ability of Rowley and Withey. Levis is making a name for himself as a chemist and if Rowley keeps up the pace which he has set for the first semester he will surely cop one of Doctor Elliott's  $\Phi B K$  keys. Robinson, an all-around good fellow, ought to uphold the standard in social circles.

Speaking of  $\Phi B K$  brings to mind a sad affair. Bro. "Frosty" Wolf, an aspirant (?) of that honor for the last five years, has failed to pass in physics. Of course, "Frosty" is heart-broken and to date he has given only thirteen alibis. If he was not so modest about cheap notoriety in print, I would like to give you all of them, for, indeed, they would be a help to any jurist, but as it is the thirteenth it will suffice. That is, according to "Frosty's" word, Brother Ling, the head of the Physics Department, says that his conscience would hurt him if he did not flunk at least one  $\Sigma A E$  in his department each year. Poor "Frosty" claims to be a victim

of circumstance. Of course, we agree with him even though he did not own a book for the course.

The second event of importance was the national convention at Pittsburgh. We certainly had some time and those of you who were there will agree with me when I say that it wasn't hard to find a Pennsylvania Omega man anywhere among that vast collection of Minerva's sons. We had the largest representation of any chapter and the effect it produced upon Pennsylvania Omega was self-evident. Every man realizes more than ever before just what it means to be an  $\Sigma A E$  and just what kind of a standard  $\Sigma A E$  has given him to live up to. Also, it brought us in touch with many of our alumni and judging from their enthusiasm I have no doubt that the chapter will have an opportunity to entertain them a little oftener in the future.

In new college activities aside from the freshmen, Brother Hollingshead has a place on the varsity debating team. Brother Lane is playing center on the basketball five. Brothers Kelly and Beatty have been elected to the Tingley Biology Club. Brother Goslin was elected treasurer of his class. The grades for the semester are not in yet but we hope to show up well and under the stimulus of "Dad" Ling's informal talks we can not help but improve this coming term. Brother Ling has certainly stood by us this year. He usually finds time to drop in several times a week and each week he has something to say which is valuable to the welfare of the Fraternity. We expect to initiate our freshmen some time soon, probably on Founders' Day and at that time we expect to rally all the alumni within the radius of

many miles to witness a new and well-constructed plan of initiation worked out under the supervision of our E. A., Brother Frisicorn, assisted by Brother Hollingshead. In my next letter I hope to be able to report the complete success of this arrangement.

We are sorry to announce the departure of Brother Shanefelt from our midst. He graduated at mid-year and will immediately take up work at Boston Theological Seminary. Brother Trace, a town man, who has been out of school for two years is coming up on the hill to complete his science course and will prove a help to us in many ways.

JAMES E. ISHERWOOD.

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Pennsylvania Sigma-Phi, Dickinson College, Carlisle

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**T**HE middle lap of another year finds Pennsylvania Sigma in the best of health. The winter term as always is almost free of very important college functions and we are concentrating our time and energies in strengthening our chapter. As perhaps never before we have a sound and practical plan which we hope will solve our home problem. This has always been the burning issue with us and now that we see the goal within reach, we are striving as never before to put our chapter in tip-top condition so that we can the more strenuously push our plan.

We are making a valiant effort to bring the alumni more closely in touch with the active chapter and the college. Each alumnus will soon receive a personal letter from some one in the active chapter, and as soon as addresses are systematically corrected and recorded, we hope to publish the best chapter

letter ever produced by Pennsylvania Sigma-Phi. It will contain much news of the alumni and the active chapter as well as our new house plan in full.

In the athletic program for this winter term we as a fraternity are certainly maintaining our past enviable reputation and we expect to do well in the spring sports. Not having a varsity basketball team at Dickinson, the students have entered into the interclass and interfraternity basketball with intense interest. In both of these leagues men of  $\Sigma A E$  are prominent. There are at least two  $\Sigma A E$ s holding down regular berths on each of the four class teams while the  $\Sigma A E$  fraternity team is at present tied with the  $K \Sigma$  team for first place.

The early call for baseball candidates has been made and among the first to respond was "Old Reliable" Bro. Fred Goodhart, varsity pitcher of the past three seasons. Besides Brother Goodhart a goodly number of our new men have responded and we look forward toward a very creditable showing on the diamond.

On the track we will be ably represented by Captain Palm, who by the way, was elected to succeed Brother Myers as captain of the football team. We have great confidence in Mike here at Dickinson and feel sure it is not misplaced. Here's to the success of his team!

Great effort is being put forward to make our annual Founders' Day dance on March 9, the climax to Dickinson's social season. With the large chapter we have and the many alumni and visitors we expect, we have no doubt that our ambition will be realized. We hope any brothers who may be "in this neck of the woods" about that time will let us know so that we may make

provision for them at our Founders' Day ball.

The schedule of commencement events has just been published. The commencement this year will be over the week-end of June 3. Our banquet will likely occur on Friday, June 1. Will alumni please take note and arrange now to spend commencement with the active boys of Pennsylvania Sigma-Phi at the old Alma Mater.

ROBERT S. MYERS, JR.

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Pennsylvania Alpha-Zeta. Pennsylvania  
State College, State College

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**A**FTER the Christmas holidays, the main topic of discussion was the mid-year finals, and now that they are a thing of the past, numerous are the sighs of relief. Although reports are not in as yet, Pennsylvania Alpha-Zeta believes she has made a fine showing, and that none of her members will be dropped out of school on account of poor scholastic work. Now that the examinations are over the energy of the chapter is centered on the coming semester, and plans are being formulated to make the second half of the school year even a greater success than the first.

On November 26 the following eight neophytes were initiated into the mysteries of Minerva: Brothers Garside, '19, Jack McCreight, '20, Jim McCreight, '20, David Ribble, '20, Fritz Spatz, '20, Sydney Morrison, special, Jack Wilson, special, Joseph Rice, special. The chapter was also glad to affiliate Bros. Ben Haws and Joe Burden of Pennsylvania Sigma-Phi, and Brother Wright of Pennsylvania Theta. Pledges Amis and Smith are already taking an active interest in the work of the chapter and will

soon be wearing the badge instead of the button.

Now that the football season is closed, the winter sports are occupying the attention of the school and chapter.  $\Sigma$  A E is well represented on the varsity basketball team, with Brother Blakeslee playing his usual high-standard game at forward. Brother Wilson keeping down the score at guard, and Brother Adam rapidly gaining the name of "Star" at the pivot position. Brother Aichroth is one of the three first assistant basketball managers, and is making a strong bid for the final selection. Brother Merris is also working hard as one of the second assistant managers. Brothers Ribble and Spatz are daily practicing on the indoor track to be in condition for the spring meets. Pledge "Dixie" Amis was a member of the freshman football team, and is now working on the wrestling mat. The first call for the Thespians, the dramatic organization, has been made and Brothers Free and Bair should again win places with the troupe. If two persons are desired to look alike in the show, the McCreight twins should certainly fill the bill, as even the brothers are frequently unable to distinguish between them.

Social activities have not been overlooked, and the chapter is more than holding her own. The Christmas dinner, just before the holidays was voted a success, and the dance between semesters helped to relieve the monotony of school life. The mid-year house party will be held February 23-26, and will be augmented by the basketball game with the University of Pittsburgh, and the wrestling meet with Cornell. Plans are already being made for the June house party, and the chapter extends a cordial invitation to

its alumnae and any  $\Sigma A E$  who may want to forget business cares for a week, and enjoy the hospitality of Pennsylvania Alpha-Zeta.

ROBT. R. RINKENBAUGH.

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Pennsylvania Zeta, Bucknell University,  
Lewisburg

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**A**T THE opening of the second school term Pennsylvania Zeta finds herself in a flourishing and strong position. To the twenty-two actives of the fall term has been added Brother Weber, who returns from a responsible position in Philadelphia, and Brother Spotts, who has been on the Mexican border since early June with the First Pennsylvania Cavalry. This brings the total active membership up to twenty-four, the largest that Pennsylvania Zeta has ever had.

That this chapter is about to enter a new era in its life is the belief of every member. For several years past we have been held back during the rushing season by the lack of a modern house. This great need has been felt in other ways, too, for the size of bunch has increased rapidly in the last few years, and with a house that will accommodate only seven men, the conditions will allow improvement. Architect's plans are now at hand, however, for a modern house that will completely take care of the fraternity here, and that will outclass, by far, any other fraternity house at Bucknell.

Much interest is being shown this term in a Panhellenic basketball league. A series of games will be played throughout the winter, each fraternity meeting every other fraternity in the League once, and with a silver loving-cup in view  $\Sigma A E$  will be among the leaders.

Brother Weber's return increases our glee club list to four, and with Brother Eshelman as student leader of the College Symphony Orchestra, we are well represented along musical lines.

Within a few weeks the baseball candidates will be working out, and Brothers Liebensberger, Peale, and Miller will answer the call. Of these the first two are veterans of three and two years' varsity experience, respectively, and Miller has had second call in the maskman's position for two years. Brother Weber will in all probability lead the scrubs.

We enter the second term with the same number of pledges as last term, having lost one through failure to return to school, and having pledged an upperclassman. All these men enthusiastically await the pleasure of Minerva at the close of the present school year.

LEROY G. CLARK.

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Pennsylvania Delta, Gettysburg College,  
Gettysburg

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**S**INCE the last letter in the December RECORD the chapter has strived greatly to make Pennsylvania Delta one of the leaders among the Greeks at Gettysburg. Although dissatisfied with her efforts, the chapter is now enjoying the fruits of her labor to the fullest extent. The chapter has lost but one active member and has more than made up for this loss by taking in one new member and pledging four men. Brother "Jack" Hudock, '20, did not return to school after the holidays on account of accepting a very excellent offer to play basketball with the Freeland team in the Pennsylvania State League,



and at the same time to attend Lehigh University. Pledgeman Snively, '20, was initiated into the chapter before the Christmas holidays. The new pledges are Reems, '20, Gettysburg; Shoenberger, '21, and Miller, '21, from Pottsville, Pennsylvania; and Eichleberger, '21, from Washington, D. C. The chapter will lose a large number of men next spring by graduation. We are depending on the men now pledged to give us a good start for "rushing" season next fall.

Although the brothers have been doing splendid work within the chapter, we have not neglected our college activities. Brother Finn, '18, is a member of the Junior Prom Committee, Brother Clouser, '19, of the sophomore play, and Brother "Adam" Houtz, '20, of the Freshman Banquet Committee.

Brothers Drawbaugh, '18, Clouser, '19, and Houtz, '20, will leave in a week on a ten-day musical club trip. Among the brothers who played football last fall Brothers Loudenslager, '17, Clemens, '17, Stoney, '18, Froehlich, '19, and Rote, '20, received G's. Brothers McCreary, '19, Froehlich, '19, Houtz, '20, Black, '20, Hudock, '20, Armstrong, '20, and Winters, '20, participated in the freshman-sophomore football contest. All these men received their respective numerals. Brother Loudenslager, '17, coached the sophomore team and Brother McCreary, '19, captained the same team. Brother "Adam" Houtz, '20, was captain of his team. Since the establishment of Military Training in the institution, twenty of the brothers have signed to take the course of instruction. Brothers Lakin, '17, and "Whitey" McCreary, '18, will probably be commissioned officers. They have been doing excellent work toward this end. Most all

the brothers were successful with the first semester examinations taken during the past two weeks. Every brother was "hard at it" before the examinations and is now enjoying a bit of relaxation.

The chapter has enjoyed many social functions held within the chapter so far this year. The annual Halloween dance was a splendid success. The results obtained by the committee on preparation were a delightful surprise to those attending when they first viewed the interior of the house. The halls and rooms were artistically decorated in Halloween style and the fireplace was aglow with a warmth which seemed disseminated throughout the house, touching everyone present in a pleasure resulting manner. The arrangement of these decorations brought out and added to the natural beauty of Nature's trimming for woods and fields at this season of the year. Thus, with the house so cozy, the company sociable, and the music wonderful, a pleasant dance was an unavoidable step in the sequence.

The next important social event was the annual Thanksgiving banquet. The menu consisted of seven courses, all of which were received with great enthusiasm. At the close of the meal toasts were given by the visiting brothers and several of the actives.

After the Christmas holidays the good feeling which attends the re-gathering of the chapter, reached full tide, and overflowed, the night of January 5, when a formal dance was held. It was really a New Year's ball in preparation for which the hall had undergone a remarkable transformation. The usual bareness of the big room had been hidden by the tasteful decorations. A cleverly thought out pagoda, covered with laurel and pines and

latticed with many colored papers, had been built in the center of the floor for the occupancy of Bro. Claude Stauffer's excellent orchestra. From the ceiling directly above this pretty structure, ropes of laurel, and a hundred long streamers of a hundred different hues stretched and draped to as many different points about the walls. Another laurel rope bordered the entire circumference of the room, and also the east end of it which had been separately arranged and decorated as a resting place for the patrons and patronesses. From this place the patrons and patronesses viewed the noticeable fun of the dancers, and saw it grow and increase under the magic influence of good music well played, until the grand climax was reached near the middle of the second half. Then it was that confetti began to flutter through the overhead decorations. Then, too, it shot forth from the hands of the dancers, and it, together with the serpentine streamers, soon covered and entangled all. From this time the dance proceeded through a happy chaos but was none the less pleasant, and from the view-point of the hosts, at least, it also proceeded through an altogether too short space of time.

At intermission the dancers were pleasantly surprised by hearing a vocal solo from one of the guests, Miss Frantz of Lebanon, who is a soloist of growing fame. Bro. "Herb" Springer, '20, and "Adam" Houtz, '20, also entertained the seated company with piano and vocal selections. The next event conspicuous in the social rôle of the chapter was an informal "smoker" which was one of the best "get-together" affairs of the year. Besides the active chapter Brothers Sunday, '16, Clyde Bream, '08, John Bream,

'16, and J. C. Sowers, ex-'17, were present to enjoy the "smokes," partake of the "eats," hear the talks of different members, and join in the singing of the fraternity songs.

There are quite a few "fussers" in the crowd, but the two most noticeable ones are Brothers Sowers, '17, and Clemens, '17.

Bro. Luran Sowers, '17, does most of his "fussing" in the quarries of Le Gore, Maryland, while Bro. "Ham" Clemens, '17, has become quite popular among the girls of the village. "Ham" finds great pleasure spending most of his evenings at the home of some unsophisticated damsel.

Our chapter now numbers more than any time during her history. We have attempted "big things" and have been successful, and our motto is to push on and on to make  $\Sigma A E$  a greater and better fraternity.

J. WILBUR DRAWBAUGH.

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Pennsylvania Theta, University of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia

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**T**HEY say that trouble never comes except in bunches and our horizon is nothing but one big black cloud of it. Looming up immediately before us is the semi-annual bout with the faculty. For months both sides have been preparing for the impending struggle. Reports from the enemy's camp say that the old boys have some big guns that they are going to aim at us, but we will not be caught napping. Our trenches are deep and well fortified so the expectations are that there will be few if any mortalities.

The smoke of mid-years will not have blown away, when we enter into the most trying and strenuous period of the whole collegiate year, rushing season. An explanation of

the "Pennsylvania System" is necessary. We rush the freshmen according to Hoyle, Moses, Walter Camp, and all the great rule makers of the world's history. A treaty has been declared between all the chapters on the campus, which is called the "Interfraternity Agreement." By this solemn pact all agree to leave the freshmen absolutely alone during the first term. We can speak to them when we pass but that is all. Beginning with the second term we have three weeks of organized rushing. At a certain hour this rushing period ends. Then there is a forty-eight hour period in which bids can be extended. (However, the freshman is not allowed to make his reply at that time.) At the end of the forty-eight hours we have a twenty-four hour silence period, in which fraternity men cannot go near freshmen and the freshmen must steer clear of upperclassmen. At the end of this day the freshmen make their answers in writing and present themselves at the portals of their chosen brotherhood. I might add that all the chapters are under bond and any violation of the agreement will cost the chapter committing the act two hundred and fifty dollars. We do not care to break the agreement. We are, however, pretty confident of the outcome of the rushing season. Our chapter is strong and we fear no one.

Brother McNichol's basketball team is well on its way towards another championship and it will, we hope, have arrived by the time that this letter is printed. "Dave" Bennis, last year's star outfielder, will be back at his old job this year, batting clean-up man on the varsity. "Pete" Fleming after a three year

lay off is out for the back-stopping job. If he lands it he is the original "come back kid." Little, Harrar, and Eysell are our crew men. Brother Little is now stroking the junior varsity. "Bustling" Brehman is doing ten men's work in an effort to land the crew managership, and we have a hunch that he will get it.

We are looking forward to a big time at our Founders' Day banquet, and if any brother is in Philadelphia at that time we certainly wish that he would drop in.

GEORGE M. NORRIS.

