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By NORMAN LEPLER, *Alpha Tau*, '32

BORN of the *esprit de corps* of a tradition-filled military institution, impregnated with ideals of courage, loyalty, and devotion, nurtured in true New England conservatism—a little group of Vermont students in three quarters of a century have grown into a vast army of manhood, bearing the high ideals of Theta Chi from coast to coast.

Much of the earlier history of Alpha Chapter, that was Theta Chi Fraternity for forty-six years, has been hidden by the swift passage of obscuring years. It is a romantic history — like and yet unlike the annals of hundreds of other Greek-letter groups throughout the country.

Theta Chi Fraternity did not owe its inception to the growth of similar organizations throughout the country at the time of its founding. Secluded in the Vermont mountains, it was the forerunner in that section of the country of a nation-wide reversion to the idealistic organizations of the ancient Greeks.

Its history is co-mingled with that of Norwich University, its birth place. Many of Norwich University's outstanding alumni are Theta Chis. It was this strange coordination of University and fraternity ideals that inspired the motto of the original Theta Chi Society, "Alma Mater first, and Theta Chi for Alma Mater."

The far-seeing wisdom of the founders may well be seen when it is realized that the organization and constitution of the fraternity is much the same today as when they founded it on April 10, 1856. In the vaults of the Grand Chapter are some relics of priceless value to the fraternity. They were collected by J. Albert Holmes, Alpha, '95, in 1916 and include the original constitution and by-laws as well as the original draft of the ritual.

The Chapter's First Minutes

The constitution itself, which outlines merely the fundamental organization, is in force intact today. The record books of Alpha Chapter and the minutes of the earliest meetings, carefully preserved, give

us much light on the infancy of the struggling fraternity at historic Norwich University.

On the anniversary of Theta Chi's founding, to which this issue of *The Rattle* is dedicated, it is worthwhile to reproduce the first minutes ever written of a meeting of the Theta Chi Society at Norwich University:

The Theta Chi Society was the idea and plan of Frederick Norton Freeman, and with the assistance of Arthur Chase, his plans were perfected and the Society was organized in Norwich University on Thursday, April 10, 1856, at 9 o'clock, p. m.

Report for Thursday, April 10, 1856: The meeting met according to agreement, and being called to order by Mr. Chase, Messrs. Chase and Freeman mutually took the oaths prescribed and declared each other true and accepted members of the Theta Chi Society at Norwich University.

Then proceeded to ballot for president, to which office Mr. Chase was elected. Mr. Freeman was then chosen secretary, and Messrs. Freeman and Chase were chosen guards.

Messrs. Williston and Potter were then elected members. Then voted to adjourn until Friday evening, April 11. (signed) F. N. Freeman, Secretary.

It was due to the founders' conservative and ultra-formal ideals for the society that they had founded that Potter and Williston were not also founders. Since the society was the idea of Chase and Freeman, they hesitated to admit anyone save through the prescribed rules and ritual.

Phelps Gave the Name

One man who would have been a founder of Theta Chi Fraternity, had he been in school at the time, was Captain Egbert Phelps, '56. He was responsible for the badge and the name of the fraternity, yet never became a member. In 1852 he entered Norwich University where he remained for only two years. In the fall of 1854 he

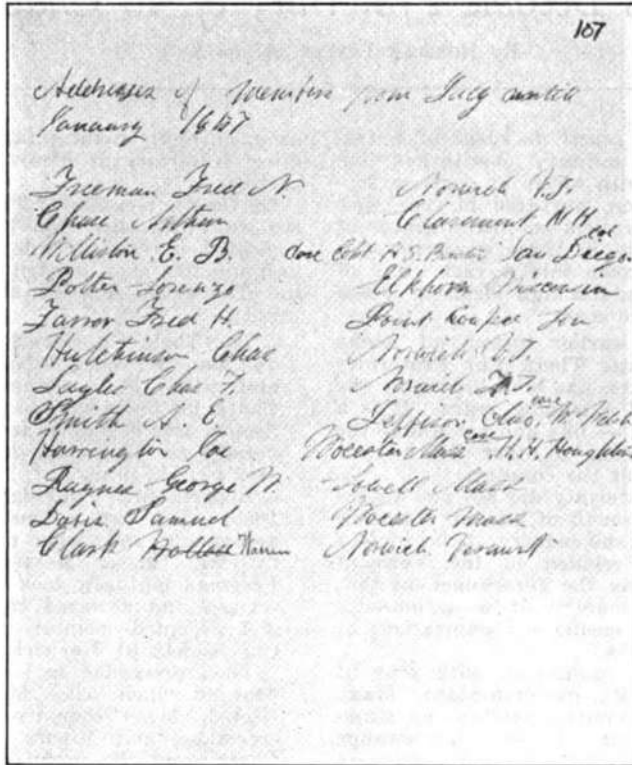
entered Union College, where he was graduated in 1856. Had he remained at Norwich he would probably have been initiated into the society which he helped foster.

There have been some who claim that "The Regulators," an organization founded in 1853 at Norwich was responsible for the origin of Theta Chi Fraternity, since Freeman was one of its members. This belief has never been substantiated and is unlikely since the ideals and purposes of the two organizations were extremely dissimilar. "The Regulators" were organized in an at-

probably traceable to the exclusive conservatism of the little Vermont school, partially due to the struggle of the school because of lack of endowment, this plan was not carried out for forty-six years.

For a time, conditions seemed unfavorable to the growth of the little group. The Civil War seriously drained the chapter room of membership, and in the spring of 1866 the Norwich University buildings were burned to the ground.

Even prior to the Civil War there seemed to be doubt as to the continuance of the



The First Roster of the Theta Chi Society, 1856-1857

tempt to reform certain alleged irregularities at Norwich at the time; and, according to carefully-preserved records, the Theta Chi Society was established as a purely literary and fraternal group from the start.

Prior to the organization of "The Regulators," no other purely fraternal organization had appeared on the Norwich campus. There had been a number of literary societies which probably exerted some influence, as literary societies in other schools always have exerted on fraternities.

National From the First

From the first, it was the idea of the founders to make Theta Chi national in character, but for one reason or another,

University. In the minutes for June 10, 1856, a resolution was passed by the Society to meet "if possible, at Norwich University on the commencement day of that institution, in the month of August, 1860, or on the day upon which such commencement would come" for a reunion.

Theta Chi's First Convention

Of especial interest are the minutes of the first annual convention of the Society held, August 12, 1857:

The Society met in a lodge room at 11 p. m., which was the first annual convention. Freeman submitted a grip in place of the old one which is of "no count" from date . . . also a new password in place of the old,

which is void. Voted not to commit either of the above to writing but are to be handed down verbally. Voted that the monthly meeting of the Society shall be held on Saturday evening.

Voted that the Secretary, in his next letters to absent members be requested to ask them about the prospect of establishing chapters in their vicinity. Clark and Davis paid each a dollar into the treasury. Voted that the next annual convention of the Theta Chi Society be holden at Norwich University

had been sent to alumni for funds, since little was coming in from the students themselves. Founded as the pioneer engineering institution of the country, combining classical and scientific learning with a knowledge of military tactics, both practical and theoretical, at one time the little school had even rivalled West Point. Now it seemed doomed. The members of the infant fraternity began to take steps to at least secure the records of their meetings to posterity if any exigency should terminate its rather uncertain career at Norwich.

Report on Friday Apr 11th 1856

The meeting met according to adjournment and was called to order by the Exarch and the roll being called the Exarch's report was read and accepted.

Messrs. Williams and Potter were then initiated and Mr. Forman was elected a member at the second ballot. Mr. Hutchinson was balloted for and refused. Their votes to decide as regards the badge before admitting any more members.