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Pennsylvania Chi-Omicron, University of  
Pittsburgh, Pittsburgh

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THE Sixtieth Anniversary Convention is over for all of us, but surely the memory of the great time we all had will stick with us for a longer time than the present. As a body we all have to look forward to the Birmingham Convention and to welcoming into  $\Sigma A E$  the new chapters added to our roster at the last convention.

Many things in connection with the university and the chapter at the University of Pittsburgh have kept us busy every minute since the first of the new year. Perhaps the most important thing that has happened was the initiation of new men, for on February 12, Chi-Omicron took in sixteen new men, thirteen of whom were freshmen. The neophytes taken in are among the best on the campus—and when we say best, we mean, as men, scholastic standing, and as to school activities. Not a man taken in had a blot of any kind on his scholastic record, which surely is an achievement and record of which we are proud. Then

in sports "Dode" Thomas was a star on the freshman football team and held up the honors in that sport and at the present time Gross is starring on the University Freshman Basketball Team.

The Cap and Gown's annual show this year entitled *Dr. Divorce*, found two of our freshmen in the chorus and one as an apprentice manager, and Bro. "Snuffy" Wood as manager. Bro. "Jack" Thompson" was the big man in the show and also the writer of the lyrics. Brothers Armstrong and Delphey were also big hits and got into the crowd good.

In managerial lines at school everything is working out good for us and we have the freshmen all pointed toward some job in one sport or another. On the basketball floor this fall and winter we have no varsity men but the chapter is represented in the interfraternity conference league and to date

have made a very creditable showing, although after the first game we had to drop several stars on account of them being letter men or playing on a team trying for a letter and this latter reason cut us out of Gross, the freshman star. Brother Peck also had to be dropped from the lineup and as they were both stars the blow has been a hard one to overcome but the new combination has gotten together and is working fine.

Biff went our gold during convention week and our rolls have looked like pancakes for some time, but, nevertheless, we have been able to kick in with a chapter dance every now and then and help along to have a good time until warm weather comes. A smoker was also given to the new chapter of Phi Gamma Delta which was installed here on February 2.

A. H. C. BIXBY.

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### PROVINCE GAMMA

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Washington City Rho, George Washington University, Washington

SINCE writing the last time, the football season came to a close and everybody (including the faculty, who were not strong for it at first) voted the season a successful one. On December 9 the annual Interfraternity Banquet was held at the University Club in honor of the team. A number of interesting speeches were made, all of which were punctuated at frequent intervals with applause. Dean Frazer of the law school made a short talk (he said he asked beforehand what he was to talk about and was told to talk about a minute) which went about as follows: The season which

is just finished was a very successful one (CHEERS) and we are going to be represented by a football team next year (LOUD APPLAUSE). We will play Georgetown again next year (LOUD AND CONTINUED APPLAUSE) and are going to beat them (ENTHUSIASTIC AND PROLONGED APPLAUSE.) All around it was a fine large evening and very encouraging as indicating the interest of the faculty and student body in the continuation of football in the school. A strong schedule of ten games (including Georgetown, West Virginia, and the Navy) has been prepared, and everybody is pulling strong for the success of the team next year.

We are well represented in basketball, with Captain Groesbeck at

guard, Patterson at center, and Giblin, substitute guard. The school has an unusually strong team this year; we lost a fast game to Georgetown last Saturday, the first game lost on the local court this year. Reports of the game state that "Groesbeck played his usual splendid game" and that "Patterson played his best game of the year. He was all over the floor." By the way, Groesbeck was recently elected senior marshal.

We have three men in track who are showing up well, Brody, Kilmartin, and Johnson. Our first meet will be in Convention Hall during Inauguration Week. We will enter a team in the Interfraternity Relay and expect to tote home the bacon again.

During the past month we have had a number of visits from brothers from other chapters: Brother Leue was here recently and gave us a very interesting talk on fraternity extension. In the past month we have had with us: Brother Barker of Harvard; Brother Stone of the University of California; Brother Lawrence of the University of Texas; Brother Lawrence of the Massachusetts Institute of Technology; Brother Cook, president of Province Alpha; and Brother Drummond, University of Washington.

Brother Smith, who accepted a position in Cincinnati last fall and has been living at the house there, returned Christmas for a short visit.

Brother Van Vleck passed the District of Columbia Bar examinations held last December.

Brothers Dix and Washburn attended the Convention at Pittsburgh and came back chock-full of enthusiasm and good will. Dix presented a splendid report of the convention to the chapter upon his return.

After hearing the reports of these brothers and that of Brother Stone who visited us this past week, we have decided never to miss another convention if it is within striking distance. In fact, we intended to attend this one, but changed our mind and went to the University Hospital instead. The chapter takes this opportunity to extend to brothers of the newly installed chapters hearty greetings and best wishes. We have a right to be proud of all of them and know they will do much to add luster to the name of Sigma Alpha Epsilon.

The New Year dance was well attended and everybody had a splendid time.

Our rushing season for the second semester begins February 4 with a tea at the house. We have every reason to predict a successful season.

Examinations next week. We are subjecting ourselves to some study. So long; see you later.

H. E. PETREE.

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North Carolina Xi, University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill

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**W**E ARE now convalescing from examinations and incidentally trying to keep warm in the face of the coldest spell this part of the country has experienced in many years. A week ago baseball and tennis started up and thereupon the thermometer started down and ran about sixty degrees in no time and continues to hover uncomfortably close to zero.

The chapter was highly gratified to receive notice of winning the province scholarship cup for making the best grade during the past year. This is the second award of the cup. Virginia Omicron being the initial

winner. The idea originated with Bro. T. Gibson Hobbs, who until his recent election at the Pittsburgh Convention as Eminent Supreme Deputy Archon, has served Province Gamma ably as Archon. Brother Hobbs, together with some of the former Archons of the province, provided the cup. No doubt they will be repaid by a constantly increasing interest on the part of the chapters in competing for its possession. We are awaiting the arrival of the trophy with a great deal of interest and it is certain to be prominently displayed.

There is very little doing here now. Bob de Rosset has relieved the monotony somewhat by bringing several musical attractions to Chapel Hill under the auspices of the Y. M. C. A. Lyceum Bureau of which he is manager. Brother de Rosset is also assisting in the production of the college annual, the *Yackety Yack*. And he hasn't stopped talking yet of the Pittsburgh Convention which he attended as delegate of North Carolina Xi. We were very much impressed by his account of the convention; particularly of how the meaning of  $\Sigma A E$ , its spirit and purpose, were brought home to him in a new light. Brother Tanner's proficiency in the Terpsichorean art has been recognized by his election as leader of the University spring dances. "Bo" is busy, too, with the affairs of the basketball team. Brother John continues to make stellar grades in his work. Brother Ravenel is doing all sorts of stunts in the "gym" and will probably land on the "gym" team if he doesn't take too many chances. Our house is very much in need of paint and we plan to have the job done in the spring, provided we have sufficient bullion on hand.

The chapter was saddened by the death just before Christmas of Mrs. Graham, wife of Bro. E. K. Graham, president of the University. Mrs. Graham was a woman of high culture and of unusual character and charm. Her death caused profound sorrow throughout the University and brought a special sense of loss to the members of North Carolina Xi.

H. W. COBB, JR.

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North Carolina Theta, Davidson College,  
Davidson

**T**HE thirty-fourth annual battle is over and although we have no great quantity of new brothers to present to the Fraternity we certainly have the quality.

Allow me to present Bros. H. B. Brown, of Jackson, Tenn.; A. L. Wilson, Jr., of Quincy, Fla.; A. D. McArn, of Laurinburg, N. C.; and Bro. H. P. Worth, of Portsmouth, Va.

We are attempting to instill into these new brothers the ideals of our Fraternity and feel sure that they will measure up to its standards.

Our past football season closed Thanksgiving Day with a decided victory in our favor. Brother Lawson's work at quarter contributed a great deal to insure the victory. His forward passing was the cause of more newspaper gossip than any other feature of the game. Following this victory came the Senior Oratoricals. The fall dances, given by the St. Cecilia German Club, of which Brother Lawson is vice-president, were the crowning social events of the season. It seemed as though it were but a dream when we awoke to find ourselves upon the threshold of mid-term examinations. They have at last passed, and likewise all the brothers, contradictory

to the prophecies of some of them. If such work continues, which bids well to be the case, North Carolina Theta will be at or near the top at the finish of the race for Panhellenic Scholarship Cup.

Bro. "Bat" Harris was recently elected toastmaster for the sophomore banquet.

Bro. Jno. B. Daffin was chosen assistant in physics and mathematics while Brother Humphrey also received an assistantship in physics.

Brother Armstead was elected to the Art Staff of *Quips and Cranks*, the college yearbook, Brother Harris also being one of the editorial staff.

Junior Oratoricals, our next great event of interest, will soon be here. Seven of our "motley" crew will be compelled to chew the rag for at least five minutes. Brother Carroll Armstead, Lawson, Fountain, W. M. Humphrey, Daffin, and Aiken. Brother Humphrey, we all believe, will walk away with the medal as soon as the judges hear his masterful effusion on "The Nutritive Value of Spuds." If all the facts explained in his dissertation are true then North Carolina Theta will soon have the only giant in  $\Sigma A E$ . Bro. W. Guyres Humphrey of New Berlin, N. Y.

Brother Carroll returned from Pittsburgh with a great many new suggestions and ideas, many of which we have already adopted.

Baseball practice will soon start. We will be well represented in this line of athletics by Brothers Lawson and Worth who will do most of the season's mound work. We regret to say that Brother Alford, last year's catcher and captain, could not return as he had hoped. This splits up our  $\Sigma A E$  battery so much dreaded by our opponents.

Everyone is looking forward to our banquet, March 9, and of which we will give a full account in our next letter.

We were very glad to have had Bro. "Doc" Alexander, Tennessee Zeta, as our guest during initiation. We are always glad to have brothers call on us and can assure them that they will find a welcome characterized by the well-known "Southern Hospitality."

H. K. AIKEN, JR.

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Virginia Omicron, University of Virginia,  
University

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**A**FTER the Christmas holidays Virginia Omicron settled down to work with unusual enthusiasm. This work as we explained in our last letter, is the building of a chapter house. Brother Leach, believing that contributions should start at home, has met with quite a few favorable responses from a number of the brothers. He thinks that, with the continuance of faithful work, the new house may not be a vain dream after all.

Due to the loyalty of our alumni and other good  $\Sigma A E$ s we have been put in touch with some of the men who have just entered college. They seem to be very promising, and we have reason to believe that we will not be altogether unsuccessful in our rushing.

Probably our renewed vigor for the year is the result of the glowing accounts of the Pittsburgh Convention given us by our delegate, Brother Smith. His official and personal report, full of enthusiasm and optimism as it was, certainly stirred us with new hope, though making us regret that we ourselves had been unable to enjoy his privilege. The recognition of the services of our province president and alumnus,

Brother Hobbs, by his election to the office of E. S. D. A. was very gratifying.

We are sorry to announce that the University Chemical Laboratory and Museum, with many valuable specimens, was totally destroyed by fire the first part of the month. The loss was great not only to the University, but to many individual students who will be inconvenienced in their work for some time.

Brother Joplin from Purdue University has entered the Law Department here. Bro. Walker Leach has been elected to the T. I. L. K. A. Society and Brother McNaughton to the "13" Club.

O. L. JOHNSTON.

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Virginia Sigma, Washington and Lee University, Lexington

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WITH the passing of Christmas there came also the passing of those cares and worries which go along with the first term in the form of examinations. All of the brothers acquitted themselves remarkably well, and the goats completed a successful voyage on the intellectual sea; as a result five new brothers came into the bonds of Sigma Alpha Epsilon on January 13. They are: J. Hunt Sifford, Somerset, Pa.; T. R.

Nelson, Staunton, Va.; Dick Lile, Jackson, Tenn.; J. B. Atkins, Shreveport, La.; M. H. Moore, Wilmington, N. C.

In the recent "13" Club and Sigma elections, Brothers Witt and Collins made "13" Club while Brothers Gardner, Watts, Vance, and C. Lile were elected to Sigma. Election to Sigma is the highest honor which can be bestowed upon a man at Washington and Lee.

Basketball is at its height just at present and our quintet has gone through the season to date without a defeat, and from all appearances will finish in the same form, having successfully completed several of our hardest games in the last ten days. Directly after the close of the season the fraternity league will begin action and it is highly probable that Virginia Sigma will get away with the trophy which is a silver loving cup.

A time of festivity and celebration approaches. On February 19 and 20 the annual junior prom, and fancy dress ball will cause a large number of the fairer sex to grace historic Lexington with their presence. Brother Collins as president of the junior class will lead the prom.

H. C. HEARNE.

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## PROVINCE DELTA

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Illinois Psi-Omega, Northwestern University, Evanston

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THIS catalogue of events in the life of Illinois Psi-Omega is apt to develop into a biography of one John L. Discroll, alias "Paddy," but even so, he is well worth the space given him. The football season is

over, its close finding Northwestern in second place in the Conference standing after being nosed out of first place by the Ohio State team, captained by Brother Sorenson. But it is always more pleasant to be licked by a brother than by a rank outsider and in this instance it was a case of keeping the championship in the family, win or lose. We



are proud of our team in spite of their defeat, and of course are more than "puffed up" over the achievements of its captain "Paddy" and the five other brothers who did their best towards making this our most successful season in years. That the rest of the team appreciated "Pat's" efforts is shown by their reflecting him to the captaincy for next year. Sporting writers throughout the country also seemed to realize that we had a young athlete at Northwestern who knew how to play football, for "Pat" was the unanimous choice of the critics for "all-Conference" and "all-Western" halfback, and Walter Camp placed him on the third "all-American" team. Brothers Anderson and Johnson have one regret over these newly acquired honors of "Pat's," and that is that he isn't a Swede. But the rest of us do not worry greatly over his not being a member of the tow-headed race, and join together in a "Three Cheers for the Irish!"

Four other brothers besides "Pat," are now displaying the football "N" to all who care to see. The proud wearers of this insignia of merit are Bros. "Gog" Ellingwood who played the other halfback position with "Pat," "Bill" Brightmire, who played a steady game at quarter all through the season, "Marty" Lynch and "Bill" Johnson who distinguished themselves at their respective end positions. Bro. Gordon Bradt, although having enough "pep" to stick throughout the season, was too much of a featherweight to gain distinction on the gridiron. But he surely deserves credit for sacrificing time and effort to a good cause, and his work was rewarded by his receiving a "Reserve" sweater. In freshman football, Brother Reeve and Pledge

Patterson both received their numerals for valiant service. This completes the tale of football and its glories until next year.

Since the last letter, two new brothers have been added to the ranks, Bros. Ray Doster and "Sammy" Reeve being the lucky ones. "Sam" seems to be a very efficient wielder of the paddle, and with more experience may be able to hit twice in the same place without undue exertion.

Our social activities up to the present time, have consisted of one "open house" at which some fifty or more brothers appeared with their wives and soul mates. Readings by Bro. "Hink" Hinsdell of footlight fame, and most melodious melody by the freshman quartette were the features of the entertainment committee. It is rather an insult to "Hink" to place him and the quartette together in one sentence but it couldn't be helped. Our pledge dance will take place on February 23, and any visiting brothers are more than welcome to attend.

Basketball is now in full sway and Northwestern is represented by a fairly strong team. Bro. "Gog" Ellingwood, not satisfied with showing everyone how football should be played, is now prancing up and down the floor at a terrific rate of speed, setting the pace for the rest of the basketball squad. He has starred in every game so far and in all probability will continue to do so in the future. Bro. "Al" Marquardt has gotten into every game but one, and it is likely that before the season ends, he will be holding down a regular job.

Speaking of basketball, we won the interfraternity basketball championship, going through without a

defeat. Phi Kappa Psi, not satisfied with the result, challenged us to a game, with a dinner for the entire chapter as a stake. Not averse to eating at their expense, we accepted, and the inevitable happened, we ate their dinner.

Our swimming team has started on its march towards conference honors, and as usual seems to be on a fair way to repeat its previous successes as champions. Bro. Harry Grove is adding his mite to the point column, swimming the hundred, two-twenty, and relay and in whatever other events Coach Robinson enters him. As Brother Lynch says, "Just hold a pair of pants at the finish and Harry will beat the field to them." The point of that remark is, that Harry is our official tailor and does the pressing for the crowd.

Baseball practice has started and four of the brothers seem sure of regular positions when the season opens. Capt. "Cudge" Ellingwood, of course, will have his old right field job, and no one is likely to be able to supplant Bro. "Pat" Driscoll at short. Bro. "Bill" Johnson is a wonderful second baseman and Bro. "Marty" Lynch is no slouch at third. So I guess the chapter will be as well represented upon the baseball diamond as it was upon the football field.

Brother Anderson, our delegate to the convention, made such a favorable report of the good time he had, as to make us all wish that we could have gone with him. If we all had been born John D. Rockefeller's favorite son, in all probability we would have been in Pittsburgh when the convention opened, but inasmuch as we couldn't choose our fathers, we stayed in Evanston during the days when the brothers gathered in solemn council.

CHAS A. MEERS.

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Illinois Beta, University of Illinois,  
Champaign

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OUR first semester is almost over, in fact, examinations are the next thing of importance Illinois Beta must face. Every man seems to realize this fact and if no unforeseen disaster occurs our chapter ought to be well up in the list when the fraternity averages come in. The freshmen are showing up exceptionally well scholastically this semester and will help considerably to boost the average.

We are exceptionally proud of the fifteen pledges which we annexed this semester and every one of them is showing his loyalty by entering into some college activity. Two of them already have "cinched" regular positions on the freshman varsity basketball team; one is pianist for the glee and mandolin club and is recognized as the best on the campus. Several are out reporting for *The Daily Illini* and two have aspirations in the wrestling line. Six of them play some musical instrument, and these combined with our musical talent among the active men, make possible a very nice little house orchestra.

Brother Johns will be back for the second semester and will captain the swimming team. He is all-conference champion in the fancy-diving event and from all reports should duplicate his last year's performance easily. Brother Fredrick will again represent Illinois in the middleweight wrestling class and will make the "Big Nine." Men of his weight wrestle some to beat him. Brothers Kipp and Cox are warming up daily in the armory getting in shape for baseball and without a doubt will be playing regularly when the season opens. On the

campus we are doing our share and several of the brothers are representing us in various fields. Brother Davidson is treasurer of the junior class and also is a representative on the student council. Brother Rideout was on the sophomore cotillion committee, and is an active representative in other class activities. Brothers Todd and Richardson are representing us in the dramatic field and have acquitted themselves very well in several plays. Bro. George Buchanan is still drawing cartoons for *The Siren*, the university magazine of wit, and shows exceptional talent in this line.

Among interfraternity sports bowling now holds the center of the stage and we are still topping our division with no games lost. Unless somebody on the team breaks an arm we ought to walk away with the cup, for we have already bowled two games 100 pins higher than the nearest competitor. Brother Kipp is captain and anchor man for the team and is without question the best bowler in the university.

We gave our second dinner-dance of the year on Friday evening, January 12. The program consisted of dancing from five till six, dinner, and then dancing till twelve. The coeds were all looking "the best ever" and everybody had a royal good time. The next social function will be our annual formal dance which will take place at the Champaign Country Club on Friday evening, March 16. We are all looking forward to it with much expectation and according to some of the brothers all the beauty from Florida to Wisconsin will be present.

Needless to say, we have missed the fifteen "old-heads" we lost by graduation last year but we still have that old "zip" that keeps a chapter alive and as I look over the

whole field I don't believe I ever saw things going along any smoother. We still have as our motto "a well balanced chapter" and every man is doing his share toward this both in school and in chapter work.

T. E. PETERSON.

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Illinois Theta, University of Chicago,  
Chicago

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ON JANUARY 29, with Bro. "Louie" Mack, Province Archon, officiating, Illinois Theta initiated five new men. They are: Bros. Franklin Heiss, Huntington, Ind.; Luther Sandwick, Highland Park, Ill.; Roscoe Taylor, Montezuma, Iowa; Mercer Zick, Independence, Mo.; and Roland Holloway, Chicago. The interest these men show in fraternity affairs assures us that they will do a great deal toward keeping  $\Sigma A E$  in the front rank of fraternities at the University of Chicago.

We still have several pledges who were not quite able to surmount the scholastic obstacles imposed by the university for eligibility for initiation. However, these men will, doubtless, be initiated after the end of the present "quarter"—about April 1. Several excellent rushees are still on our list, and some of them will probably be added to the chapter before the year is over.

More attention is being paid to scholarship at present than was possible during the extremely strenuous fall term. Our average was not what it should have been last term, but we expect to be among the leaders when the averages are again published.

We have not done much in a social way since the holidays, but next Saturday evening, February 17, we are going to give a dance at the

Gladstone Hotel. This dance is for our alumni, primarily, and we expect a big bunch out. If this dance is as successful as the others have been this year, I am sure no one will regret making the trip to the South Side to attend.

In the last letter, I mentioned the fact that all the brothers are taking some part in student activities. Enumerating these activities again would be useless repetition, but we are all striving for something, and unless signs fail  $\Sigma A E$  will continue to carry off her share of campus honors.

Our star athlete this year is Bro. "Charlie" Higgins. Although this is his first year in football, he managed to land a job as guard on most of the all-Western selections. At present he is heaving the sixteen pound shot with great success. He has won his event in all the meets he has entered up to date. Brother Jung is working hard for a place on the relay team. We are represented on each of the class basketball teams, although we have no member on the varsity. Finally, Brother Harte will soon lead his baseball warriors out to practice.

We have had the pleasure of a number of visits from our alumni lately. Brother "Ned" Merriam, track coach at Drake, Iowa, dropped in just in time to wield a paddle at our recent initiation. Bro. "Billy" Mathews, of Kansas City, underwent an operation at St. Luke's hospital recently, but he is now getting along very well.

We have inaugurated the custom of getting out a monthly letter for the alumni, and we hope any of the brothers who see this and have not received a copy will let us know immediately.

PAUL S. McMAHON.

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Illinois Delta, Millikin University,  
Decatur

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**B**ROTHER JACOBSEN has been selected to head the chapter in the spring term. Those who know the old German have no doubt as to his ability.

We were well represented on Millikin's state championship football team by Moffett, McCowan, and Leo Johnson. The last two were named all-state men, Frosty at end and Leo at quarterback. In basketball Leo Johnson and Mike Heisen are representing us.

Our initiation will come about February 10. We are preparing a warm welcome for the neophytes. As yet we do not know who they will be since the semi-annual slaughter examination is now on.

The annual will be held March 9 and 10. The dance will be on the ninth, and the social committee have awakened great expectations for the best ever.

Brother Koch is throwing the bull on the intercollegiate debating team. Some of the freshmen promise well in this line.

Miller represented us at the convention and brought back lots of pep. We wished that all of us might have attended.

C. F. KOCH.

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Indiana Alpha, Franklin College,  
Franklin

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**I**T'S all over, all is well and we are all peaceful again. We are speaking of examinations. Most of us are happy, while some believe the professors misunderstood them. For one whole week there was the most intense quietude ever obtained

and faces bore the expression of men going into battle. Every nerve was at its highest tension; even the furnace must have been under an intense strain for on the last day, "boom" the thing blew up. We are now living in a mighty cold mansion, warmed in the good old-fashioned way and are anxiously waiting for the next move of our alumni. They are busy, and there is no doubt that we shall be in a good house before spring. We hope to have it ready by the time of the state convention to be held here.

About the most important event this year was the visit of "Billy." He took us on a wonderful trip through  $\Sigma$  A E land and filled us with inspiration and enthusiasm for our fraternity by his words and very presence. We have decided that Billie's size is simply due to his being so full of  $\Sigma$  A E.

At the beginning of this semester Brother Beck came back. Brother Lostutter has accepted a position as principal of the Taylorsville schools. Pledge Jordan has had an attack of pneumonia but is improving. We were stricken with mumps but all survived.

Brother Lostutter brought us a very good report from the convention at Pittsburgh. We are more than pleased with the addition of the new chapters. He thinks it was surely the greatest convention ever held.

The basketball team is going fine; it is led by Brother Lowery. Brother Bowen holds down back guard, and Pledge Ross plays forward. Brother Craig has his baseball men at work and says that judging from the new material we are going to have another championship team.

REUBEN CRAIG.

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Indiana Beta, Purdue University, West Lafayette

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AS THE time comes round for another letter we are just beginning to settle down to the work of a new semester. The last weekend, ordinarily known as "between semesters," is a time long to be remembered and cherished because it was then that we got out our hard-boiled, imported our lady friend, and took in the Pan-formal. The Pan-formal, for the benefit of those unacquainted with Purdue, is one of the two big social events of the year, and under the skilled management of Brother Ballweg this dance was a dazzling success. Add to this an informal dance at the house and a coasting party, and one can well imagine our regret that it is all over. In vain did Brother Large resist the darts of the blind son of Venus, for he is caught—for a day or two. Even that wonderful dancer, Brother Hurley, had need to hesitate at the favors showered upon him.

Since our last letter the chapter roll has been augmented by the name of W. M. Hutchinson, Clarence, Illinois. This brother is a member of the junior class and is planning to show Mr. Ford a thing or two about producing automobiles. Our list of pledges has also been increased by two members of the sophomore class and two of the freshman class, namely: H. K. McMillin, LaFayette, Ind.; F. H. Rees, Cynthiana, Ky.; E. H. Glaspie, Oxford, Ind.; and E. G. Powell, Michigan City, Ind. These men are all of sterling quality and will make loyal and faithful sons of Minerva. Although we have not succeeded in coming out first in

the Pan bowling tournament we have high hopes of winning the inter-fraternity baseball championship in the spring.

We were fortunate to have with us for a week Brother Johnson of Indiana Alpha who was taking the "Ag" short course.

E. G. HAMPTON.

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Indiana Gamma, University of Indiana,  
Bloomington

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**WE ARE** all in agitation even in our peaceful country, for in peace as well as in war the mind must keep in motion. The national and state issues concern us much. Indiana will undoubtedly go dry within a year and three months; woman suffrage and military training seem to be coming.

Locally we are secluded and free from submarines. Monroe County is too rugged for a fertile prairie, the hills are not high enough to be called mountains and the environment ought to be a good place to study; but strange as it may seem, we all don't make A's.

We are happy, though, and feel progressive. The chapter has its merry hours. Just last Saturday we threw a dinner-dance that was real—the best of the season.

Indiana University is growing, it passed the 2,000 mark last fall. Our new \$200,000 gymnasium was informally dedicated three weeks ago with a victory over Iowa.

We do not want to burden you with the attributes of our rank and file but will try our best to give a review of reviews in our next letter.

On account of the price of paper we have withdrawn from all correspondence, except with *THE RECORD*. Hence the excuse.

CARL GIRTON.

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Michigan Alpha, Adrian College,  
Adrian

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**SINCE** the last chapter letter was written, Michigan Alpha has enjoyed a visit from Brother Levere. Although his stay was but for a few hours, we were very much impressed by the illustrated lecture which he gave that night. The chapter spirit was livened, and some profitable suggestions were made by him.

On January 15, the chapter celebrated its thirtieth anniversary. A banquet was held at the Gregg Hotel, and attended by all the active members and pledges. Brother Carpenter gave a historical sketch of the chapter.

Big plans are being laid for Founders' Day celebration. We are hoping this year to have the biggest and best ever, and as yet have no reason to believe that we will be disappointed.

FREDERIC R. ORAM.

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Michigan Iota-Beta, University of Michigan,  
Ann Arbor

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**THE** end of Christmas holidays found us back in Ann Arbor again ready to enjoy what future gifts the university had in store for us as the result of the final run toward examinations. Of course, there were the usual number with the left-over homesick feeling; also, that particular few who found it necessary to put away certain clothes because of sentimental feelings attached to the lingering breath of "her" perfume hanging about sleeve and lapel.

Again there were those who had enjoyed the splendors of the National Convention and to their de-

scription we listened with pleasure. There is nothing much to be said locally except that we have the Junior Hop to look forward to as the dispeller of the gloom of examinations. Strenuous plans are already under way for the purpose of adding certain improvements to the house against the coming of that event.

The novelty of an interfraternity basketball league finds us at the front with a capable team. We have already won six straight games.

Inasmuch as the university has approved of varsity basketball as a new sport we say to those alumni brothers who are interested in the activities of the university itself that we may also lend our support to military training, we have quite a representation of pseudo colonels and ex-militarists.

We have been greatly pleased recently with visits from men who have long since left the chapter. To close we add a cordial invitation to those who have not done this for any length of time and say we will be glad to put ourselves out for their pleasure.

JEROME ZEIGLER.

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Minnesota Alpha, University of Minnesota,  
Minneapolis

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**F**INAL examinations over, and no fatalities! After the smoke of battle had cleared, the following freshmen were found eligible for initiation: Charles Shepard, Stephen Sherman, Alvin Anderson, and Herman Davies.

Probation week is soon to start. Pledge songs, high school yells, the royal game of "pick the pin," and other results of Brother Hathaway's diabolical ingenuity will be experimented upon the verdant "frosh."

Our mid-winter formal was held December 15, at the Radisson Gold-room. Not all the active members, and no alumni were present, but those who were reported one of the most enjoyable parties they had ever attended.

A recent innovation which has met with great success has been the weekly alumni luncheons which are being held at the Roger's Café. Two or more active men are delegated to be present at each of these luncheons, and in this way a closer spirit of coöperation between chapter and alumni results. The alumni association extends to all visiting brothers a most cordial invitation to be present at these luncheons.

Our prospects for a winning hockey team this season seem bright, and unless a black cat crosses our path, we should duplicate our victories of last year. With Shelly, Long, and Dennis displaying their usual form, and with the added ability of Donald, Scheldrup, and Darling, we can see nothing but a silver cup resting on our mantel-place.

Chapter plans for next semester are being made, and a week or two should see them under way. Our rushing of late has had a slump, but for the future, with a realization of the necessity for action, things are going to hum.

CLINTON R. BOO.

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Ohio Sigma, Mt. Union College, Alliance

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**W**ITH the opening of the second semester the brothers of Ohio Sigma are rejoicing. All of the neophytes passed their examinations and on March 2 we will take the following eleven freshmen into the mystic fold: Harry Guest, Brooke Miller, George Baillie, Edwin Head-

land, Wm. Butcher, Wm. Kutcher, Wm. Young, Willis Patton, Harold Eckis, Fred Woolf, and Donald Roof. We expect to put on one of the best initiations held in late years and a goodly number of the "old grads" are coming back for the occasion.

Along athletic and other college lines we are doing our best. We have two representatives on the basketball team. Brother Miller, the captain elect, was unable to return to school and in him we lost a valuable player. We are fairly well represented on the class teams especially on the freshman squad.

We are making plans now for our annual party to be held sometime in March. As we are only allowed one social event a year by the faculty we also look forward to the party as the biggest event of the year.

Our Glee Club, which Brother Reed is managing, has five brothers and Pledges Eckis and Young as accompanists on its roster.

Along other lines we have Brother Reed as manager of the *Unonian*, the college annual. Brother Beck represents us on the debating teams.

And thus, while it is very snowy and cold out of doors, Ohio Sigma is all smiles and sunshine.

M. K. SPIDLE.

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Ohio Delta, Ohio Wesleyan University,  
Delaware

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**BY** THE time this letter appears in THE RECORD, eight neophytes will have traveled the thorny path which leads to Ohio Delta "Σ A E," and will be the proud possessors of brand new Σ A E badges. They are: John Springer, Marion; Ray Brewster, China; Otis Beck, Chattanooga, Tenn.; Hubert Harvey and Gardner

Townsley, Vincennes, Ind.; Carl Danford, Alliance; Rodney Clark, Lima; and Karl Sisterhen, Navarre.

At the present writing, the chapter has just completed the *Round Table*, which is sent out at this time each year, and it is hot off the press and ready for mailing to the alumni and sister chapters. The high-lights of Ohio Delta and Ohio Wesleyan news are contained in the miniature newspaper. Plans are also under way to issue a chapter directory of all graduates and former students. It will be out in the early spring.

In regard to social life, the bunch is still sore from patting itself on the back as the result of a "rough-neck" party, given January 19, which proved to be the hit of the season, or in the coed vernacular, "a scream." And the boys surely did themselves justice. The downstairs of the house was stripped of all evidences of civilization. We substituted sawdust, boxes, lithographs from the local movie shows, and signs of every description. A cabaret platform in one corner of the room, swinging doors, a la café, and rough tables and chairs completed the scene. Illumination was furnished by candles thrust in the necks of bottles and hanging lamps of the early pioneer period. To top it off, the place was dubbed, "The Sign of the Lion's Paw," and the placard bore the name, "Sigma A. Epsilon, Prop." Such was the setting to which the brothers, attired in the roughest of bowery habiliments, brought their fair companions. The coarse but very delicious menu was partaken of to strains of music rendered by Eph. Jonsing's Society Orchestra, composed of Preps Springer and Clark. The remainder of the pledges made excellent negro waiters. A hit of the evening was



the favors, beautiful carved statuettes, which were imported by the Woolworth Company, especially for the occasion. Festivities continued until the hour of 10:30, when it is decreed in Wesleyan annals that all parties shall cease.