Mr. Potter was then elected vice Exarch and Messrs Chase having resigned their ex-officio offices Mr. Williams was chosen first Methodist and Mr. Potter second.

Voted to adjourn

J. R. Freeman Exarch

Minutes of the Second Theta Chi Meeting, April 11, 1856

on the annual commencement day of same. Voted to transfer the getting of pins from Freeman to Mosby.

On calling roll Chase, Freeman, Mosby, Stedman, Fullerton, Wolcott, Clark, Davis, and Saylor present.

The report of last meeting read and accepted. Voted that the convention be declared dissolved.

(signed) C. F. Saylor,
Secretary pro-tem.

Fears of Extinction of University

And almost three weeks later came another "scare" as to the future of Norwich University and Theta Chi Fraternity. The University had been suffering for some time, due to lack of endowment. Pleas

The account of the meeting follows:
Norwich University,

Saturday Eve., Oct. 30, '58

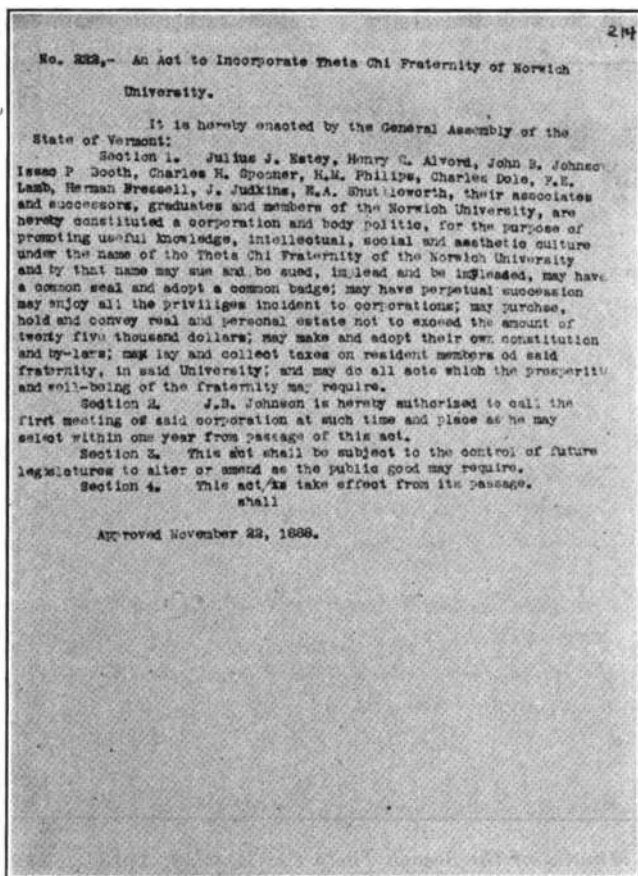
The Theta Chi Society met in Smith's room (No. 16) this evening. All present. The business of the meeting was to see what would be best to do with the "books," etc., of the Society, in event of the non-existence of the aforesaid University. It being so lean "on the rib" at the present time that doubts are entertained of its recovery. It was decided to surrender them to Messrs. Chase and Freeman, the founders of the Society. Smith was unanimously authorized to relate the decision of the last meeting to Freeman next

week. A letter was read from Mr. Chase, concerning the matter. No other business coming before the meeting it was moved and carried to adjourn.
(signed) Cyrus M. Morrison, Secretary.

However, Norwich University was not destined to fall at that time, nor later when the fire which destroyed the buildings threatened again to terminate the career of the little northern school, shortly after

ternities, Theta Chi and Alpha Sigma Pi, the latter founded at a later date.

We find some interesting meeting programs during this period. At one session, the minutes show that Macbeth was read, that the chapter subscribed to the *American Review*, that current books were purchased for the chapter library, that an album containing the pictures of alumni was kept and debates were held on current subjects.



The Act of Incorporation of the Fraternity, November 22, 1866

the Civil War had seriously depleted its enrollment. But an admirer of the University living at Northfield, some miles distant, donated a large tract of ground, and the University was rebuilt. The history of Theta Chi was kept unbroken throughout the trying period when the school was held in a temporary location in Northfield, pending acceptance of the land.

Meetings Had Literary Interest

From 1866 until 1880 little of importance transpired. The enrollment at the university seldom exceeded twenty or thirty students, although that number seemed sufficient to supply the need of the two fra-

For June 25, 1880, the following entry is found "No meeting held from March 20 until June 26 on account of all members but two being absent." That curt announcement tersely summarizes the most critical period in the history of the fraternity. For a short time there was only one Theta Chi in school, James M. Holland, '83. With the assistance of Professor Charles Dole, '69, of the faculty and several town alumni, he initiated Henry B. Hersey, '85, later a major in the United States Army, and Philip Randall, now a Minnesota judge, and saved the life of the fraternity until the membership was built up in 1881.

June 17, 1885, a special meeting was called to initiate Lieutenant Chandler the night before his graduation — probably a record for last-minute inception into any fraternity — and hardly customary today.

Move Toward Adding Chapters

It was the conservative attitude, almost clannishly exclusive, of Alpha Chapter that prevented the earlier nationalization of the fraternity. On November 21, 1885, we read:

"Information was given by Cadet Irish, (Robert L. Irish, '89) that it was the desire of about thirteen of the students at the University of Vermont that a Beta Chapter of the Theta Chi Society be founded there

Nothing was done about the matter, however, save the appointment of a committee to investigate the petitioning students. We are left to conclude that further action was unfavorable.

From this time on the growth of the fraternity at Norwich University was rapid, and the exigencies that attended its earlier years were absent, with the University on a firmer financial basis. There are, from time to time, interesting notes in the minutes such as the following: "Professor Dole was asked to give an account of the breaking into Theta Chi rooms of Alpha Sigma Pi members in years gone by" and "a debate was held on the question: Resolved that it is a benefit to any young gentleman to keep company with a respectable young lady." The latter question, we read, was decided in the affirmative 2 to 1 and then made unanimous.

In 1888, one of the most definite steps in the history of the Fraternity was made, with its incorporation under the laws of the state of Vermont. Growth from this time was marked with a more progressive, less conservative spirit.

Period of Real Development

The next period in the development of Theta Chi Fraternity is the period of nationalization, the end of the carefully nurtured infancy of the parent chapter. Frequent efforts were made at expansion during the forty-six years of Alpha Chapter's individual existence, but nothing concrete was accomplished until 1902 when Park Valentine Perkins, Alpha, '05, transferred to Massachusetts Institute of Technology and interested friends there in a Beta Chapter. Only after many rejections and reconsiderations was a favorable decision reached, and Beta Chapter was installed, December 13, 1902.

In December, 1906, Alpha Chapter finally committed itself as favoring expansion and sent a delegation to the banquet of Beta Chapter at Boston December 22, 1906 to make further plans. The upshot of the deliberations was the founding of Gamma Chapter at the University of Maine in May, 1907. From that time expansion was steady.

The finishing touch to national organization was the establishment of the Grand Chapter in 1908, the reference of all questions of national character to the annual convention having become unsatisfactory as the fraternity grew. The new Grand Chapter proceeded to incorporate and then issued charters to all other chapters.

From that time the fraternity has been in a new era. Its history from thence onward is the history of its now forty-eight chapters, no longer of Alpha Chapter.

Is All-American

Charles Herbert Anderson, Omega, '31, Penn State's only All-American soccer player, matriculated in the fall of 1927 after being graduated from the Mahaffey High School, Mahaffey, Pa., where he had received letters in baseball and football. Soccer, the sport in which he became an All-American, was not sponsored at all in his high school.

Bud, as he is known to all, went out for plebe soccer and won his numerals. In his sophomore year he entered varsity competition. With little trouble he annexed a berth as outside left and did not miss a single minute of action the whole year. He received a minor sports "S." In his junior year he held his position as outside left and played in every game. Penn State won the intercollegiate championship that year, and Anderson received a major varsity "S," instead of the minor sports letter. He was also selected on Coach Jefferies' All-American team.

This year Anderson played outside left and center forward. In the Swarthmore game he received a fractured ankle which forced him out of the last three games. They were also the only games he did not participate in during his three years of varsity soccer. Even with that he was high scorer for Penn State that year.

Anderson is a civil engineer and has maintained a good scholastic average throughout his college career. He is treasurer of the senior class; member of Skull and Bones, junior and senior honorary campus society, and senior member on the Interclass Budget Committee.



C. H. Anderson

Arthur Chase, Co-founder of Theta Chi Fraternity,

Descendant of an Aquila Chase, who came from England in 1639.

Son of Carlton Chase, graduate of Dartmouth College and the first Episcopalian Bishop of New Hampshire.

Student at Norwich University, 1852-1856, specializing in Latin and mathematics, graduating in 1856.

Roommate and upperclassman adviser of Cadet George Dewey, later Admiral Dewey, "Hero of Manila Bay."

Graduate of the Harvard Law School with the degree of LL.B., a member of the class of 1859.



Arthur Chase as a Cadet



Arthur Chase, at 28 years of age

Attorney-at-law in Claremont, New Hampshire, for nine years, retiring because of ill health.

Drillmaster for Claremont regiment of volunteers, but prevented from entering service by physical frailty.

Editor and publisher of *The National Eagle* at Claremont, his writing winning national attention.

Gentleman farmer for the remainder of his life, being forced to seek out-of-doors activity by physician's orders.

Educator, once serving as superintendent of schools, churchman, citizen, Arthur Chase made his life express the ideals of service brought out in the Theta Chi Ritual he helped to write as a cadet at Norwich University.

Grandson Tells of Theta Chi's Founder

By E. P. CHASE, Professor of Government at Lafayette College

ARTHUR CHASE was a man born and educated to be a leader of his community. His father, the Rt. Rev. Carlton Chase, D. D., first Episcopal bishop of New Hampshire, was at the time of Arthur's birth in 1835 rector of the church in Bellows Falls, Vermont, but when Arthur was nine years old he moved to Claremont, New Hampshire, where Arthur lived the rest of his life.

Arthur's boyhood home was a spacious house just across the street from Trinity Church of which the bishop was rector, for the diocese of New Hampshire was poor, and the bishop's salary was never large, varying from five or six hundred dollars up to a maximum of nine hundred. But Claremont was one of the leading communities in the state, and not only was Bishop Chase a highly educated man of distinguished position, but Arthur's mother, Harriet Cutler, was the descendant of a long line of well-to-do professional men.

Just before reaching the age of seventeen Arthur entered Norwich University, which at that time was located in the village of Norwich, not many miles up the Connecticut River above Claremont. Here he was an excellent student, founder of the Theta Chi fraternity, and a friend and roommate of the cadet who was later to become Admiral Dewey. He took both an engineering and an arts degree, B. S. in C. E. in 1855, and A. B. in 1856. The familiar picture of Arthur Chase in cadet uniform was probably made in 1855.

His military training was put to advantage when the Civil War broke out. He drilled a regiment of volunteers from Claremont, but could not, on account of ill health, accompany them to the front.

After college, Arthur decided to study law, and was graduated from the Harvard Law School in 1859. He returned to Claremont to practice. He was, however, too much interested in the public affairs to confine himself to one occupation. For three years he owned and edited *The National Eagle*, the local newspaper. He was at one

time superintendent of schools, at another road surveyor for the district. Towards the end of his father's life he assisted in the routine duties which the aged bishop could no longer perform. He filled many offices in both Trinity Church and the diocese at large.

The year after his father's death Arthur left the family homestead in the center of the town and bought a large farm on the outskirts. His health was impaired to such an extent that he was ordered to live a country outdoor life. He was a "gentleman farmer" in his attitude towards his new source of livelihood, often giving the produce of the land to his friends rather than selling it, and he kept up his leadership in town affairs. The rugged simplicity of his life with its early rising and long days even in the cold New Hampshire winter was not unpleasant to him. Moreover he had a large family of children, and an intelligent and helpful wife, Garafelia Davis, daughter of Charles Davis, a Boston merchant.

Arthur Chase was a man of strong character. He ruled his family completely. During the winter evenings when the whole family gathered round the living-room fire, none of the children were allowed to make the slightest sound. Fortunately all were intelligent, for their father expected them to do

well in school. And even the youngest boy had to help with the farm. In addition to a strong sense of family solidarity the father had a strong sense of justice. When the boys were old enough to go to college, financial affairs were always discussed by the family as a whole, because Arthur Chase felt that if one child were given more money to spend than another, they should all know how much each got and what he did with it.

Arthur Chase exhibited the same characteristics in relation to his friends and fellow-townpeople. Perhaps people were always on their best behavior in his presence, but no one was more trusted as a helper in difficulties. In spite of ill health, he carried on his affairs to the last day of his life, and died in 1888 at the age of fifty-three.



PROF. E. P. CHASE
Grandson of Arthur Chase,
one of Theta Chi's
founders

Theta Chi Fraternity Owes Its Origin in 1856 To Frederick N. Freeman, 17-Year Old Cadet

IN THE minutes of Alpha Chapter, Theta Chi Fraternity, for March 29, 1867, appears the following resolution:

Theta Chi Fraternity

Died at Newburg, N. Y. March 28, 1867

Col. F. N. Freeman

A Founder of The Society

At a meeting of the Theta Chi Fraternity, holden on the 2nd of April, 1867, the following Preamble and Resolutions were unanimously adopted:

WHEREAS: It pleased Almighty God to again invade our Mystic Arch, and to remove by the hand of Death a beloved brother and in the midst of this sorrowful dispensation it causes us as a society to bow in humble submission to the Supreme Ruler of Events, knowing that "He doeth all things well." Therefore be it by the Fraternity of Theta Chi

RESOLVED: That in the death of our brother, Frederick Norton Freeman our society has met with an irreparable loss; our country has lost a worthy citizen, and the cause of humanity an able supporter.

RESOLVED: That we recognize in the character of the deceased those sterling qualities of mind and heart which rendered him alike distinguished in civil and military life; and that we ever cherish with respect the memory of him whose integrity and uniform urbanity endeared him to so numerous a circle of friends in the private as well as the public walks of life.

RESOLVED: That, while as a Fraternity we mourn his loss, yet we remember that there are other hearts more deeply enveloped in gloom, and that our warmest sympathies are extended to that bereft circle of friends who with us share this grief; and we trust that the same God who has caused this sorrow to come upon us may likewise

make us to feel that, as His ways are not our ways, so is His strength sufficient for us.

RESOLVED: That in token of our grief for the death of our brother, we wear the usual badge of mourning for thirty days.

RESOLVED: That these resolutions be entered upon the records of the Society, and that copies be sent to the family and friends of our deceased brother, and published in the *Claremont Eagle*.

W. K. Walton

N. W. Ellis

Charles Dole

(Committee on Resolutions)

A true copy, attest:

N. W. Ellis, Secretary.

Those resolutions form a sincere tribute to Frederick Norton Freeman, originator, and one of the founders of the Theta Chi Fraternity.

On the fly-leaf of the minutes of Alpha Chapter appears the statement in Freeman's handwriting that the Theta Chi Fraternity was the "idea of Frederick Norton Freeman, ably assisted by Arthur Chase."

Freeman was born in Claremont, New Hampshire, March 2, 1839. His father was Philander Chase Freeman, at that time a lawyer in Claremont; his mother was Sarah Norton Freeman.