Officers of the chapter were elected at a recent meeting and the results are as follows: E. A. Morley Walter; E. D. A., S. B. Besse; E. T., D. H. Hepburn; E. R., Wm. F. DuPre; E. C., A. Rhu Taylor; E. Chr., H. A. Hildreth, E. Ch., Ray Hanson; E. H., Fred S. Day; E. W., G. E. Ensign.

On the basketball team, of which Bro. Morley Walter is captain, Bro. Gerald Ensign is holding down the position of center, while Bro. Frank Thomas is subbing at guard. The jinx has been with Wesleyan in this sport thus far, but things look favorable for a clean slate from now on.

In track Brother Ensign is more than holding his own and bids fair to establish new records in the high jump, pole vault, and high hurdles. Brother Hanson is the chapter's representative in baseball.

The boys are all looking forward to Washington's Birthday which is celebrated with a banquet in the gymnasium, and which means a holiday from "the daily grind."

A. R. TAYLOR.

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Ohio Epsilon, University of Cincinnati,  
Cincinnati

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**T**ROUBLES, troubles everywhere and not a drop to drink. The idea of having to concoct a chapter letter with six sad examinations standing around giving us the fish-eye and twitching an impatient toe is enough to make a young man take a six-shooter and a chaser of arsenic

down to the river and jump off the bridge and hang himself to death.

W. M. MYERS.

P. S. Since chirographing the preceding lament, information has come to ear that Bro. "Pete" White is chaperon of next year's football aggregation. "Pete" is filling the Walk Overs of Bro. "Orange" Outcalt who plotted out the curves of University of Cincinnati's football career last fall. "Orange" was also impresario extraordinary for the festivities attending the First Annual Interscholastic Basketball Tournament. Bro. "Muff" Davis has annexed a "C," the spoils of his fall campaign on the first line of varsity's Old Guard. "Muff" has taken quite a few falls out of various people in his capacity of champion wrestler of the university. Bro. J. T. T. P. Crutchfield has affiliated with the swimming team and is diving like a derelict hopping Herbert Tareyton snipes. While he dives under on the swimming team he dives over on the track team, being as how he has the happy faculty of pole vaulting in this bailiwick. He and "Bill" Myers have been elected to sit with the sages of the Student Council, which formulates our scholastic Hoyle. This same "Bill" is associate editor of *The Cincinnati* and *The Scribe*, and during leisure moments passes the unturned palm as Director of the Exchequer of the Political Science Club. Some unkind spirit suggested that he go in for domestic science but Willie is very young yet and has about six years of school.

We neglected to mention in our last missive that Bro. "Deke" Sadler is wielding the gavel of the Interfraternity Association. Bros. "Doc" Neville and "Pete" White are living on hardtack and water in order to be preceded by nothing but their

reputations in circumnavigating the quarter-mile stretch. Bro. "Pass-the-pretzels" Stegner has hit the trail for Akron. He and "Eminent Disturber" Dearness are advancing the rubber interests of Akron at the rate of most miles per dollar. The wanderlust bug has crawled beneath the hide of Bro. "Hop" Whiteley, who has packed his biled shirt, shaving soaps, and cosmetics. Address: Dept. X, Akron, Ohio.

Pledge Barnett had to wait about ten minutes by the town chronometer for the rest of the field to drag in, in the sophomore-freshman cross-country. Clever boy. He's an Ornith. Pledges Weatherford, Wahl, Stanley, and Hudson donned thespic garb in varsity's annual vodvil show and nearly brought down the house, brick by brick.

We expect Bros. "Pi" Porter and "Doc" Schroth from the border if the Mexicans do not get to eating raw meat again. We will be so tickled to blubber brine down their spinal column that we will scarcely mind their repeating in the first person every Nick Carter they have ever read. The assorted brothers in Troop C's mounted galaxy will also be renewing auld acquaintances at the local coffee houses.

March 10 will be the scene of the Founders' Day banquet, owing to the fact that the Junior Prom fills the calendar on the ninth, at which terpsichorean function will be present many loyal sons of Minerva, each with his Phantom of Delight tucked in the crook of his starboard fin. Our annual holiday dance was spread as per schedule on January 1, much to the satisfaction of the hilarious and unroarious instincts of all concerned. Many noble brothers in Jerry Hickey's and party manners joyously wafted their

chosen damsels on the wings of song.

The faculty, bless their hearts, have had a stroke of conscience and to make amends for the trials and tribulations enforced upon us, are going to hold open house some Sabbath afternoon for the edification of those who love their teachers and a bully cup of tea.

Those six sad examinations are still waiting to be turned over in our brain-pan, to tempus fidgets, vox populi, nux vomica, and finis.

W. M. MYERS.

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Ohio Theta, Ohio State University,  
Columbus

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THE time of this writing finds examinations over and joy with us again. The brothers, after several weeks of doubt, are now happy since few of them there are that had not worried unduly. According to this and reports from the other chapters we have all reasons to believe that our second place berth in scholarship ranking, now held for two semesters, will be vacated for first place. Those brothers leaving here several years back please note. Yes, it's the truth.

Not considering our biennial house-flooding due to broken water pipes, everything is fine. This said flooding, although not pleasing, has its advantages, in that it gives the freshmen a chance to brush up against the better things around here. We even furnish the paint.

In fraternity circles unusual activity has been shown this fall in the matter of new houses. The Delta Chi's house is just being finished and the Phi Delta Thetas will start to build this spring within

an egg's throw from our house. Several other fraternities have purchased lots and will start building soon. Not to be outdone in this display of prosperity we are making plans for the future along these lines. The question under discussion is whether we remodel to a considerable extent our present house, which is ideally located, or make preparations for the building of a new one. If the latter plan is decided upon it will not be put into effect for several years because we still have a comparatively new house. Thus far we have not come to a decision.

Foremost in our minds now, is the preparation for and looking forward to March 9. By the time this is read one of the greatest  $\Sigma A E$  celebrations ever held near here will have been completed. As they did last year Ohio Delta will celebrate with us. However, since this is the twenty-fifth year of Ohio Theta's establishment at Ohio State University special preparations are being made.

One of the features of the evening will be the presentation of the ritual to two who are at this time preps. On reading this, however, consider yourself introduced to Brothers Brindgardner and Daughters.

We are still prominent in school affairs and along social lines. In short, we are in the midst of a prosperous year.

HARRY O. BUHRMAN.

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Ohio Rho, Case School of Applied  
Science, Cleveland

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**N**OW that the final examinations are over and the excitement and suspense of that trying period are at an end, we are preparing to enter

upon the second lap of the race with a determination to finish strong. This time of the year is one of rejoicing and regret; rejoicing because most of us have come out victorious, and regret because there are some who will not answer at our future roll calls. It wounds our pride to lose a single brother or pledge, but time is a wonderful healer and we hope that our loss will only be temporary and that those few will be drawn back to us inspired with new impulses to try again.

Since the time of my last letter thirteen Ohio Rho brothers have made a pilgrimage into the city of smoky renown. A fair representation, I would say, for one chapter to have at a national convention. It was the first one many of us ever attended but I am quite sure it will not be the last, for if we live and have the use of both legs you will find us again at Birmingham two years hence. "Time and money well spent," is the way we all expressed it after the trip, and I take this opportunity to thank the brothers who were in charge of the Pittsburgh Convention for their share in making our visit such a delightful one.

We are now making preparations for the initiation of our pledges which will occur on February 16. Seven neophytes are doomed to ride the proverbial goat and bravely await the fatal day. In the five months past we have tried to instill into them the true spirit of  $\Sigma A E$  and in my next letter I shall introduce to you the fruits of our efforts as brothers in  $\Sigma A E$ .

All interest in athletics is now vested in basketball. Last year Case had a championship team and we are looking forward for another this year. So far only one defeat

mars our list of victories. Bro. Russel Drukenbrod captains the team and Bro. George Norrick is manager. We hope to report another successful season in the next issue of *THE RECORD*.

Just as a closing word, after this brief review of the most important phases of our fraternity life at Ohio Rho, we extend to every chapter a sincere wish for your success and prosperity in the year of 1917. May you grow in numbers and in quality and make  $\Sigma A E$  better for your existence.

HAROLD W. STADLER.

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Wisconsin Alpha, University of Wisconsin, Madison

**S**INCE the last letter Wisconsin Alpha has been progressing steadily in all directions. At the present time we are all of us busily occupied with the task of upholding the scholastic record of  $\Sigma A E$  in the final examinations of the semester, which come this next week. Our chapter this past semester has been rather small, only twenty active men. After the final examinations, we hope to be able to initiate about twelve men, so that we will once more have our usual number of men.

With the interfraternity bowling season about three-fourths over, we are still in the lead by about five games. We have already played most of the leading teams and defeated them so the prospects for a championship are very bright. In the Interfraternity Basketball League we are also doing very well. We are leading our division with four games won and no games lost. By winning one game more we are assured a place in the semi-finals.

Brother Sands, who is coach of

the freshman basketball team as well as coach of our team in the interfraternity league, left us during the Christmas vacation and joined the ranks of the married men.

Brother Hammer is leaving school this next semester. He is entering the insurance business here in Madison and will still live in the house with us and will look after rushing the same as during the past semester. We have pledged two new men, both freshmen: John C. Rush of Joplin, Mo.; and William J. White of Russellville, Ark. We expect to pledge several men who will enter school this next semester.

At our last regular meeting, Bro. Marston S. Richardson, who was the chapter's delegate to the national convention at Pittsburgh, was elected E. A. for the coming semester.

LOUIS C. ROVE.

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Wisconsin Phi, Beloit College, Beloit

**I**T IS nearing the most critical period in the college year when fate determines who shall remain in school for the second semester. If the marks of the mid-semester are any indication of the semester grades, we should come through with flying colors. At that time our house was batting around the 400 mark. This shows that we are on the upgrade. But we will not be content with second or third position. First rank is the goal towards which we are striving.

On February 13 Wisconsin Phi will have celebrated her second year in the ranks of  $\Sigma A E$ . Since that notable date many brothers have entered. Still our chapter has been steadily growing and this year we have an active membership of twenty-four brothers, all pushing

to make "Σ A E's" Wisconsin Phi chapter the best fraternity chapter in Beloit.

The first man to cover himself with glory was Brother Power. He obtained the right to represent Beloit at the State Peace Contest to be held at Ripon on March 9 by defeating all comers in the home contest. This is the first time in the history of our house that a brother has been able to represent the college at a state contest. We wish him much success in his undertaking and hope that in the next chapter letter we may say that we have the champion orator of the state.

This year we have surprised the entire school in bowling. With only one old man on the team it was generally thought that the "Σ A Es" would be no contenders for the bowling cup. However, we upset all dope and have defeated the best teams in the school. On account of a lack of experience we had a bad start but have gradually worked our way up the ladder until now we are camped on the third round. With twenty-four games yet to roll, we hope to pass them all on the way and finally land at the top.

Wisconsin Phi chapter has broken all records in her history this year. With twelve pledges at the start of the season we were able to initiate them all. Everyone was up in his studies which gives us a boost in scholarship. The new brothers are: Earl Power, Paul Wickham, Joseph Roth, Jacob Smith, Frank Smith, David Speaker, Herbert Hannah, Leonard Lucas, Adolph Fortney, Karl Omsted, Aldon Sanborn, and Ralph Doepke.

Brother Mack presided at our initiation in the afternoon of December 16 and largely contributed to its success. We wish to extend to

Brother Mack our thanks and appreciation for his service at this time. In the evening our annual initiation banquet was held. After an excellent menu had been served, we settled back to a series of very fine and appropriate speeches. Our province archon gave an inspiring speech on the fraternity which will long linger in the minds of the brothers.

At the end of the football season, Brothers Rogan and Stuessy received their "B's." Brother Stuessy, as captain, played a strong game at tackle, while Brother Rogan held down the end position in stellar style. We also had two numeral men from the freshman class. Brothers Sanborn and Lucas are almost certain of varsity positions next year on account of their clever performance during the past season.

For campus college honors Brother Hildreth is making things fly. He is assistant manager of the *Round Table* and assistant manager of basketball.

The baseball prospects for the coming season seem rather rosy. With scarcely any financial support from the college the student manager has been able to collect a considerable sum from the alumni and the town people to finance the team next season. Brother Rogan is certain of his position behind the bat, while Brother Wickham will try his hand at curving them over the plate. This addition to the twirling staff will add materially to the strength of our team.

The Mandolin Club is making preparations for an extensive tour of Wisconsin and Illinois during spring recess. Brother McIntosh has been selected as accompanist. Nothing need be said of his ability in ragging the scale.

The Panhellenic dance, given by the four national fraternities, was the big event of the season. Fifteen brothers delved into this society event and all pronounced it the best in years.

Ill luck has been following one of our new brothers this year. Brother Omsted while sliding on a hill fell and broke both bones of his right wrist. It is a bad time for such a thing to occur just before examinations. However, the break is slowly mending and he is now able to be out of the hospital.

No longer will the visiting brothers be forced to sit on our three-legged stool and our one-armed rocker. The brothers have voted two hundred dollars for the purchase of new furniture. We are hoping to refurnish the entire first floor with some comfortable chairs and a davenport.

On account of a faculty ruling, the opening of the second season of rushing occurs the first week in February. Under the leadership of our rushing committee, consisting of Brothers Power and Hildreth, we hope to increase our ranks. The committee are now working on men for next year and have several lined up. If any of you, brothers, know of prospects for Beloit, kindly notify either of these men.

And now, as a final gasp, we must not forget to tell you that the chapter had an enjoyable and instructive visit from our "Eminent Leader," Brother Levere, who took us along "The  $\Sigma$  A E Trail," told a story or two, and gave us instructions for the welfare of our chapter. We appreciated his visit and hope that he will make his visits more numerous in the future.

WILLIAM H. VOGT.

## PROVINCE EPSILON

Alabama Mu, University of Alabama,  
University

**W**RITING a chapter letter immediately following the mid-year's and February dances (which took place in January, by the way) is not a very opportune time. Brother Sanford said February 10 was the limit, so here is the letter even if it had to be prefaced with old alibi.

In the December **RECORD** I promised to let you know about our harvest of freshmen. Well, we gathered a bountiful crop during rush week and since have pledged two more. Wait a minute and I'll present them to you. Watch out, here they come—brothers, I present to you: Ben Anderson, George

Eustis, Rowan Oden, Charles Webb, Yancy Goodall, and Marcus McClellan, all of Birmingham. From Montgomery, Harry Barnes and Charles Isaac Johnson; also Demouy Spottswood and Wilson Gaillard of Mobile. John Gamble was resurrected from the wilds of Wetumpka. The pledges are Edward Brandon, Mason Dillard, and Leon Wyman of Birmingham, and George Sherman of Columbus, Miss.

The chapter was very unfortunate in losing Bro. Coleman Potts of Mississippi who has left school to go in business with his father.

In athletics the chapter is well represented. Brother Barnard is manager of the track team, while Brother Van holds the managerial reins of the baseball team. Bros. W. P. Moore, Ben Anderson, and

Yancey Goodall are varsity members of the basketball squad.

Mother Mu also takes a leading part in the social life of the university. The  $\Sigma$  A Es chosen to be new members of the "Arch" are Brothers Charley Johnson, Sterling Foster, J. G. Dickinson, and T. N. Johnson. Those elected to the "Skulls" are J. G. Johnson, W. H. Brantley, and W. P. Moore. The new Key-Ice brothers are T. C. Potts, G. A. Henderson, and E. J. McCrossin.

Each of the four mid-year dances was led by a member of Alabama Mu. Brother Vann led the Senior German and the Key-Ice, Bro. J. A. Moore the "Arch," and Bro. Barnard the Varsity Script.

Owing to the collapse of the Panhellenic rushing rules at the University of Alabama we now have wide open rushing the year around. It is do your best and God help the hindermost. As any other place than first would be embarrassing to Mother Mu, we ask that all brothers and chapters who know of new men who are coming to Alabama that are  $\Sigma$  A E material will let us know of them. We will appreciate it very much.

On December 8, 1916, Alabama Mu held a little dance. The affair was pulled off in the Memorial Hall and pronounced a success by everyone. We are sorry that we did not have more visitors from other chapters for our "Social Committee," headed by Billy Moore, would be only too glad to usher you in and invite you to have a seat on the trunk.

Several of the old guard have strayed in for a day or so visit since the last epistle, including Brothers Dunn, J. F. Johnson, R. M. Goodall, Harris Hardy, Morgan Stickney, and others. Come to see us broth-

ers, the house is yours, for the gang is always at the picture show.

The "bones" have burned up all of the midnight oil studying for examinations so I will have to quit as my light is getting dim. (Do you, would you, believe that about an  $\Sigma$  A E?)

W. H. BRANTLEY.

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Alabama Iota, Southern University,  
Greensboro

**WE** WRITE this letter in a rather trying hour, for mid-year examinations are now in progress at Southern University. Perhaps we can write with more spirit and "pep" now than after examinations. But we would not say that for  $\Sigma$  A Es at Southern University are not the kind to fail on examinations. We may not all make honor roll, but as a whole we make a creditable showing always.