The Freeman line goes back, probably, to the pioneer, John Freeman, who came to this country in the ship *Abigail* in July, 1635, and settled at Sudbury, Massachusetts, where he was a proprietor in 1639.

Founders Were Distant Cousins

Frederick Norton Freeman and his co-founder in Theta Chi, Arthur Chase, were distantly related, assuming a relationship of "cousin" while in school, although the connection was more remote than that. The grandmother of Philander Chase Freeman, Frederick's father, was a daughter of Dudley Chase and sister of Bishop Philander Chase, for whom he was named. The fact that Freeman and Chase were members of the Episcopalian Church and were fellow townsmen is explanatory of their friend-



Frederick Norton Freeman, '56

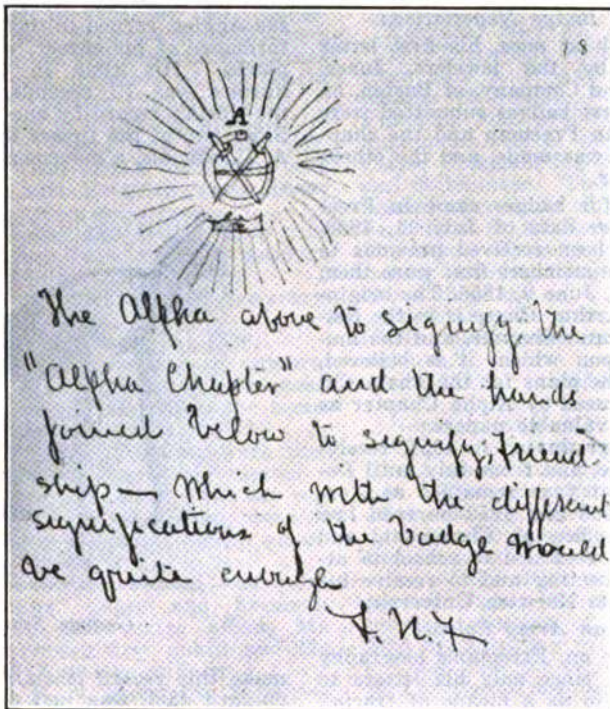
ship in college and also of the fact that the Episcopal Church exerted a strong influence on the ritual of the fraternity they founded.

Frederick Norton Freeman's father was a prominent man in his home community. His profession was that of law; he studied and practiced at Windsor, Vermont, going in 1835 to Claremont, New Hampshire, where he became a local judge and a leading lawyer of the state and was for many years clerk of the Sullivan Railroad Corporation.

In 1844-45 he was representative in the State Legislature and in 1850 a delegate

man, destined to be the founder of one of the most prominent college Greek-letter groups, attended Claremont Academy and entered Norwich University, then located at Norwich, Vermont, in 1853, at the age of fourteen, received his B. S. degree in 1856, and his A. M. in 1860. He was only seventeen years old when he conceived the idea that gave birth to Theta Chi Fraternity and only eighteen when he was graduated. Arthur Chase was over twenty years of age, when the fraternity was founded, and a senior.

The founding of the fraternity may have been influenced by the trend of the



A Crest Suggested By Founder Freeman, 1860

to the convention for revising the state constitution. His grandfather was an officer in the Revolution and his great-grandfather, in the Colonial Wars.

So that Frederick Norton undoubtedly inherited his desire for legal, military, and engineering pursuits that brought him to Norwich.

He had a younger brother who died in infancy; his mother died in 1844, and his father married again. Shortly after the second marriage a disastrous fire obliterated the Freeman homestead, and many papers relating the early life and young manhood of Frederick Norton were destroyed.

Was Graduated at Eighteen

It is known, however, that the young

decade from 1847 to 1857, a period of great growth of college fraternities. It was but natural that Freeman and Chase, knowing what was going on in other institutions, should have been possessed of the determination to have a fraternity at Norwich.

So on April 10, 1856, the ritual, constitution, and by-laws having been prepared by Freeman and Chase, the first meeting was held. Freeman and Chase initiated each other, elected each other secretary and president, respectively, and elected Williston and Potter to membership. Until the initiation of the two last-named, Freeman and Chase also held the positions of first and second guard. Williston and Potter took these positions when they became members.

The remainder of Freeman's biography can only be traced from the minutes of Alpha Chapter and from letters which he wrote. From this data it is learned that he was especially active while in school in the work of the Society he had fostered. He never held the position of president, although he continued to hold the office of secretary till the end of the year 1856, and later was first guard.

Copies of letters were not generally made in those days, and so there is none of the correspondence of Freeman as secretary, but there are a number of letters to him in existence, all on the subject of badges, this matter having been placed in his hands.

Carried On Badge Negotiations

He got to work at once, his first letter being received by the jewelers, Jones, Shreve, Brown and Company, of Boston, on April 12. The first badges submitted were not satisfactory to Freeman and the chapter; a second lot was made, and the others never charged for.

The first bill for badges came in Freeman's name under date of July 11, 1856. The badges had been received previous to this time, and the members first wore them publicly, Monday, June 9, 1856. The original pin worn by Arthur Chase is in the possession of the Grand Chapter, and the mahogany chest, upon which, it is believed, Freeman wrote the plans for the Theta Chi Society, is being used by Alpha Chapter as a receptacle for valuable papers.

Freeman was graduated in 1857, receiving a B. S. degree, and from July until December 31 of that year remained at Norwich. During 1858 and 1859 he read law in his father's office at Claremont, and August 15, 1860, returned to school to attend a chapter meeting and to receive his A. M. degree from Norwich University.

Became an Army Colonel

From that time on, Freeman's biography must be sketchy, since only his letters to the chapter remain as a means of tracing his career. In October, 1860, he wrote from Yonkers, New York, suggesting a printed emblem to be used by the fraternity. He was made a colonel in the army and studied military tactics at Washington and on southern battlefields, although he did not enlist for Civil War Service.

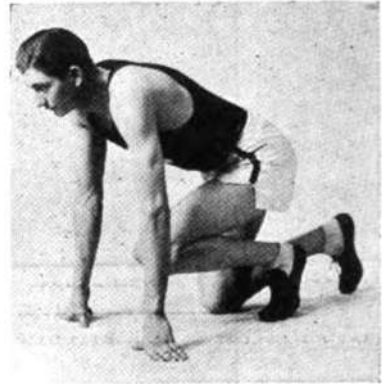
He served as superintendent of the Yonkers Military Institute until 1862, when he became a member of the faculty at the Eagles-Wood Military and Collegiate Institute at Perth Amboy, New Jersey. July 1, 1863, Alpha Chapter wrote him regarding the establishment of a chapter at the Perth Amboy school. In August of that year, he was the commencement speaker at Alpha Chapter.

It was while he was serving as the first superintendent of the Pennsylvania Coal Company at Newburgh, New York, that on March 28, 1867, he contracted pneumonia

while constructing a new dock for the coal company. He died at the age of 28 years. It is unfortunate that little is known of Freeman, the man, save the splendid tribute to him voiced by Alpha Chapter at the time of his death.

Besters World's Mark

Joining Theta Chi's notables by bettering the world's record and nearly equalling another international mark, George Smutny, Alpha Upsilon, '33, on February 28, in the dual meet between Nebraska and the Kansas Aggies, turned in the most colorful performance of his career, winning three first places. His time in the 60-yard low hurdles was 7.1 seconds, which surpasses the world's record by one-tenth of a second. Since two of the timers in the event are A. U. officials, a movement is in progress to



George Smutny

make this record official. His time in the 60-yard dash was just one-tenth of a second short of the official world's record for that distance.

Brother Smutny, who has another year of competition, is but 20 years old, is developing fast, and promises to show even more improvement in the future. His most recent feat was accomplished at the Illinois relays when the University of Nebraska hurdle relay team, with whom Smutny was participating, broke the meet record in the shuttle relay.

Coach Schulte praises Smutny highly as does everyone else who knows him, and he is fast proving himself a likely candidate for the Olympics next year.

Besides his track prowess, Brother Smutny takes an active interest in the affairs of the chapter, is a good student and is more or less of an all round athlete.

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Report on Friday, April 11, 1856.

The meeting met according to adjournment and was called to order by the president, and, the roll being called, the secretary's report was read and accepted.

Messrs. Williston and Potter were then initiated, and Mr. Farrar was elected a member at the second ballot. Another was balloted for and refused. Then voted to decide as regards the badge before admitting any more members.

Mr. Potter was then elected vice president, and Messrs. Chase and Freeman, having resigned their extra offices, Mr. Williston was chosen first guard and Mr. Potter second. Voted to adjourn.
(signed) F. N. FREEMAN, *Secretary.*

Report for Saturday, June 7, 1856.

Meeting met according to adjournment. All present. Secretary's report was read and accepted. Voted to appear with the pins on Monday next. Voted to adjourn.
(signed) F. N. FREEMAN, *Secretary.*

June 10, 1856.

—A letter being read from Jones S. B. Co. stating that they will make another style of badge. Voted to accept a design marked No. 1 and appointed the secretary to inform them of the resolution.

Report for July 19, 1856.

—Then presented the following resolution:

"RESOLVED: That the present members

of this Society meet if possible at Norwich University on the commencement day of that institution in the month of August, 1860, or on the day upon which said commencement would come."

Voted to adjourn to Freeman's room on the first Saturday of next term.
(signed) F. N. FREEMAN, *Secretary.*

Norwich, May 30, 1857.

The Theta Chi Society met in Freeman's room at 9 p. m. and proceeded to the initiation of Joseph Stedman. Afterwards Fullerton was proposed and elected by a unanimous vote of the following members: Clark, Freeman, Saylor, Walcott, Stedman, and Hutchinsen. Then voted that the first annual convention of the Theta Chi lodges be holden at the lodge room at Norwich University of the Alpha Chapter on Wednesday evening, August 12, 1857, at or about 10 p. m.

Secretary was ordered to notify members of the meeting above mentioned. Voted to adjourn.
(Signed) HUTCHINSEN, *Secretary.*

Norwich, August 12, 1857.

The Society met in a lodge room at 11 p. m., which was the first annual convention. Freeman submitted a grip in place of the old one which is of no "count" from date — also a new pass word in place of the old, which is void. Voted not to commit either of the above to writing, but are to be handed down verbally. Voted that the monthly meeting of the Society shall be held on Saturday evening.

Voted that the secretary, in his next letters to absent members be requested to ask them about the prospect of establishing chapters in their vicinity. Clark and Davis paid each a dollar into the treasury. Voted that the next annual convention of the Theta Chi Society be holden at Norwich University on the annual commencement day of same. Voted to transfer the getting of pins from Freeman to Mosby.

On calling roll Chase, Freeman, Mosby, Stedman, Fullerton, Walcott, Clark, Davis, and Saylor present.

The report of last meeting read and accepted. Voted that the convention be declared dissolved.
(Signed) C. F. SAYLER, *Secretary pro tem.*

Norwich, October 30, 1858.

The Theta Chi Society met in Smith's room, No. 16, this evening. All present.

The business of the meeting to see what would be best to do with the "books" etc., of the Society, in event of the non-existence of the aforesaid University. It being so lean "on the rib" at the present time that doubts were entertained of its recovery. It was decided to surrender them to Messrs. Chase and Freeman, the founders of the Society. Smith was unanimously authorized to relate the decision of the last meeting to Freeman next week. A letter was read from Mr. Chase, concerning the matter. No other business coming before the meeting it was moved and carried to adjourn.
(Signed) **CYRUS M. MERRIMAN, Secretary.**

Norwich, August 15, 1860.

The Theta Chi Society met in their lodge room at 11 a. m. Shattuck, the presiding officer. The roll being called Chase, Cross, Freeman, Merriman, Raynes, Converse, Hall, Smith, and Shattuck present.

Chase was appointed a committee to see in regard to a box said to be at Mrs. Williston's.

Freeman and Chase was appointed a committee upon pass words and grips.

The subject of forming new chapters was brought up. The general opinion was given that we should form new ones, the same to be select.

Adjourned until evening.

(Signed) **S. W. SHATTUCK, Secretary.**

The following quotations were taken from Minute Book II of Alpha Chapter.

1863 — Balance in Treasury \$12.61.

July 31, 1863 — A motion was made and carried that the secretary be instructed to write Colonel Freeman of Perth Amboy Military School in regard to the establishment of a chapter in that institution.

August 11, 1863 — Then listened to a few interesting remarks from Col. F. N. Freeman after which the meeting adjourned.

August 13, 1863 — After some interesting remarks from Mr. Chase, one of the founders of the Society, the meeting adjourned until 8 o'clock this evening.

September 31, 1863 — Cadets Potter, Mead, and Child, former members of the Society having requested permission to join other Societies, a vote was taken upon it. It was granted to Potter and Mead but refused Child.

October 9, 1863 — The following amendment to Section 4th Article 1st was then offered and after being balloted upon was accepted, "Any person who may be balloted for on two successive weeks, receiving no black balls on either, the ballots being one week apart may be immediately initiated. Ballots taken on such occasions shall not be recorded except in case of elections."

October 23, 1863 — The following amendment to Section 5, Article 1 was offered and accepted, "All members initiated after 16th Sept. 1863 shall pay the sum of \$5.00 as an initiation fee."

October 30, 1863 — A motion was made and carried that a committee of two be appointed to procure a carpet for hall, the price not to exceed one hundred dollars. A motion was made and carried that the committee for procuring carpet act as a committee to procure curtains. Motion made and carried that a committee of three be appointed to provide a platform for the president.

November 13, 1863 — A motion was made and carried that a term-tax of \$2.00 be assessed each member immediately. A motion was made and carried that the committee for procuring platform provide one with a pulpit.

January 29, 1864 — The Society met per order in their hall and was called to order by the vice president. Roll called and minutes of last meeting read and accepted. The committee formerly appointed to procure pulpit having left for the war, a new committee was appointed. Metcalf and Richards appointed. A motion made and seconded that the secretary be instructed to write to old members to solicit donations for the purpose of fitting up Lodge. Motion made and carried that a term tax of \$5 be levied immediately. Then balloted for president, the former one having left for war. After some time spent in balloting, Metcalf was elected.

A true record **W. F. BASCOM, Secretary.**
Norwich, June 10, 1864.

The Society met per order in their Lodge. There was quite a long discussion as regards the establishment of a chapter of the Alpha Delta Phi Society. Nothing definite decided upon.

June 25, 1864 — A motion was made and carried that a committee of three be appointed to confer with the Alpha Delta Phi, also the Delta Phi Society. On motion a tax of \$3 be levied for present term.

October 10, 1864 — Resolved: That in token of respect for our deceased brother we wear our badges draped during the usual period.

November 11, 1864 — Letters from Col. F. N. Freeman and Henry D. Alvord read. Motion made and carried that we attend to the procuring of side lights, and Mr. Richards was appointed to see what could be done in regard to the matter. Motion made and carried that some pictures useless to the Society be sold at auction. Part of the pictures were then sold.

July 29, 1865 — A motion was made by Whittier that the colors of the Society for commencement be crimson and white — Carried.

January 19, 1866 — Officers elected — Blodgett, president; Whittier, vice president; Saall, secretary; Walton, first guard; Ellis, second guard. Major General Dodge accepted an honorary membership of the Theta Chi Society. — (Turn to Page 39)

Basketball Stars Numerous Among Theta Chis, Four Captains Included Among Season's Players

By NORMAN LEFLER, Alpha Tau

WITH four captaincies and the star players of more than a dozen college and university quintets listed among its basketball great, Theta Chi Fraternity has passed through another basketball season.