The outlook for Southern University is very bright, indeed. At present, plans are in operation for the raising of \$175,000 for the college—\$25,000 to go toward the erection of a new Science Hall and and \$150,000 to be added to the present productive endowment.

I am sure that I am not too optimistic when I say Southern University is in a better condition than she has ever been.

Alabama Iota chapter of  $\Sigma$  A E is keeping pace with the university, too. We now have fifteen men in our chapter. A very good number I think, for the size of the student body. All of these men are real men and true  $\Sigma$  A Es. It is the united opinion of the men in the chapter and of the large number of alumni in town that our chapter is in the best condition that it has been for some time.

Our men are kept busy—for they are constantly being called upon to take places in all lines of college activity. They always promptly and efficiently respond. Brothers Norton, Paulk, and Waller made letters in football. Brothers Kelly, Alison, and Cardwell also showed up well in football.

When commencement speakers were elected, Brothers Jordan, Cardwell, Stuart, Howard, Glenn, Kelly, and Welden were given places. Some of them won two places. We also have five "Young Carusos" on the Glee Club. We have some excellent baseball material which will show up when the season opens.

O. K. WELDEN.

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Alabama Alpha-Mu, Alabama Polytechnic Institute, Auburn

**S**INCE our last letter we have four new brothers to introduce. These are: William Sullivan and Pat Sullivan of Anderson, S. C.; Alfred C. McIsaac of Chattanooga; and Jesse McLane of Pensacola.

The chapter acknowledges pleasant visits during December from Bros. Burrus Munn of Columbus, Ga.; Alex Reynolds of Ozark, Ala.; and Lieut. Ligon B. Ard of the submarine station at New London, Conn. We had the pleasure of having Brother Reynolds with us at a meeting in January.

Under the National Defense Act many changes have taken place at this institution since last fall. Colonel Patrick, who was for so long commandant of the corps of cadets, has become a professor of mathematics, and his place as commandant is filled by Captain Rowell of the U. S. Army. Many new features have been added to the military course and quite a num-

ber have signed up to take the Reserve Officers' Training Course.

The basketball team, managed by Bro. Chas. Jones, has quite a full schedule for this season. A feature of the games played on the local court is the dance that follows every one of these games, and they are proving very enjoyable.

Bros. Sam Green and Dick Abney have had to drop out of college this year on account of sickness. Both are reported to be doing very nicely now and we hope they will soon be back.

The race for the scholarship cup given by the Panhellenic Council is developing into a right pretty race, and it appears to be anybody's cup at this writing. A marked improvement in work can be noted on this account.

Just now we are all looking forward to February 22, which is the gala season with us, this being the time of our biggest dances. We hope to have a number of our alumni with us on this occasion.

ROLAND L. ADAMS.

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Florida Upsilon, University of Florida, Gainesville

**A**GAIN the Eminent Cusser must take his pen in hand and pen the brothers, far and near, a few lines as to the immediate past history of our chapter. Naturally, as our mind traverses back over the sands of time, Christmas, with all its "doings and undoings," is the outstanding topic.

On Wednesday, December 20, we pulled our first annual Christmas Ball. And brothers, believe me, even if we do say it ourselves, it was a hop that made all the natives open their eyes in amazement.



Dancing at the White House Hotel from nine-thirty until three with all the holiday pep, fixings, and refreshments was enjoyed by some fifty couples. Aside from the usual routine of dances our guests enjoyed dancing solos by Mr. and Miss Hammett of Jacksonville. Uncle Burleigh Pancoast, with all his portliness, made an ideal Santa Claus.

On January 3 we reassembled here to take up the grind once more. Florida Upsilon was, indeed, very fortunate in that we returned to a man and have, moreover, pledged and initiated Bros. "Pat" Maloney, "Conk" Otto, and Kenneth Collins, three goats well recommended by brothers over the state. This gives us a chapter of twenty-one, the largest number we have had since Minerva smiled upon us some two years ago.

Baseball practice started immediately after the holidays in the form of workouts for the battery men. Brother Rood looks good as a backstopper, and Brother Nall is a very likely looking colt pitcher. Brother Johnson is starting his fourth year as a twirler and they say he looks as good as ever, but probably that isn't saying much for the pitcher. Regular practice starts soon after the mid-years and several of our "rats" seem to think they have a little bit of a Ty Cobb in their make-up.

Brother Barkwell has recently been made associate editor of the *Seminole*, our annual. Brother Mann, due probably to his wonderful eye for the beautiful, has been elected art editor.

At the State Conference of College Y. M. C. A.s we were represented by Brothers Mann and Murrell. Both report a good time and say that some noble steps have

been taken towards dissolving some of our "crap shooting" associations and other such moneyed corporations.

But what worries us most now is semester examinations, and speaking of them reminds me of one I should be at work on.

J. A. JOHNSON.

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Georgia Beta, University of Georgia,  
Athens

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**J**UST on the eve of our annual dance, which is to be given February 16, it is hard for me to think of anything else to talk about. It has been the custom for several years for Georgia Beta to give one big dance every year. Then is when all the alumni try to get back and talk over old times—especially those old timers that graduated way back in '15 and '16. We have all been looking forward to and planning the dance all the year and now all the boys on the various committees are hard at work with all the rest of the chapter helping them. About five hundred invitations have been mailed out and a crowd of three hundred to three hundred and fifty are expected.

The annual pushball game of the year was played on Sanford field last Wednesday and resulted in the freshmen winning from the sophomores by the score of 2 to 0. This means that there will be no sophomore banquet this year. As it was a very serious charge in court against all freshmen who did not play in the game,  $\Sigma A E$  was unusually well represented. From the stories circulated about school (mostly by the sophomores) not a freshman expected to come out of the game alive.

Georgia Beta takes great pleasure in presenting to  $\Sigma A E$  Bro. William

Alexander who was initiated into this chapter soon after the Christmas holidays. We also feel the loss of Brothers Boardman and Davison, both of whom are now in business college, preparatory to their entrance into the world of high finance.

Bro. Frank Harrold recently made a place on the freshman debate, which is to take place in a few weeks.

A rebellion against the sacred institution of "Court" was started by the freshmen a few days ago whereby Bro. Judge Pease and Brother Chief-executioner McKenzie got the worst end of a trunk strap ably wielded by freshman Hill. But owing to the excellent team work of the same set of officials in an extra session of court held last night, all plans for insurrections in the future have been abandoned for the present at least.

THOS. HARROLD, JR.

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Georgia Psi, Mercer University, Macon

SINCE our last letter was submitted, Georgia Psi has only too literally passed through the perils of both fire and water. Let it be known, however, that we are still on the map with one of the best chapters Georgia Psi has turned out in several years. We refer above to the recent fire in the main building in which the fraternity halls are located. Although we suffered some damage, we were comparatively fortunate in that only one room with its furniture was somewhat damaged with water. In the near future all repairs will be completed and many additional improvements made.

We wish to introduce through these columns six new brothers who

were initiated shortly after returning from the Christmas holidays. They are: Brothers Cowart, Faircloth, Perdue, Whitworth, Whitford, and Smith. The addition of these brothers, making eighteen active members in all now in the chapter, naturally strengthens us greatly.

Σ A E is well represented among the student body. Good scholarship in the chapter is evidenced by the results of the first term's work. Every pledge, with one exception, passed up all courses. Under the present ruling of the faculty this gave us the six new men mentioned above. We had two representatives on the varsity football team, one in basketball, and several prospects for the baseball team. All in all we feel that Georgia Psi of Σ A E is in excellent condition.

ERLE D. SELLERS.

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Georgia Epsilon, Emory College, Oxford

WITH the thermometer playing tag with zero, and the fires smoking like the fabled cigarette fiend, it is with some degree of difficulty that the doings of Georgia Epsilon since our last letter are recorded.

We were sailing along merrily with a happy, contented feeling when that specter of specters (old man examination) struck us in the midriff and threw us for a loss. We emerged from the conflict torn and bleeding, but with a hand full of reports calculated to reflect nothing less than honor and credit to the local "goat riders." The highest average in the chapter was made by Ernest Rogers, who kicked in with a 96.6 Bro. "Bill" Stubbs, "the pedagogical submarine" pilfered a 95.5 from the treasure house

of the faculty. All the brothers made creditable showings, and having tasted blood they are determined to knock the slats out of the first "Prof" that attempts any funny stuff with them.

Minerva has smiled on us! Congratulate us, brothers, on taking into our ranks two young freshmen of sterling "stuff," real earnestness of purpose, and all those qualities that make for good  $\Sigma A E$  men. They are John D. Finlay of Brewton, Alabama, and Clyde Hicks of Oak Hill, Georgia. It is interesting to note that Brother Finlay's brother, who is a  $\Delta K E$ , while answering his brother's plea for advice as to what steps to take in choice of a fraternity, paid  $\Sigma A E$  some appreciated compliments. We certainly thank this member of another fraternity for these remarks and we perceive that he has in him the fundamental principles of fraternity. There is no chapter of  $\Delta K E$  here.

Athletically we have been put on the map by virtue of the Herculean efforts of Bro. Arthur Richter. He was the only freshman in school to make his "E" in football, and bids fair to win the same in basketball and baseball. As some of the local "wags" say, "He's the guy that put the "E" in  $\Sigma A E$ ."

In the Mandolin Club Bros. "Ike" Gibson and "Ernie" Rogers are the founders and leaders. They are doing swell work and it is surely felt. Go to it, brothers!

The return to school of Bro. W. E. Bostwick was hailed with cries of delight by Georgia Epsilon. He is a veritable "pepper box," and is a whole-souled  $\Sigma A E$ . He is at present the guider of the good ship Georgia Epsilon and bids fair to pilot her safely to the haven of

financial independence and fraternal success.

In the literary publications Bro. E. Rogers holds the light of  $\Sigma A E$  second to none. He has had unusual success for a freshman, having had contributions in every issue of the *Phoenix*, our monthly publication, and under the *nom de plume* of J. Dooley, is contributing some spicy articles to the *Emory Weekly*. The editors of the annual have accepted several of his compositions for their publication—go to it, "Ernie."

The midnight oil burns low. Its flickering light casts shadows on the walls that may be interpreted as you will. Musingly I see the great  $\Sigma A E$  vanguard heading the caravan of the fraternities. A sudden turn in the road and the scene vanishes. I arouse myself with a start. The old pen's gone dry. My last bit of inspiration ekes from the dripping pen. The flickering light goes out. Good night, brothers.

J. FRED ADAMS.

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Georgia Phi, Georgia School of Technology, Atlanta

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**A**T LAST the mid-term examinations with accompanying, honors, woes, and cussing are over and more than likely everyone will be present when the "roll" is called again.

Class football started off with the usual pep but only several games were played as the freshmen proved to have too strong a team for the other classes to compete with. On the class teams we had six or seven men and everyone proved his worth in the games.

Just after the Thanksgiving game the chapter presented Bro. Canty

Alexander with a handsome gold watch in appreciation of his worth and loyalty to Georgia Phi and for his good work upon the football team.

Brothers Strupper (all-Southern and all-American halfback), Hill, and Alexander received "gold footballs" that were given to the team for winning the southern championship.

Several times we have been very fortunate in having Hal G. Nowells, an alumnus of Georgia Phi, with us at the meetings. Brother Nowells has helped the chapter out on several occasions for which Georgia Phi will always have a "warm spot" in her heart for him. His talks are

always enjoyed and his interest in the chapter appreciated.

Our delegate, J. S. Budd, returned from the National Convention with a fine report from which that old  $\Sigma A E$  spirit of a national convention was imparted to all of the brothers.

We are going to give our second "house dance" on February 10 and everyone is anticipating a large time.

We are looking forward to baseball season with the usual interest and we hope Brother Hill will captain the team to a southern championship.

W. E. Gross.

## PROVINCE ZETA

Arkansas Alpha-Upsilon, University of  
Arkansas, Fayetteville

**S**INCE the last chapter letter there hasn't been much doing in the social line as the thirty day law is in full force, which prohibits all social functions immediately before examinations. But we have not been idle. We have been trying to install new methods of running the house and also new methods of trying to improve our scholarship. Our method of steward's system is working fine and we are living off of the fat of the land even if the high cost of living is increasing every day. We have adopted the card-index system of keeping the individual records of all the members and pledges. In this way we hope to lead the school again in scholarship this year as we have done for the last two years.

Since the last letter we have pledged Hamilton Evrard Little, a

fine man and worthy to be a loyal son of Minerva.

The  $\Delta \Delta \Delta$  sorority recently lost their house by fire, but have rented another one and are again at home.

We are going to stage the keenest dance in the history of the university on March 9. We wish that every member could be here for it, and if any brother who is anywhere near here will let us know, we will be glad to take care of him if he can come and help us put March 9 on the university calendar as well as the  $\Sigma A E$  calendar.

We have had a visit from Bro. Bates Reed, '13.

W. E. MULLINS.

Iowa Beta, University of Iowa,  
Iowa City

**S**INCE our last letter we have initiated Henry Willits, Owen Meredith, and Brinton Knox. They have entered into the work with an

energy that seems impossible to possess. We also pledged Alfred Weiss of Burlington and Keith Diddy of Redfield, Iowa. Pledge Brigham is playing forward on the freshman team and is giving the varsity a rough tussle every night. He will be a regular next year.

We have another grudge against Bro. Ed Shrader who is now attending West Point. What with making the army team his first year, and being the star of the plebe basketball team, he will be a point winner in track. Shrader never played football or basketball at Iowa, saying he could see nothing to them. But wait until he meets Brother Kent who is coach of football and basketball.

We are intending to celebrate Founders' Day in a very pretentious manner this year. All of the alumni with a radius of three hundred miles will be given a special invitation to be here. Instead of giving our annual formal party this year we are going to put on a masquerade party. This will be the first time a party of this nature will have been given here, and we intend that it will be the best that ever will be put on. Pledge Aurner was chairman of the freshman party committee, and Brothers Reams, Johnson, and Foarde are on the different committees that will stage the formal parties that will be given this winter. After his efficient work as Eminent Archon, Brother Hamilton was elected Eminent Herald as a mark of appreciation of the chapter. Every night we are entertained by Brother Reams, who gives us some fine dramatic readings. We are very grateful to Brother Reams for his efforts to educate us to the great masterpieces.

Bridge is the winter Panhellenic sport. After winning two bowl-

ing trophies the other fraternities thought they had better change the sport and give the rest a chance. However, we won the last bridge tournament and we intend to win this one and show the rest of the fraternities that we are unbeatable.

Brother Hamilton in his report from the National Convention has certainly given us a clear insight to what membership in  $\Sigma A E$  means. When we gather around and sing the  $\Sigma A E$  songs we realize what a great honor has been given to us, and how small we are individually when compared to the whole fraternity.

A. G. Smith, head of the Department of Mathematics, died November 4. He was chairman of the Big Nine Conference for many years and was recognized everywhere for his high ideals in athletics.

ERNEST R. JOHNSON.

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Iowa Gamma, Iowa State College, Ames

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**I**T SEEMS but a very short time, indeed, to me since the writing of the last chapter letter. We have just completed the semester examinations, and as far as I know none of the brothers or pledges have fallen by the wayside. It certainly seems a relief to have everything over with once more.

Iowa State College will hold their annual short course between semesters from January 29 to February 2. At present the college looks forward to the largest attendance of any that has been held in preceding years.

The chapter greatly misses Bro. "Dick" Farmer. He was working his way through college and because of financial conditions and other reasons, he could not return after Christmas. We also will lose Broth-

ers Rice and Smith after the first semester. Pledges Mull and Lerch also are leaving; the former intends entering Illinois University, and Lerch plans on going to Lincoln, Nebraska.

We expect Brother Finley back after vacation but at present we do not know definitely. Pledge Barnes, '15, who is at present down on the border, is planning on entering college again if the troops are called back.

Brothers Iverson and Sheehan have been taken into the fold since the last letter of Iowa Gamma.

Brother Krebs, business manager of the college annual, is very busy preparing for the explosion of the 1918 *Bomb*. "Doc" Watson is making preparations for an extended trip with the college glee club through various towns in Iowa and Nebraska. Brother Wolrab has been faithfully working with the varsity basketball squad. Brother Sheehan is now coaching the freshman varsity.

The following alumni have paid us visits in the past few months: Bro. K. D. Bickel, one of the charter members of this chapter, from McGregor, Iowa, has been here the past week attending the Iowa Bankers' Convention; Brothers Porterfield and "Chet" Cunningham, both of Des Moines, were here to spend the week-end.

MERIE L. DIVINE.

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Kansas Alpha, University of Kansas,  
Lawrence

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**A**FTER a delightful Christmas holiday, preceded by the most enjoyable Christmas party ever "put on" at the University of Kansas, we returned to find our chapter house occupied by our latest addi-

tion, two large white bull-dogs. Their names are "Mike" and "Suds," and they are the kings of dogdom.

We are now well launched on the second semester and the star of basketball is in the athletic sky. Bro. Adrian Lindsey is a member of the team that expects to bring home the Missouri Valley Championship this spring, for they have lost but one game out of seven played.

Since our last letter we have added four pledges to our ever-increasing number, bringing the total number to eighteen for the year. The latest are: Cecil E. Hassig and Frank Farley of Kansas City, Kan.; Frank P. Mandeville of Kingman, Kan.; and William R. Davis of Kansas City, Mo. On November 16 we added two names to the roll of loyal sons. They are: Ralph A. Branch of Wichita, Kan.; and William B. Black of Kansas City, Mo. At our "big" initiation this year, February 8, we initiated fourteen "good men and true," which establishes a record at Kansas Alpha. The only regret was the fact that our beautiful new robes had not arrived to help solemnize such a joyful occasion. Our newest brothers are: Harold H. Giger of Elmdale, Kan.; Marshall Haddock, Lawrence C. Gray, Charles K. Shofstall, Paul R. Jones, and Joseph S. Atha of Kansas City, Mo.; Howard J. Hilton of Cottonwood Falls, Kan.; Josiah D. Williams of Clay Center, Kan.; Hardy J. Latta of Wichita, Kan.; Evan H. Browne, Jr., Cecil E. Hassig, and Frank Farley of Kansas City, Kan.; Rollo R. Howden of Skidmore, Mo.; and Frank P. Mandeville of Kingman, Kan. Our chapter roll now reads thirty-four, of which large number we are justly proud.

The track season is just starting and Bros. Willard Hilton, Murphy,

Bell, Noel, and Lindsey are in training. The baseball team will have the services of Brother Lindsey at second base and the rest of the brothers in the bleachers. Brother Lindsey will be a four "K" man if he isn't careful.

A large part of the chapter expects to attend the Founders' Day banquet given in Kansas City on March 17, the night after the K. U.-M. U. indoor track meet. Our new house which has been dreamed of for many years will be building when this is being read. It will surpass anything in Lawrence, so I advise all the brothers not to miss it if they pass through Kansas.

FRED M. DEARDORFF.

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Kansas Beta, Kansas State College,  
Manhattan

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THE  $\Sigma$  A E of the Kansas Beta chapter returned to the fold thirty-two strong after the holidays, determined to begin the new year right. Despite the joys of seeing the old boys again and having that first date we all missed the faces of Brothers Robinson, Washington, and Taylor who left by graduation, and Brother MacDonald who also went out to face the cold, cold world. The first steps toward replacing them was the pledging of Heath Hull of Eureka, Kansas. Before going further I must stop and issue a warning to all loyal sons of Minerva—beware of too many freshmen. We have thirteen who firmly believe in and maintain, union and strength. By earnest endeavor and applications of the eminent persuader we have managed to keep them under control.

Bro. Floyd Hammil, K. N. G., is back with us again after spending the fall and summer on the Mexican border. He believes, however, that the buffalo grass of Western Kansas forms a veritable paradise compared to the sands and mosquito of Texas. And even then he finally admitted that he could stand their 111° in the shade if they had any shade.

Brother Brenham, student assistant in public speaking department, is laboring industriously in trying to teach the rudiments of expression and dramatic art to his fellow-students. No one will question his zealously when they hear that he is even working on Brothers Miller, Rochford, and Spike Bell. He also has his Chi Omega dates at odd times.

To return again to the more serious, we are very anxious to learn how the other chapters, who have been confronted with it, have handled this grave problem. It is with concern that the older members have watched its gnawing inroad. Three freshmen have fallen in love with the same girl. At the present rate of development it is hard to predict what will happen when the gentle zepthers of spring begin to caress their young hearts. The girl is dated for some time ahead.

The Kansas Aggie basketball hopes received quite a setback when K. U. stepped on them for two games. However, on the home court much is expected of the purple and white, and judging from their showing in the other games the Jayhawker is going to travel fast and furious or be crushed by a blow from the Wildcats.

G. SULLIVAN.

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Missouri Alpha, University of Missouri,  
Columbia

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**A** LONG with the general run of "Better Movements" which we hear so much about these days should be one designed to aid Eminent Correspondents in finding something new to shove at the readers of the chapter letters. I know it requires a lot of courage on my part to make such a suggestion, for along with it goes an accusation of my fellow E. C.s, and even myself. It seems that instead of intimating that we E. C.s are sadly in need of new "lines" I should outline an innovation. Sorry to say, I cannot do it. Here's the proposition: It is never us who do the work that make the suggestions as to how the work could be done better. I have made the exception to that general rule. Also, I have said something at the beginning of my letter which, though not very good, has not been said before, at least not recently.

Out of Missouri Alpha's fifteen pledges of last fall, three left school during the course of the first semester. Out of the remaining twelve, eight will shortly be initiated, while there are prospects of three more, whose grades have not all come in, being given the secrets of Minerva. In comparison with the majority of past years, this is an exceptionally good record.

Bro. J. Lee ("Snooze") Groves, E. A. of the first semester, graduated in the middle of the year. Brother Snooze was for three years star tackle of Missouri's football team, and on January 1, 1917, entered upon the duties of business manager of the *University Mis-sourian*. He will remain here in that capacity for some months.

On Friday night, February 2, we gave our annual formal dinner-dance at the house, with many imported girls present. (Sounds like a society item in the *Podunk Bugle*.) But the affair was a great success.

Bros. "Ug" Wornall and "Gyp" Lyle amuse themselves daily by playing on their own machines law records Numbers 18890 and 18700, respectively. To date, Brother Wornall is a few ahead of his partner-in-legal-research, but it cannot be long until they will be running together.

Outside of that, everyone is all right, even the freshmen, and we are looking forward to another successful semester.

WILSON HICKS.

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Missouri Beta, Washington University,  
St. Louis

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**T**HE first semester has passed quite successfully for Missouri Beta. During this period six men have been initiated at the shrine of Minerva. The new worshipers have had no previous introduction so I shall make them known now. Bro. "Stan" McCarthy hails from Madison, Wis. He was put through with his roommate, Mack Taylor, from Danville, Illinois. These men are greatly interested in the welfare of the Fraternity and make splendid workers. Brothers Kirsch and Kortkamp, after a long struggle with Old Man Grades, in which they finally downed him, were also admitted into the fold. Brother Ferris comes from Kansas City, Missouri. Ray is carrying off most of the honors in the architectural competitions. Brother Van Dennison is the sixth man. He abounds



in pep of all kinds and is also architecturally inclined.

We are in the midst of the basketball season and are closely following the work of Brother McElwee at forward. "Mac" is small but covers worlds of ground and is an accurate shot.

Bro. Tom Davis, after much delay, reached the finals and carried off the honors in the singles of the handball tournament. Tom and Brother Meier are waiting to play off their final match in the doubles division.

Brothers Dawson and Johann are the newest additions to Thyrsus, the dramatic club of the university. These men safely trod the path upon which the E. C. slipped.

Brothers Frielingsdorf and Ferris are both members of the Glee Club. The club trips this year were unusually successful and quite in keeping with custom and tradition.

The E. C. realizes his inability to produce a newsy, interesting letter and will cease this bore immediately. Pardon my interruptions, old man, and just go right on with your story.

A. R. KIEFFER, JR.

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Nebraska Lambda-Pi, University of  
Nebraska, Lincoln

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ON ANY evening or Sunday afternoon, if one is near the  $\Sigma A E$  house, he can hear strains of music of such caliber that would make Sousa or even Paderewski sit up and take notice. This year the Nebraska Lambda-Pi boys have one of the finest orchestras in the land. It can play ragtime that will make you want to dance right out

of your shoes, or it can play classical selections with all the aid and touch that one could wish. Bro. "Deacon" Williams is our leader and piano player with Brother Emley playing trombone, Brother Huffman cornet, Brother Clemens banjo, Brother Kelly violin, and Pledge Harrah playing "traps." This makes a fine combination and already we have favored some of the more classy sororities with our selections.

Last Friday we came upon a great misfortune. The water pipes on the third floor bursted, and as every plumber in town was at that time busy, we were unable to get any water until the following Tuesday. This explains the reason why all the brothers went to school Monday morning with dirty faces and were unable to keep awake in class because of their failure to get their customary morning shower bath before going to class.

We are holding our annual Founders' Day banquet at Omaha this year and it promises to be one of the best ever had, as Omaha is more centrally located and our  $\Sigma A E$  alumni can more easily gather here than at Lincoln. The toast list is already planned. The hall is rented and a hearty invitation is extended to every  $\Sigma A E$  who wishes to come.

Semester examinations are just over and for a week the midnight oil was burning pretty regularly. We have, as yet, received no report from our freshmen, but if all of them have pulled through the grind O. K., we will initiate eleven men in March. This will make our chapter number close to thirty.

HARRY G. HUFFMAN.

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South Dakota Sigma, University of  
South Dakota, Vermilion

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**M**ID-YEAR examinations, second semester rushing, together with the annual February initiation ceremonies, characterized the past month's activities at South Dakota Sigma. Without a doubt the period was the busiest seen in the chapter for some time.

Determined to set a high scholastic standard brothers and pledges alike hibernated the forepart of the month preparing for the mid-years, and according to reports their efforts have not been fruitless, for  $\Sigma$  A E forged ahead in scholastic standing.

Following the close of examinations, the second semester opened with the enrolment of new students. Naturally, this meant a little rushing and the brothers were not lacking in this respect. After giving the new men the "once over," William Blont of Huron was hiled into the net and we take great pleasure in announcing this new pledge.

After the excitement over rushing had terminated, the brothers then prepared for the initiation ceremonies, Sunday, February 11, when the following brothers acquainted themselves with the mysteries of Minerva: Alfred Jaynes, Pierre; George Whyte, Mitchell; Robert Patrick, Parker; Fred Flocken, Parkston; Leo Heck, Pierre; Ed Dwight, Sioux Falls; Waldo Graves, Vermilion; Herman Frankenfeld, Pana, Ill.; and John Hermanson of Dell Rapids. The initiation was followed by an elaborate banquet.

And incidentally talks at the big feed emphasized the fact that  $\Sigma$  A E is well represented in university activities. In addition to having over a third of the men on the glee club, the chapter has a representative in nearly every organization. There are now four class presidents, namely, Brother Heperless, president of the students' association; Brother Gibson, president of the medical association; Brother Maloney, president of law association, and Brother Jaynes, president of the freshman class.

The chapter likewise takes pride in their social activities. At a recent girls' Panhellenic dance every man in the house with the exception of two got bids, and we are not disclosing the names of the "goats." To continue the good work several dances are planned for this semester.

In athletics  $\Sigma$  A E is well represented. Brothers Anderson and Sprague have landed permanent berths on the basketball team. From present indications the chapter will likewise be quite noticeable in spring athletics. Brother Hallas is captain of the baseball team this year and predicts a bright outlook.

A subject, however, concerning the chapter at present more than anything else, is the erection of a new house. The brothers are desirous of residing in a new mansion sometime next fall and are bending every effort toward this end. A committee has been appointed and will report to the chapter-house association March 9.

P. J. MALONEY.

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Colorado Chi, University of Colorado,  
Boulder

**T**HIS is the season consecrated to the memory of De Votie's dog. All remember it, especially those who have recently ridden the goat. After an exacting examination displaying the mentality—or lack of it—of our five neophytes, and after a physical ordeal, warm and compelling, today the chapter by the administration of the ritual formally initiated Kenneth Beresford, Ralph Baird, Lloyd Scheidegger, Sam Tucker, and Albert MacDonnell, a year ago pledged at Texas Rho. We believe these men have felt and will more fully appreciate in the future the exemplary practices and ideals of Σ A E by being true sons of Minerva.

Last week in Denver all the chapters in province Eta partook of a delightful Founders' Day banquet. In the afternoon, Colorado Delta, formerly Sigma Theta Pi of Colorado Agricultural College, was installed at the Masonic Temple. In the evening the old and the new chapters enjoyed an excellent banquet and a surprisingly brilliant program and entertainment. All congratulations on that score are due to an efficient alumni committee, which drew forth the talent among the alumni and the actives.

At the end of the first semester to relieve the mental constipation brought on by finals and cramming, a laxative was offered by our Thirteenth Annual House Party. About fifteen couples enjoyed the entire party, but many more dropped in from time to time. All attended the Junior Prom of the University of Colorado after a ban-

quet served in the house on Friday evening. Saturday was passed in entertainments of local talent and the evening was given to an informal house dance. Sunday, amid great joy or sorrow, as each case happened to be, all pleasures ended and we began looking soberly forward to the dangers and toils of the next semester.

Brothers Bone and Franklin left us after the first semester, being unable to return for one reason or another. A severe loss not only to us but untold others was occasioned by the resolve of "Merry Sunshine" Flower to become self-supporting. "Weeds" was popular for his daring chauvinistic spirit on the dance floor; he had a heart in the right (physiologically it should be "left" place) place, when he had it, for it had a chronic weakness to escape after a short date. The cause perhaps was the extreme weight of the suit cases or trunks he carried at such times. His departure was irreparable.

We have two new pledges this semester, Morton Bailey of Denver and Clayton Phelps, of Grinnell, Iowa. Brother Ammons from the University of Washington has entered school here.

The university is striving again to win the honors in basketball. She has a good team and has won all her games, but the hardest are yet to be played. Brother "Ham" Beresford, captain and forward of the team, and Brother Breckenridge are aiding her greatly in her efforts to win. The weather is mellowing and when track and baseball are possible, our chapter shall have her share in the make-up of those teams.

GEORGE WILLISON.

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Colorado Zeta, University of Denver,  
Denver

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**I**N THE minds of the members of  $\Sigma$  A E who gathered at the Den-  
installation of Colorado Delta will  
ver Athletic Club to celebrate the  
long linger the memories of that  
event. The old  $\Sigma$  A E songs were  
sung and as usual the silvered-  
tongued story teller was there. The  
forty-two members of Colorado  
Delta were there and they did there  
part when it came to entertaining  
and everyone agreed that Sigma  
Alpha Epsilon had gained a valu-  
able asset. Long after the pro-  
gram had ended a group of the old  
guard was singing and listening to  
the old songs. Colorado Zeta in-  
spired by this event and with warm  
weather again have made a fine start  
this semester. We have bright  
prospects in basketball, having  
McLaughlin, Corfman, Robb, King,  
and Yetter on the squad. Denver  
University is now in the four-point  
column and expects to go through  
the season without a mishap. In  
baseball we have Jones, Captain;  
Corfman, King, Hickman, and John-  
son. Johnson was all-city pitcher  
of the high schools here last year  
and is a very likely candidate for  
the heaving position.

On the track we will be repre-  
sented by Corfman and Hickman in  
the dashes, and by Thompson in the  
distant runs, and by some fine fresh-  
men huskies in the weights.

The main event that we all look  
forward to is the interfraternity

baseball and we expect to win the  
pennant again this year for the  
eighth consecutive time.

OLIVER PARISH.

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Colorado Lambda, Colorado School of  
Mines, Golden

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**C**OLORADO LAMBDA has  
started off the new semester by  
mourning the loss of three of the  
brothers. Guy Young has left us  
and is now in Arizona bucking the  
mining game, Richardson is also  
among those who have gone to that  
great golden state in the "Great  
South West" to reap a fortune.  
Rabb has also left school but is still  
living in the house with us. We miss  
these brothers greatly but we wish  
them luck in every enterprise they  
undertake.

"But wait a moment; have you  
heard the news?" "Our Country is  
saved from ruin." At last we have  
a real "Fighting" man in the army.  
A. W. Stedman, Jr., has successfully  
passed the army examinations and  
is now Lieut. Steadman, U. S. A.  
"Sted, we congratulate you."

We are lined up on our semester's  
work and our men are doing well  
and holding up our standard; espe-  
cially on the basketball floor are we  
well represented, having five men  
out for the squad, four of them play  
regularly.

The chapter wishes to take this  
opportunity to extend a most  
hearty welcome to Colorado Delta  
and wish them every possible suc-  
cess in their future.

S. D. CUNNINGHAM, JR.

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 PROVINCE THETA
 

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Louisiana Epsilon, Louisiana State University, Baton Rouge

THE opening of the second term found several changes in the roll of Louisiana Epsilon. Though we only have one new initiate, R. L. Davis, of Monroe, having attended V. M. I. for the past two years, and J. I. Rinaker, formerly of Illinois, who expects to affiliate.

One of the greatest social functions of the season was the dinner dance given us by our alumni at the Country Club just before Christmas at which there were fifty couples. Baton Rouge has one of the swellest clubs of this kind in the south. It is about five miles from town. Everyone was furnished means of getting to and from the club.