The three regular captains who led their respective teams to victory throughout the 1931 season were: Leo May, Phi, '31, captain of the North Dakota State College five which finished third in conference standing; John Tyler, Eta, '32, chieftain of the Rhode Island State College "battle squadron," which finished the season with a total of thirteen victories and four defeats; and J. R. Jordan, Chi, '31, who led the Alabama Polytechnic Institute team through ten victories and four defeats.

John Paul was chosen to lead the University of Wisconsin's five, but it was discovered that he had sufficient hours for graduation at the end of the semester, thus making him ineligible.

At the conclusion of a season marked by so many "basketball luminaries" for Theta Chi Fraternity, an all-Theta Chi five might be in order. In consideration of the fact that information on the playing of the men most eligible for such a team is sketchy — gleaned only, in fact, from press clippings and chapter records — some worthy player may not be mentioned.

Pick Theta Chi Quintet

At the present writing, however, the five most worthy, on the face of such data, seem to be:

Jordan, Alabama Polytechnic Institute, forward.

Ballard, Oregon State College, forward.

May, North Dakota State College, center.

Tyler, Rhode Island State College, guard.

Vietheer, Norwich University, guard.

Honorable mention:

H. Moore, Hampden-Sydney, forward.

Walter Olson, North Dakota State College, guard.

The final guard position was rather hard to fill, since so many of the candidates seemed worthy of the place.

George C. Vietheer, Alpha, '32, completed his third year of varsity competition as center and guard of the Norwich Univer-

sity quintet, champions of the Green Mountain Conference. He was cited as outstanding in every game played by the cadets and received all-New England mention in 1929. The Norwich team won ten games and lost three. Vietheer excelled in passing, guarding, shooting, and jumping. His home is at Brooklyn, New York, and he is six feet, two and one-half inches tall, and weighs 185 pounds.

H. Moore, Nu, '32, excelled in passing, dribbling, shooting, guarding, and jumping so that his regular position as forward throughout the season does not disqualify him for mention as a guard on the all-Theta Chi team. He won his second varsity letter, his third year on the Hampden-Sydney College basketball squad, and led the scoring for the Virginians throughout the season.

Voted Best by University

In the game with the University of Richmond he surpassed other players on both teams, with 14 points. He was voted the best cage star of the school by the student body, and Coach Charles Bernier declared that he was the best man on a Hampden-Sydney team in years. His home is at Prospect, Virginia. He is six feet tall and weighs 165 pounds.

Walter Olson, Phi, '32, played guard for a star North Dakota State outfit throughout the season, excelling in all departments of the game, especially in sensational long shots. He averaged three points for every game consistently throughout the season from guard position and was named second as all-conference guard. He is from Fargo, North Dakota, weighs 170 pounds, and is six feet two inches in height.

"Best" Honors Divided

If it were possible to name a "best Theta Chi" basketball player for the past season, the honors would probably be divided between Roderick Ballard, Sigma, '31, forward on the powerful Oregon State College quintet, and J. R. Jordan, captain of the Alabama Polytechnic Institute cagers.

Ballard was a stellar performer throughout the year, according to press notices which give him a lion's share of the credit for Oregon victories. He excelled in passing, shooting, guarding, dribbling, and foul goal shooting and was the third highest scorer of field goals in the Pacific Coast Conference, with 209 points tallied for his

Some of Theta Chi's Basketball Stars



*Captain Tyler,
Rhode Island State*

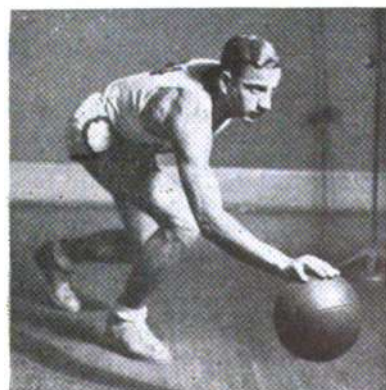


*Captain Jordan
Alabama Polytechnic*



*Captain May,
North Dakota State*

Sigma's Trio of Basketball



Merrill, Oregon State



*Ballard
Oregon State*

Lettermen of This Season



Thomas, Oregon State

team during the season. It is his third year of varsity competition and he secured his second letter. He was mentioned on the second team of the Pacific Coast Conference coaches' all-Pacific Coast team, northern division, 1928-29 and 1930-31. Since captains are appointed every game at Oregon State, Ballard was captain throughout only half of the games, as one of the two seniors on the team. His home is at Long Beach, California. He weighs 170 pounds and is six feet in height.

Leads Scoring Second Year

Jordan played the entire season in forward position, leading the Auburn team of Alabama Polytechnic to a highly successful season. He led in scoring for the second consecutive year, with 100 points, caging 42 field goals and 16 penalty shots. He finished the season in ninth place among the high-scorers of the conference. His best games were against Clemson and Georgia Tech when he tallied respectively 17 and 15 points. In 1930 he was third in conference point standing. His home is at Selma, Alabama. He weighs 175 pounds and is five feet eleven inches in height.

Leo May, captain of the North Dakota State Bisons, played brilliant basketball throughout the season as center, his third year on the varsity. He excelled in passing, dribbling, shooting, guarding, and jumping. Against South Dakota State he scored 12 points and averaged six points in all other games. He was always outstanding in both offensive and defensive play, as well as an excellent field general. Coach L. T. Saalwaechte typified him as "one of the most outstanding athletes ever graduated from North Dakota State." He was chosen all-conference center, and inter-city center in the Inter-city Tournament. North Dakota finished third in the conference. His home is at Aberdeen, South Dakota. He weighs 185 pounds and is six feet one inch in height.

Named One of "Greatest"

John Tyler, Eta, '32, captain of Rhode Island State College basketballers, led his team to a highly successful season. He excelled in all departments of the game and played forward, center, or guard equally well. This was his second year on the varsity. He turned in a total of 172 points scored for the season, averaging 10 points a game. His highest score in a single contest was 16 points. He has been named one of the greatest collegiate basketball players in New England. His home is at Kingston, Rhode Island.

It is perhaps noteworthy that of the seven men here suggested as worthy candidates for an all-Theta Chi team, only one, Leo May, is less than six feet in height. He is five feet eleven inches tall. An impressive aggregation!

Two other varsity members of the North Dakota State College basketball team were Theta Chis, William Lloyd McDonald, Phi,

'33, and Donald Arthur, Phi, '33. Both men played their first year on the regular first team and won their initial letters. Both played forward and won high recognition for their work during the season. McDonald was second highest scorer on the eastern trip against Millikan, Loyola, St. Paul, St. Thomas, and Illinois Wesleyan. Arthur scored 14 points against St. Thomas, and received honorable mention in conference all-star teams. Both men are from Mandan, North Dakota. Arthur is five feet, ten and one-half inches tall and weighs 160 pounds, while McDonald is a half inch taller and weighs the same. Including Walter Olson, there were four Theta Chis on the varsity.

Others Make Good Records

Sigma Chapter's outstanding court luminaries, aside from Ballard, already mentioned, were Jerry Thomas, '32, substitute forward, and Howard Merrill, guard. Merrill was a brilliant guard, noted throughout the conference for his aggressiveness, and second in the conference in number of fouls called against him. He was high point man in the last of the traditional series with the University of Oregon, scoring five field goals. His home is at Long Beach, California. He is another six footer and weighs 165 pounds. Thomas was not a regular this year, although he won a letter and is a good choice for a berth on the team next year. His home is at Centralia, Illinois.