Louisiana Epsilon is taking quite a prominent place in all spring activities of the college. We have two brothers, Q. B. Pipes and H. S. Wall, in the glee club, which is now on a tour of the state. F. W. Sanford is playing a good game of basketball, and Bro. "Keystone" Postell, an old I. baseball man, is again donning the old uniform, while Brother Stafford takes his evening exercise in what looks like B. V. D.'s.

Much credit must be given to Brother Scott, a graduate of '14, who just resigned his position as chief designer of the Honolulu Iron Works in New York City, to take his place in the ranks of the English Army, which is his native country. Brother Adam, also from a colony of England and a graduate of last year, is chief chemist in one of the largest sugar houses in Cuba. At a meeting of the Ameri-

can Society of Mechanical Engineers he was awarded a medal for having written the best paper read during their meeting.

Recently in a voting contest in which the most popular students and the beauty of the fairer sex were decided on, Brother Lamkin ran a close race with the prettiest coed, having only been beaten by a narrow margin.

Louisiana Epsilon again wishes to express its good feelings and hearty congratulations to the new chapters and extend to everyone an invitation to pay us a visit. We hope that you will not wait until business brings you to Baton Rouge, and trusting that sometime in the near future the cheerful barking of "Bob," a new addition to the chapter, will announce you whom we are always very glad to see.

A. L. DAVENPORT.

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Louisiana Tau-Upsilon, Tulane University, New Orleans

IT IS coming to be quite a habit with this E. C. to announce some new brothers in almost every chapter letter. This time they are Kern L. Hall, of Arkansas, and Armant Legendre, of New Orleans. While Brother Hall upholds the society honors for the freshmen, Brother Legendre goes out for athletics, and even though he is a freshman, he made his letter in football and has been in every basketball game played so far. In fact, our freshmen are right there. Bro. Dick Owen proved this when he went out for the Carnot Debate and won it. This was the first time that a freshman had ever carried off

this medal, but Tennessee Dick was right there when it came time to break the custom.

This especial time of the year is always distasteful to the brothers of the chapter at Tulane. No doubt it is equally so to the  $\Sigma$  A E's everywhere. But examinations, we trust, will not last forever. The freshmen appear to be outdoing the older brothers in scholarship; we trust that as they grow older they will not fall into bad habits.

The E. C. had the greatest pleasure of his life in going to the convention at Pittsburgh. The trip was made in company with "Sweetie" Stafford (Louisiana Epsilon) and it must be admitted that "Sweetie" and Brother Hamm, a Mississippian who joined us at Birmingham, were pretty good company. The convention itself was all and more than had been expected. The brothers of Pennsylvania proved themselves brothers, indeed, and we really felt at home.

Last year Bro. "Billy" Levere came down for our Founders' Day banquet. We wish that he could do so again, but it is hardly fair to keep Billy reserved. Brothers, if you want to be stirred up to all sorts of enthusiasm and to be filled with  $\Sigma$  A E pep, just get Billy to make you a talk. He did this for us and at the time we had nineteen men in the chapter. This year we have twenty-five, not counting four brothers who are on the border just now but will probably be back the second term. We don't owe a soul, but instead actually have some money in the treasury. It seems that the only thing that we lack is a house and, believe me, when next October comes we are going to have that.

W. H. PARSONS.

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Oklahoma Kappa, University of Oklahoma, Norman

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**O**KLAHOMA KAPPA is starting on the second lap of its most successful year. We have long since passed the stage of our career when we stopped to question whether or not we could get what we wanted. Our policy now is to determine what we want and get it regardless of whatever difficulties arise. This is emphasized by our success in securing our new home, and the men we pledged during the fall to live with us in this new home. Also of the four class presidents in the university we drug down four, and if there had been anything else we wanted we would have gotten it in the same fashion we went after the other things. Oklahoma Kappa is located at a very rapidly growing university. Here customs are changing at a very rapid rate but our chapter is constituted of men who have met every advance with the characteristic western "push," and it is a common remark of our alumni that they have to visit pretty often in order to keep in touch with the rapidly moving order of things.

We have been very successful in securing a particularly desirable type of men this year. They have been very faithful as pledges and the outcome of the rushing season has disappointed us in no respect. These men will be placed under Minerva's guidance on February 17. The alumni association at Oklahoma City will conduct the initiation again this year as has been the custom in the past. We find this to be a particularly desirable arrangement because it is possible to give it a more idealistic touch than we have found possible when the

active chapter handled the work. We are especially grateful to them for the keen interest they manifest in our welfare.

Another matter that is now claiming our attention is the approach of the Founders' Day banquet which will be held in Oklahoma City on March 9. Very elaborate plans are being formulated to make this an occasion to be remembered by all brothers present. This has always been a big affair for Oklahoma Kappa and the different alumni associations over the state have been giving us their best support so that now it is a red-letter day with every  $\Sigma A E$  in the state that can "make the boat."

Bro. Neal R. Johnson reports a very profitable and successful convention at Pittsburgh and says that his only regret is that every man of the chapter could not be present. He comes back believing in large chapters and says he is glad Oklahoma Kappa will have forty-five men on the chapter roll after initiation.

Brother Reilly successfully "put one over" his other less fortunate brothers, and is now a happy benedict after having recovered from "congratulations" from his somewhat boisterous brothers. May all his troubles be little ones.

LE ROY D. LONG.

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Texas Rho, University of Texas, Austin

WITH the end of the Christmas holidays, Texas Rho came into existence again. After taking count, all the brothers were found present, with the addition of Bro. L. B. Duke, B.S., who had spent the fall term visiting the

brothers at Sewanee, and drinking of the fount of knowledge at the Texas Medical School.

Mid-term examinations have come and gone, but the brothers are still afloat. The initiation requirements, that each fraternity must make a higher average than the university average, become more rigorous each year. All the fraternity men in school protest, but the faculty remains obdurate. Texas Rho has so far been fortunate enough to come up to requirements in this respect, but the future looks dark to all Texas Greeks.

With the coming of spring, baseball begins to occupy our minds. Brother Beall is slated for third base on the varsity nine, and Brother James retains his position on the squad, although at present laid up with a wrenched ankle, the result of his intrepidity in sliding into second base.

We now have three brothers wearing the golden football, to-wit, Brothers Beall, Boynton, and Austin. Brother Boynton is also making an admirable record on the varsity basketball team.

I take this opportunity to announce the pledging of Master Jack Taylor, of Arlington, Texas.

All members of the chapter are now getting out the toilet-water, pomade, and dress suits for our big dance on the sixteenth. It is going to be *some* dance, according to the committee in charge.

Plans are already being made for next fall's rushing week. Our prospects for the future are very rosy, indeed. We can do nothing better than to wish the same to all our sister chapters.

L. B. DUKE.

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 Kentucky Kappa, Central University,  
 Danville
 

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THE present school year began with a spirit of rapid progress. Then came the rushing season and with the result that four promising young men of literary ability were pledged. The men spiked were initiated into the chapter the latter part of November and all seem to have the material in them that make fraternity men.

On December 19, 1916, Christmas vacation began, classes being resumed January 3, 1917. During vacation Bro. C. R. McDowell attended the  $\Sigma A E$  Convention at Pittsburgh, representing Kentucky Kappa, and on returning gave very favorable reports about the Convention.

Mid-term examinations began January 29, lasting until the third of February, and I am proud to say that every member of the chapter made very good averages. In fact,  $\Sigma A E$  leads all other fraternities in Center University, both in regard to average and to men. We are trying to uphold the record of the past.

All members of our chapter began the second semester with a determination to work hard and thus maintain an average of ninety per cent or more for the year's work; that is, an average of ninety for the chapter.

HARVEY J. ALEXANDER.

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 Kentucky Iota, Bethel College,  
 Russellville
 

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NOW all you brothers who were at Pittsburgh last December doubtless remember what our "Eminent Editor" said about the cut

and dried chapter letters, and that only a write-up of who made what team, and what club "Bill" got into, etc., didn't make an interesting chapter letter, so our one New Year's resolution was to make future letters reflect more clearly what we are trying to accomplish, and to give the old "grad" some news of interest. Therefore, we will get our student activities side-tracked at once, and then settle down.

First, I want to introduce James Tyler Lewis, of Trenton, Kentucky, who was taken in December 8, 1916, and we can safely say, with very little horse play. George Clark, who is having his first year in  $\Sigma A E$ , is manager and forward of the varsity quintet, and Dud Evans is captain and forward. Taylor was reelected president of Bethel's Oratorical Association this year and will have a big job on his hands when the annual contest of the Tennessee Oratorical Association is held here next spring.

On viewing a noted art exhibit which was in Russellville for one week lately, we of Kentucky Iota were much elated to find one of the pictures to be from the hand of Bro. Robert Ryland who was initiated by the beloved Harry Bunting of Tennessee Zeta when this chapter was reinstated after the Civil War. Brother Ryland is now located in New York City. Brother Loomis, now of Indianapolis, lately wrote us, and all were mighty glad to hear that he is still with us in spirit and pocketbook. Ned Garrott, who was with us last year, has affiliated with Kentucky Epsilon. Now listen, you old "grads" who are near us: if nothing awful happens



between now and March 9, we are going to have "some" banquet, and with the "fair sex" omitted, we want to get next to you. Now understand us, not next to your pocket-books, but we wish to tell you all about what the national fraternity is trying to do in all departments.

Although several new expenses caused by the national convention will fall heavily on us at present, we are going to do our very best to come up to every requirement and fulfill  $\Sigma$  A E standards. We are putting a great deal of time now on the history and the fraternity publications, and may soon set aside a special night on which to school the bunch on fraternity conditions and current issues. Though we haven't told much, we hope we have gotten away from the whiskered form and with a toast to the Pittsburgh bunch, we will have to close.

J. H. RINGGOLD, JR.

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Kentucky Epsilon, Kentucky State University, Lexington

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**I**NITIATION is now at hand and the pledges are very anxious for the suspense to be over. Five pledges are to be taken in in the near future, making a total number of men in the chapter of twenty.

The opening of the second semester brought to us Brother Wood, who was initiated by the Kentucky Epsilon Chapter in 1916. We are very glad, indeed, to have him with us again as he is a valuable man and will add much to the strength of our chapter.

Brother W. J. Harris of the 1916 class, who has had a position in Lexington since his graduation, left here Thursday evening for Calhoun Falls, South Carolina, to manage a

15,000 acre farm. Brother Harris was E. A. of our chapter in the fall of 1915 and was always a hard worker for the Fraternity. He occupied a room in our house last fall and has been a great help to us in many ways. We are all very sorry to have him leave us but wish him the greatest success possible in his new undertaking.

N. B. CONLEY.

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Tennessee Zeta, Southwestern Presbyterian University, Clarksville

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**T**HIS time of the year is always dull at S. P. U and my mind casts frantically about for happenings of interest and charm with which to fill this space. But there is an aching void and I find that I must draw upon my own creative genius, which may or may not respond.

The winter has been very cold and on several occasions, thanks to Mother Nature, have the students been enabled to follow the trend of fashion and pursue that gentle sport of the idle rich—ice skating. Those brothers hailing from the more southerly portions of the map have found it particularly diverting. Brother Patten, disporting upon the ice, has been observed to be unusually apt. And coasting has been pleasant. But this brings sad memories of Brother Perkins who was thus wont to while away long snowy evenings with great zest.

We have lost two members since Christmas. Brother Shaw has hied himself to the mountains of North Carolina, far from analytics and other such horrors. Brother Savage is applying himself with great diligence to untangling the mazes of the law. They are both good men and Zeta will miss them.

The news has recently come from somewhere in the depths of Mississippi—McCondy, I think—that the stork visited the home of Bro. "Artie" Williams and left him radiant and beaming. Of course, we didn't hear that latter part but when was it not ever thus. The chapter sends all good wishes and congratulations.

Six men have been initiated since the last issue of THE RECORD. They are all fine fellows and collectively include all the known virtues. Each, though, has one quality which stands out above their other charms. That of Brother Crowe is his *savoir faire*; Lupton has great artistic talent; Brother Cross's dignity might be mentioned; Patten is terribly timid around girls; Grile and Jones—perhaps I should say their bright minds, but these are marks common to all, don't you know.

All eyes are turned now toward March 9. The chapter is having a large dance, the success of which is an assured thing.

EDWARD MORROW.

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Tennessee Lambda, Cumberland University, Lebanon, Tenn.

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**M**ID-TERM examinations are over and the students of Cumberland are entering on the second term of a successful year. Tennessee Lambda has lost four of its best members as a result of this: three prospective lawyers, J. R. Tubb, Sparta, Tenn.; T. J. Murray, Jackson, Tenn.; and Ed. Henson, Philadelphia, Miss., were graduated and G. T. Murphy, Huntingdon, Tenn., was called home to help in his father's office. We are glad to say, however, that Brother Murphy will be with us again next year.

At least two of these brothers have safely "crossed the bar" (state) and are now embarked on the tempestuous sea of law. We deeply regret their loss from our chapter and know that we will miss them exceedingly.

It is said, however, that "every cloud has a silver lining," and ours appeared in the form of two brothers from the West and one Tennessee brother, who will soon affiliate with us. They are Brothers Reed (Arkansas Alpha-Upsilon), L. N. Gilliland (Oklahoma Kappa) and H. Shannon (Tennessee Lambda). We extend a hearty welcome to these brothers and would gladly have more like them.

The entire chapter is imbued with new spirit caused by the report of Brother Murray who represented us at the national convention. Brother Murray did his work well. The many new ideas and thoughts that he brought back helped us very much and his stirring accounts of the doings of the convention thrilled us with great pride for our beloved fraternity.

We are glad to welcome the western locals who are soon to become active  $\Sigma$  A E chapters. We expect great things from them.

The rushing season is here again and Tennessee Lambda expects to take in a few more members from the incoming students of the junior law class. Fraternity material seems rather scarce, but we have already pledged three good men and hope to see them loyal brothers soon. They are: A. J. Munts, Streator, Ill.; C. W. Harris, Saskatoon, Saskatchewan, Can.; and A. B. Cabaniss, Evansville, Ind. Before the season is over we wish to add a few more.

At this point, I wish to thank the brothers who have written us in

advance of good men who were contemplating entering our school. We were able to meet these men and pledge them immediately after their arrival. We shall be glad if more brothers will do this.

Prospects are bright for a successful second term and, in spite of our bad start, we hope to make this one of our most successful years.

We are not very well represented in athletics at present, but we have several brothers waiting to take prominent places on the baseball team.

Σ A Es are always interested in college work and college publications, and Bro. Jimmie Gradner is no exception to the rule. As business manager of *The Cumberland Weekly* he displays great interest and remarkable literary ability.

Our chapter is still active socially, and our little dances are greatly enjoyed. We are all eagerly looking forward to Founders' Day, but haven't decided whether to celebrate with a big dance or a regular old Σ A E banquet.

We are always glad to see our alumni present at our social functions. It not only speaks well for our chapter but the fraternity in general. Although many of them do come to our social affairs, we would be glad to see more.

B. R. PARKS, JR.

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Tennessee Nu, Vanderbilt University,  
Nashville

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THE Sunny South has been frozen up tighter than —, but the mercury is in sight again now, and all is well.

The midwinter season at Vanderbilt is only a connecting link between two seasons when something really happens. At this period of

the year we eke out an existence with visions of the pleasures of spring as our chief sustenance. Things don't happen in January and February in this vicinity.

But herewith is offered a review of the doings of the season, interesting as they may or may not be.

The Vandy Greek-letter Basketball League has completed one fast and furious lap of its schedule, and the team of Tennessee Nu is tied for first place, six squads being horse and horse in a deadlock for leadership, each with a grand percentage of 1,000, and each having played a grand total of one game. We met the Phi Kappa Sigma five, and they were ours by a decisive score. We hope to stand high in the final percentage column.

During the past month we have put the button on Norman Minick of Asheville, North Carolina, which brings our total of pledglings for the year to thirteen. We have also led through the intricate mazes of the initiation ceremony, four more freshmen, bringing the total to eight for the year. We announce to the fraternity at large Bros. J. T. Runyan of Little Rock, Ark.; J. R. Guizado of Panama, R. P.; Jas. Briscole of Morganfield, Ky.; and C. B. Tuley of Louisville, Ky.

An inventory after the Christmas festivities finds a depletion of the ranks to the extent of Bros. W. C. F. Brown, who graduated and is with the Babcock-Wilcox Boiler Co. of Bayonne, N. J.; Henry "Do" Ray, now with Naive Spillers of this city; F. C. Kavanaugh in the motor car business in Little Rock; and P. A. Rye, a rumored candidate for matrimony.