Two members of Omicron Chapter received letters from the University of Richmond — one of them a manager's letter. They were: Edward L. Perłowski, '33, one of the only two sophomores to receive letters, and J. M. Justice, '32, Wattsville, Virginia, manager.

Perłowski was second high scorer on the Richmond team with 69 points for the season. He had high score against the University of Virginia with 12 points and averaged six points in all of his games. In the game with Randolph-Macon College he guarded excellently and outscored King, his opponent in that game, one of the state's outstanding players.

Was an Emergency Star

Victor P. Dauer, Alpha Iota, '32, won his second varsity letter as substitute forward on the Indiana University team, scoring 29 points in 17 games. He was an excellent man to be used in an emergency, winning the Iowa game when he was sent in, in the closing minutes of play. His home is at Gary, Indiana. He weighs 175 pounds and is five feet, ten inches tall.

Charles H. Hammond, Omega, '32, starred as forward and center for the Pennsylvania State College five, winning his first letter in two years on the squad. He was high-scorer against Waynesburg, Bethany, and Lafayette. In the game with Harvard at Cambridge, he held Captain Farrell, star high-score man for the Crimson, to one

field goal. His home is St. Mary's, Pennsylvania. He weighs 160 pounds and is six feet tall.

Alpha Chapter had another representative on the varsity basketball squad in addition to Viethner, W. C. Stevens, '32, who won his first letter as substitute guard. His home is at North Stratford, New Hampshire.

Lambda Chapter had no varsity lettermen

although John D. Bennett, '33, was on the squad as substitute guard for Cornell University. His home is at Rockville Center, L. I. He weighs 175 pounds and is six feet tall.

Pledge Ben Smith, Alpha Phi, '33, was the only Theta Chi representative on the University of Alabama squad. He did not receive a letter, although he is considered promising material for next year's team.

Blond Brothers Quintet Captains

By RICHARD B. COLE, *Eta*

BASKETBALL being the center of interest at Rhode Island State College, the members of Eta Chapter are watching the progress of two members of the Tyler family.

First let us give you a little history of this family which has come to be so well known on several college campuses of this country. Marshall Tyler, the father of the family, while in his student days at Amherst, was a member of every sport team of which that college boasted. In addition, he was picked for a tackle position on the first All-American football team ever to be selected. His fraternity is Theta Delta Chi.

His first son matriculated at West Point and was a leader in sports at that institution. Another son during his stay at Amherst was prominent in basketball and football and belonged to the Dekes. Next in line came another son, now in his second year at Annapolis, who is upholding the athletic and scholastic traditions at that institution. And now we come to those two fraternal and blood brothers of Theta Chi.

John spent his preparatory days at Williston Academy where his father and brothers were before him. Now he is in his third year at Rhode Island with an enviable record behind him. In his freshman year he established the yearling shotput record which still stands. This fall was his first year at football, yet he showed promise of becoming a stabilized part of the 1931 grid team. But his greatest success lies on the hard wood court. In his first year he played a guard position, was captain of the team,

and was high point scorer for the entire season. In his sophomore year he became a permanent fixture on the varsity team as guard and also co-captain with a senior, an honor which is believed to be a record at this institution. He is out there again this year, but of that we will tell you later, for now we swing over to his brother George, a pledge in this year's freshman class.

George has always been known to the boys in the house, for he lives but a short distance away and has visited us often before accepting his pledge to Theta Chi. In fact, his record was watched throughout his last two years in high school to see if the athletic record of the Tylers was to be sustained. It was, and this year he has become a valuable asset to Eta Chapter. Among the seven Eta pledges who played regularly on the 1934 grid team, George was center and captain, and as in the case of his brother, we find his steps leading to greater things in basketball on the frosh team. And this is really where the story begins.

For John and George both, are captains and guards on their respective teams. John, or "Tobey," sometimes is found playing center in which position he is very effective. To watch one is to recall the style of the other, for they both pass accurately and speedily and have a deadly eye for the hoop. At the present time of writing John is leading scorer for the varsity. Incidentally both teams lost their first game out of ten played, leaving no team in New England with a spotless record.



John and George Tyler

Of Entertainment There'll Be No End At Theta Chi's 75th Birthday Party

By W. V. MERRIHUE, *Kappa*, '25

WHAT is this magnet that is turning all eyes toward Norwich? Primarily, it is the Spirit of Theta Chi — a spirit that has made Theta Chi the twelfth largest national social fraternity, that has ever given it progressive policies, that has made it a leader in scholarship among the larger and old fraternities.

This same spirit underlies the nationwide urge of Theta Chis to visit the birthplace of their fraternity, to view the remote, rugged, yet indescribably beautiful spot where the young sapling from which grew the mighty oak of Theta Chi was first seeded and nurtured, to enjoy the privilege of dedicating a fitting monument on the site of the founding of Theta Chi, to visit the boyhood homes and the graves of the two co-founders, Frederick Norton Freeman and Arthur Chase — in brief, to enjoy the privilege of attending the most significant convention in their generation.

But fun, entertainment, high spirits, are synonymous with conventions. Youth always will look forward to the pause that physically refreshes in ceremonies and business sessions that mentally refresh. "Youth?" did we say. Yes, but, like Spring, can the alumni be far behind?

Of these normal anticipations, your Convention Committee has taken full cognizance. Whatever you say when you happily depart for home, you will have said many times that "This was an entirely different convention from any I ever attended or heard about."

How about a dress rehearsal for the convention, just to see a little of what is in store for us? Let's go! We've got to start from somewhere, so let's start from Lincoln, Nebraska, because, I understand, this year's graduating class at Alpha Upsilon is planning to rattle up to Norwich in a happy-go-lucky auto party.

Put'er in high, and soon we're in Chicago. Ah! Here's a problem. Shall we go south-east across Indiana, Ohio, New York, and Vermont with the opportunity to see Cleveland and Little Old Manhattan? Or shall we cut across Michigan to Detroit and thence over the border to Canada, proceeding to Northfield via Montreal?

Let's toss up, first carefully inspecting the coin to see that it is not like Janus, double-headed. Tails, she is. Onward via New York — but homeward via Quebec and Montreal.

A due course east would bring the good ship Flying Mud to Albany, N. Y., via Rochester and Troy, with stops to see the groundwork for Alpha Zeta's new home and a visit at Delta's spacious chapter house, before another toss-up is necessary. But as we are in Albany three days before the convention, no coin is tossed. We head south to take in Little Old New York.

The Great White Way, the Richest Street in the world, fashionable Fifth Avenue, Riverside Drive, the Empire State Building, Greenwich Village, Club Alabam — we do them all. We would spend a month here, but we must hurry on.

Heading north? Let's go through New Haven, Conn., and give Yale the once over. Then it's only six hours to Boston; shall we take it in? And how!

So this is Boston? Crooked labyrinths of streets, Paul Revere's home, Old North Church where he hung his lantern. Over there, where those fishermen are unloading cod — that's the site of the Boston Tea Party. Here's Bunker Hill. The Colonial Army occupied these breastworks.

In fifteen minutes we're over in Cambridge. See mighty M. I. T., its classic beauty bordering the lovely Charles River. Let's drop in at the Beta Chapter House. They're holding open house before and after the convention. So are Delta, Zeta, Alpha Theta, in fact practically all the New England chapters. Beta is one of the strongest chapters at M. I. T. Here's old Harvard. Did you ever see a school more interesting?

Here's Salem, early home of witchcraft. There's Hawthorne's "House of the Seven Gables." Now, we're following the North Shore of the Atlantic Ocean — "a stern and rock-bound coast." Look! We're in Gloucester. See those fishermen going down to the sea in ships?

Now we've crossed the border into New Hampshire. Let's turn west. Here's Durham, home of Zeta Chapter of the University of New Hampshire. A new and beautiful colonial chapter house invites us. Theta Chi may well be proud of Zeta.