Bro. Noble Byrd Schumpert, who left school in the fall with the intent of joining the French Medical Corps, has changed his mind and is

again on the chapter roll. He, too, threatens soon to give up a rib. "Schump" is in the School of Medicine and saws bones with much *savoir-faire*. This is his fifth year with Tennessee Nu and he is considered a fixture now.

The aforementioned and lamented midwinter dulness is scheduled to be summarily interrupted when the local chapter members and alumni gather for the annual Founders' Day commemoration in March. The committee that is arranging for the gastronomic and forensic features of the occasion, promises much of the one and not too much of the other. The grillroom of the Hotel Hermitage has been chosen for the banquet, and the freshmen will have vaudeville stunts to amuse all. Our freshmen are from many states and one foreign country, but Mexican athletes are found in all climes, and much entertainment is promised by ours for March 9.

Here's hoping for a short winter and peace with the Germans.

W. C. SLOAN.

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Tennessee Kappa, University of Tennessee, Knoxville

**R**UMOR and Humor are rampant in the chapter and the telephone is out of order. Zero weather comes and goes and with its coming Brother Wofford's cheeks turn to rosy red, also another brother's nose. And the goats sing *Annie Laurie* rain or shine. Brother Long is the seat of all the excitement at the present, excepting a few of the goats' seats. Brother Long in a burst of enthusiasm last week published in the *Orange and White*, the university weekly, a most beautiful and vivid description of a newborn babe; and thereupon the senior class, at least part of it, leaving out the girls, decided to hop Brother

Long's neck, because of a certain mistaken obscenity and suggestion in his description. But several of our influential brothers used their good names to help out Brother Long and it is now hoped he is out of danger. If Brother Long doesn't ever get into any more trouble he sure will be lucky, because that literary genius (you know the kind) just naturally spreads itself all over the place.

The chapter got real serious-minded about the middle of last term and somebody made the announcement in chapter meeting that we ought to work hard and try for the fraternity scholarship cup that's awarded each term. (Sh! last year this time we were last in the race.) Well, we did, the brothers began trying and all the boys came through with fine marks. Things look now as if we have won the cup, but we'll let you know for sure in our next letter.

By the way, we are just getting ready to initiate fifteen pretty good freshmen, all of whom passed their examinations in fine shape. It will take several weeks yet, however, to whip them into shape.

We came back this January minus the two big Hatcher brothers. They made up the finest pair that ever came down the pike. Old "Bull" and "Buck" are putting their foot-, base-, and basketball muscles (and brains) to practical use on fourteen hundred acres down in Mississippi, earning names for themselves in the world. Did you all know that Bro. Buck Hatcher was classed by the *New York Herald* as the world's premier punter of 1916? Well, he was.

Here's hoping you are the same. See you in Germany.

S. A. ELY.

R. B. SNOWDEN, JR.

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Tennessee Omega, University of the  
South, Sewanee

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WELL, be that as it may, I must write this chapter letter so run along fair maidens and play with someone else.

Yes, Sewanee has put aside pedagogic pursuits for a while and finds herself in the Pre-Lenten whirl; everything is given over to fair Terpsichore. Tennessee Omega, of course, is represented by a goodly number of those young gallants who seem to be "giving in" rather freely to such winsome smiles.

After Christmas when the boys returned we found one from our ranks missing, namely Brother Duke who has again taken up his studies with Texas Rho; however, we were fortunate enough to be able to add another to our roster in the person of Bro. Lewis Carruthers from the Bluff City.

The chapter feels greatly disappointed over the loss of two of its members since Christmas, who have chosen to leave college and take up their work in the cold business world. "Skinny" Woods has become the agent for numerous automobile concerns in Middle Tennessee with headquarters in Shelbyville. We can only picture another Henry Ford. The other is old lady-fusser "Swede" Sellers who has given himself up to service in the United States Aviation Corps. He is now at Newport News, Virginia, in the aviation school.

It looks like a pretty successful baseball season for Sewanee this year under the able managership of Bro. Yancey Perry. He has arranged the best schedule Sewanee has ever had in baseball and the material, although a bit early to

prophecy, seems to be all that we can hope for.

It was a hot contest that took place after the football banquet with two  $\Sigma A E$ s opposing each other for captain of the 1917 team. Hot and furious, but Perry got a bit the best of it and finished just a few lengths ahead of Clark.

H. C. WOODALL.

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Tennessee Eta, Union University,  
Jackson

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SINCE our last letter to THE RECORD, Tennessee Eta has been continually on the boom.

We have been waiting with great anxiety for the faculty report of our first term examination. We take great pleasure in announcing to our great  $\Sigma A E$  world that we are leading the school in scholarship. This is not unusual but this year we have not as many members as our rivals. Keep your eye on us, though, for we are going to beat this record this term.

Besides this we are keeping up our standard in athletics. Bro. "Cyclone" Ross and "Bully" Alexander are starring on the varsity basketball team.

Brother Alexander is manager of the 1917 baseball team and with him at this post we are sure of a good schedule. Bro. "Sunshine" Thompson was elected, at the last meeting of the athletic association, football manager for the 1917 season.

We all regret the fact that Bro. R. P. Mahan is not with us this term having completed his course. We hear from him often and he will be with us again in June when he comes up to receive his "sheepskin." Brother Moore also gets his "dip"

in June. Out of the three fraternity men who are seniors this year, two are  $\Sigma A E$ s.

We take pleasure in introducing to the fraternity Bros. John Enochs of Lexington, Tenn.; J. L. Brakefield of Jasper, Ala.; Eugene Johnson, Harney "Deacon" Crittenden of Jackson; and John Parnell of McKenzie, Tenn.

We have a membership of eleven

men, most of whom are here for four years. We are glad to know that we are getting such a strong foothold and with the increasing student body we are gradually becoming a powerful machine.

Brothers Carroll and Lane of North Carolina Theta paid us a visit just after the holidays. We were very glad to have them with us.

J. F. PARNELL.

### PROVINCE KAPPA

California Alpha, Leland Stanford, Jr.  
University, Stanford

**I**N COMPARISON to the flying start we made last September, California Alpha was a bit behind the procession at the opening of this semester. The scholarship "axe" cut the heads off of two of our brothers whose loss was keenly felt during the rushing season. Brother Norton, having secured his degree last semester, has left us for good. Notwithstanding the loss of three of our men, those who are left are up and going. We pledged two new men, Ray Knowles of San José, California, and Edward Henderson, and have several other men in view.

During the Christmas holidays, Brother Hunter of Kappa Kappa Gamma fame succeeded in putting an  $\Sigma A E$  pin on a fair Kappa, and now spends his time "mooning" around the house, attempting to convince us of his good fortune.

Brother Carrol has returned after his trip East to the  $\Sigma A E$  Convention. He is full of convention news, and never tires telling us what a wonderful time he had and what a success the whole affair was. He has made us all wish we had gone East with him.

In athletics, California Alpha is attempting to keep her usual place in the front. Brother Chase is out for baseball and is making a good bid for a place on the team. Brothers Terrance and Carlisle are getting into shape for a try at the freshman track team. Brother Beckwith is working hard with the basketball squad.

At present our house is in confusion in preparation for our annual masquerade on February 16. We give only one dance a year and make it a regular one and an affair to which everyone is anxious to come.

We have had several of the brothers visiting us in the past month.

CLAUDE YATES.

California Beta, University of California,  
Berkeley

**C**ALIFORNIA BETA has finished a successful semester, and is beginning what promises to be one of the most prosperous and successful in her history.

Last semester we raised our scholastic standing considerably. We were well represented in all lines of collegiate activity; we

secured a number of men of the real  $\Sigma A E$  caliber; and we lost no men through deficient scholarship. We had a live, "go get 'em" chapter, and with three exceptions, the men are all back.

This semester we have two new pledges, J. P. Rohrer of Fresno, California, and James Winston of Los Angeles, California. They are both living in the house, and in a few days will be full-fledged  $\Sigma A E$ s. In addition, we are vigorously rush-

ing several other men, some of whom, at least, we should be able to secure.

The three men who are not back are "Brud" Stone, who is planning upon entering Boston Tech; George Davis, who is in business this semester; and John Winston, who is contemplating a trip to China. We have, however, three of last year's outside men living in the house now.

H. L. JONES.

### PROVINCE LAMBDA

Oregon Alpha, Oregon Agricultural College, Corvallis

**WE** HAVE cut our eye teeth. With the close of the convention at Pittsburgh, Oregon Alpha is no longer the "Baby Chapter." It is with a feeling of confidence and responsibility that we take the first steps in our new rôle of part sponsor of the four new western chapters. Oregon Alpha wholeheartedly welcomes them into the ranks.

Mid-terms are upon us, at the present writing "boning" is the order of the day.

Choosing Bro. Howard Ray for their leader, the basketball quintet is clearing its way for another coast championship. Four decisive victories over the University of Oregon have cinched the state title. Local enthusiasts when referring to Aggie chances quote "as Captain Ray says" much to our modest captain's discomfiture.

A new pledge, Chick Sefrit, hailing from Bellingham, Washington, boosted the literary aspirations of the house. Chick inherits newspaper ability from his father.

Brother Van Orsdel has been promoted to ranking captain of the commissary.

Brothers Stephens and Tillery and Pledge Reardon have joined the ranks of the scanty clad athletes and have begun training for the spring meets. Although ineligible under the one-year rule, Brother Banks is another pupil of Coach Pipal, the high jump being his specialty.

The coming of baseball season will see Brother Heiss cavorting around the initial sack. Prep Wood is taking a correspondence course in pitching, under Mathewson. He hopes to have a fade-away developed for the Fraternity Baseball League.

College fraternities are again up before the Oregon Legislature. A recent visit from that honorable body, however, dispelled most of our fears. They seemed well pleased with the college and an appropriation for a \$100,000 library is getting hearty support.

If our highest hopes are realized, Oregon Alpha will have a home of their own in the not far distant future. Brother Johnson of Portland has drawn up the plans and the

work of bond floating has begun.

The Interfraternity Dance has been put on the dead list. Faculty limitations prevented the fraternities from giving a formal dance. Instead of conceding to an informal affair, the annual "light fantastic" went down for ten counts.

In order to keep the men and women of the college from attending public dances, college authorities are planning weekly informal dances. Hooray! We are still 99.44% pure.

Bro. O. B. Hays, on his way to sunny California and a fair lassie, paid us a brief visit. Ollie will long be remembered by Oregon Alpha as one of the men who secured the charter at the Chicago Convention. We wish him a happy voyage upon the sea of matrimony.

Jack Price, a member of the old Delta Omega local was initiated into the Fraternity on November 28. Brother Price was one of the live wires in the local and we number him as one of our valuable alumni. He is at present a salesman for the Wiley B. Allen Co. of Portland.

By organizing an Officers' Reserve Corps, the military department of the college has increased student interest in army life. Under the new enlistment privates and officers will receive uniforms gratis, officers in addition will receive ten dollars per month.

W. V. HEISS.

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Washington Alpha, University of Washington, Seattle

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**D**OESN'T seem as though there's much to do other than write the caption and then sign our name. The new semester has so recently begun that we've just settled back from our rushing activities and

haven't gotten under full steam for the final drive.

Mentioning rushing, though, we hand ourselves the laurels. Step up and look 'em over: Harry Norquist, Seattle; Harold Pearce, Seattle; Pierpont Robinson, Seattle; James Pittman, Chicago; and Francis Davies, Spokane. They're a fine lot of boys. Brother Claire Browne rejoined the ranks in the middle semester, while Brothers Barlow and Brevick dropped out. And since our last chapter letter we have pledged Roger Greenough, of Spokane, who will be initiated with the fall pledges.

We will have Brother Gibson on the track team this year, and we're sorry that Brother Stenstrom failed to return in the midsemester, as he would have been a certainty in the sprints. Brothers Hardie and Gilbert are right in the midst of hard battles to win their places in the varsity shell, and both of them stand better than the ordinary chance. Pledges Greenough and Seymour are working out with the freshman varsity, Seymour as coxwain.

Brothers Staatz and Balmer are just finishing an excellent season on the basketball team. Staatz was the star of the season in the view of all the sport writers in the conference, being the best stationary guard since the days of Brother Fancher. Balmer was out part of the season with shin splints, but he stayed with the ship, and kept coming stronger as the season grew older.

We had a sad duty to perform when we had to go to Everett to bury Bro. Oscar A. Frailey, one of the charter members of Washington Alpha. Although the present chapter had not had the opportunity of knowing Brother Frailey, he had



been one of the moving spirits in the days that the Klatow local was battling for recognition from  $\Sigma A E$ , and the older men who knew him and loved him, mourn his loss deeply.

We pulled a great old smoker for the alumni shortly after the second semester opened. Brother Gibson had the affair in charge, and he had every man and pledge working at something a week before the big doings came off. Our modesty compels us to let the alumni do the talking about the complete success of the show. Now we're working on the banquet, and Brothers Gilbert and Bickel for the chapter, and Morley and Knapp for the alumni are concocting a great entertainment with lots of  $\Sigma A E$  pep and brotherhood to be on tap. January 6 we had our formal, and the girls were just tickled to death. We admit it. They couldn't help it, it was that good. Now the big social stunt is the annual spring house party, and there won't be any peace among the women now until they know who is to be elected.

Bro. Crawford Warren, Northwestern, pranced in on us with a box of cigars and a million dollar smile. You guessed it! It's a girl.

This year Bro. Stacy Jones is the editor of the *University of Washington Daily*, and the "rep" that the paper holds of being the equal of any college daily in the land is sure to stick at least for another semester. Brother Strom is working on the business end of the sheet, Brother Gibson runs the feature column, with marked success, and Brother Smith is "cubbing" on sports.

The sophomores named Norman (Adonis) Bellingham as their representative in Tyes Tyon, the sophomore interfraternity society. Pat, when he gets his fiddle tucked up

under his chin, and that look in his eye, is the boy the girls cry for.

We said something in the beginning about signing our name. We should have done it long since. We "ax" your pardon, there having been nothing to write about.

CONRAD BREVICK.

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Washington Beta, Washington State  
College, Pullman

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A NEW semester has arrived and the work of registering is going on. Here and there you will see groups of fellows talking. There seems always to be a weighty problem under discussion, and on drawing nearer, one invariably hears something like this: "Do you really think that this subject is easier than the other? If it is, I am sure going to register in it." It may have been for the above reason, or it may have been for some other reason; who knows. Anyway the chapter as a whole received good grades. The censor and the E. A. figured a good deal in it, too; because they were always showing up and offering a few suggestions under penalty of the paddle.

In regard to athletics, the chapter was up and agoing. Our chapter was represented by five men on the football team. They were Brothers Loomis, Finney, Fishback, Boone, and Herreid. Loomis was picked for all-Northwest end. We have two men on the basketball team. Brother Price is starring at forward and Brother Loomis is holding down a position as sub. The football team did not get off quite as good as last year, when they defeated Brown University, but they were only beaten twice this year. The basketball team is sure stepping this season just as they were last year. So far they have lost

only one game and that was to the University of California, after our boys had made a fifteen hundred mile trip down there. The next night, however, they cleaned house with them, and so we can claim that we are just as strong as they are. The W. S. C. team is so fast that they do not bother to catch the ball, but merely bat it back and forth between them, and are always making the long shots that catch the interest of the onlooker.

The rushing and pledging this year was very successful. We were able to secure seventeen new pledges. They are all fine fellows, and have the stuff in them necessary to make excellent sons of Minerva. Not long ago they decided to give the members a smoker. It was some affair. They secured every kind of a gambling device that one could think of, and a few million dollars of stage money. We all began to get tough and it was nothing to win or lose a few thousand. The smoker sure was a success.

Brother Loomis, our delegate to the convention, came back about January 5 and he was the main attraction around here for a few days, at least until everybody had heard his stories about the convention.

Among our numerous experiences this semester was one, which is rather comical to look back upon,

yet was very serious at the time. We were quarantined and not allowed to go out for three days. It was just before the Christmas vacation and we were afraid that they were going to keep us from going home. We played cards, sang, read, and played tricks upon one another. Finally the three days passed and we marched out, all sincere worshippers of the goddess of Liberty.

The neophytes are beginning to feel the sting of the whip and in another week will be initiated into the bonds of  $\Sigma A E$ . They have all cut out smoking and fussing; and are studying to beat the band. Those going through are: Walter Finnel, William Larsen, Albert Holmes, all of Tacoma, Washington; Raymond Copeland of Walla Walla, Washington; John Boone of Chehalis, Washington; Ralph Noerenberg, of Spokane, Washington; John Colvin, of Colfax, Washington; and Patrick Maloney, of Skykomish, Washington. Some others will be going through at about this same time, but we are not sure just who they will be.

The things that we are going to do next semester are large in number and along every line imaginable. With a house full of active boys like we have, you will see that there is no reason why we should not accomplish everything we set out to do.

H. P. BARNHART.

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