We're crossing the Connecticut River which bisects nearly the entire length of New England. We're in Vermont. On to Northfield!

Here it is — nestled in the verdant-clad granite hills of the Green Mountains.

"How can they take care of us in



Broad Street, Claremont, New Hampshire, home of Theta Chi's founders. This street was laid out by Arthur Chase, when he was road surveyor.

Different from all other conventions will be the 75th Anniversary Convention, August 27 - 29.

Beautiful

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Scene of Theta C



Crystal Lake, one of the hundred Pilgrimage, offers



Ascutney Mountain and Sugar River Valley, near Claremont, typical of the unusual and beautiful scenery of this section of Vermont.

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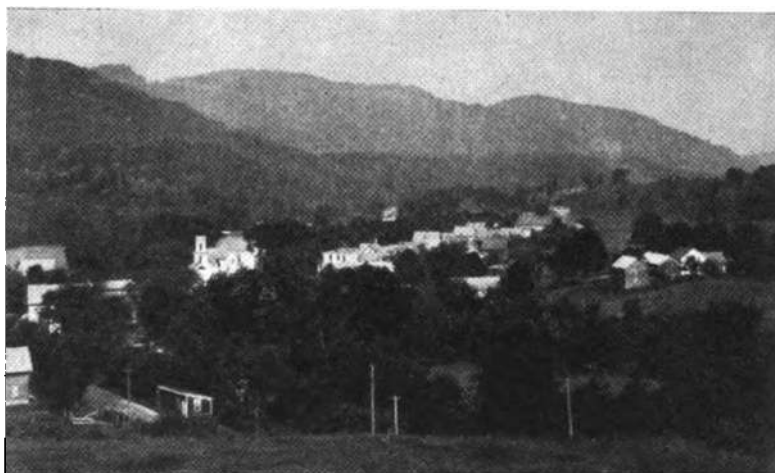


Views in the land of the Theta Chi
city and recreation.



Broad Street Park and Town Hall, Claremont, New Hampshire, the village which will be the scene of the convention's huge barbecue and celebration August 29.

The land of Theta Chi's
beginning offers a warm
welcome to those honor-
ing Chase and Freeman.



A typical village of colonial type, surrounded by forested mountains, making a combination of rare charm met often in New England

Northfield?" we had asked time and again on our way east.

"We told you it would be a different convention," said Harry Steere, general chairman, as we rolled into town. "The whole place is ours. President Plumley has turned the entire university over to us. Meals in the mess hall. Lodgings in the barracks. Up with the lark and down with the orange juice when the reveille gun booms in the morning. All events heralded by military calls. You're in the army now until Saturday night brings the end of the greatest of all conventions with the singing of 'It Is to Thee' and the sounding of taps. But it's the most pleasant army you'll ever enroll in."

"Hurry, let's register! Horses are awaiting. White-birch-bordered trails are beckoning."

"But I never rode a horse!"

"Climb up, these horses are nice, and you've got to learn riding to be elite. Everybody rides at Norwich."

We spend a full, full day exploring gallant Norwich University and all the bracing, inspiring mountainous beauty for miles around. We scurry up to Montpelier, capitol of Vermont, and only 15 miles north. Brother Blank immediately disgraces us by trying to date up a little blonde for the convention dance. No luck, Brother Blank hasn't any references, and none of us will vouch for him.

Back to Northfield. It is Thursday evening, the eve of the convention. Three dinners are in progress. A dinner for the

actives; a dinner for alumnus advisers; a dinner for all the others.

Now we all combine. Twilight is lowering over old Norwich. The convention smoker is on. Boy, do you feel those little shivers going up and down your spine as the Old Guard of Theta Chi say to us, in effect: "All this we have accomplished — there shines our goal — to you, we throw the torch."

Gee, what a great convention. Somehow this being thrown together in a secluded little Vermont village gives one a sense of nearness to all these men of Theta Chi who are come from the four corners of the nation to pay homage to the birthplace, to the founders, and to the ideals of Theta Chi. I wouldn't have missed this for the world. I'll be a real Theta Chi all my life after this.

The smoker is history, but the evening has just begun. Hurry, we've got to smooth up for the dance. Wonder how the dates will be? The Alpha actives have lined up some high class talent from girls' camps and schools.

"Going to the dance?" we yell to an alumnus from Walla Walla who is rushing by.

"No, sorry," is the reply, "but the committee is putting on a great program of entertainment for those who don't go in for dancing, and I'm taking my wife and boy."

That dance is a knockout. The music is great. Those Alpha boys surely know how to pick 'em. How do you like the keen date that Brother Chase imported from Well-sley?



Present Home of Alpha Chapter, Soon To Be Replaced by a Modern Fraternity Home

Friday morning, a bright sun penetrating the crisp mountain air. The convention is on in earnest. Is it lively? Is it intensely interesting? Is it something to have lived through? Great! Six o'clock is here already, and the business of the convention is completed.

A hearty, rollicking dinner in the mess hall. Cheering seems spontaneous. Someone starts "The Last Toast." "Our school days were done, and the banquet was on." From hundreds of voices wells up this grand old toast. Again little shivers.

What's next? The Alpha alumni are putting on a mystery program. There's going to be a polo game between Alpha Chapter and Fort Ethan Allen played under floodlights. After that follows a spectacular military program that will hold you tense until the curtain drops.

Boy, I didn't sleep long last night, but I slept fast. Here it is Saturday morning — the dawn of the greatest day of the convention.

But we must be off. A tremendous day stretches before us. We pile into the special excursion train and laugh and enjoy our way to White River Junction on the Connecticut River across from New Hampshire. From thence we roll in by busses to Norwich, Vermont, to dedicate a fitting monument at the site of the founding of Theta Chi. Again those little shivers. Maybe we're romantic and sentimental, but it grips us tremendously to take part in

that history-making ceremony by the ruins of the Old South Barracks.

Across the Connecticut River to historic Hanover, home of old Dartmouth. Dartmouth is unique — *alma mater* of Daniel Webster and hundreds of illustrious sons — colonial in architecture — steeped in traditions and beauty — home of the far-famed Winter Carnival. We tour its fine old campus, guided by Tracy Higgins, Alpha Theta, '21, and the Theta Chi treasurer of the college.

Southward now to Claremont, New Hampshire. This thriving little city of 12,000 inhabitants is all agog — people everywhere on the streets — the entire town on a holiday — a great fraternity has come to pay homage to two of Claremont's former citizens — none other than our two co-founders, Freeman and Chase.

After the memorial services are held at the graves of Freeman and Chase, we take over the entire town of Claremont and proceed to Moody Park where a huge barbecue and clam-bake is staged in good old New England fashion.

And then we hit the sunset trail — northwest to Montpelier where the greatest convention we ever hope to attend comes to a close with a magnificent, inspiring, never-to-be forgotten banquet.

We sing "It Is to Thee, Dear Old Theta Chi." Then a silence — and taps. "The Convention of a Generation" is now history.

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Baker Library. A glimpse of Dartmouth College, famous old institution and home of Alpha Theta Chapter, on the route of the pilgrimage

THE TRAVELER'S TOPICS

By CLAIR FISHELL, *Traveling Secretary*

From the amount of interest seen in the 75th convention, we infer that the chapter that wins the attendance trophy will have in excess of fifty members present. We have been present at three conventions, and the next one looks better than any previous one. See you there.

A Californian's impression of Florida: a low sandy reef appended to Georgia on the southern end of which New Yorkers have attempted modernistic towns amidst desolate cypress swamps and mutilated scrub pine.

Executive Secretary Hoge was the first president of the National Undergraduate Interfraternity Council. He is now the first vice president of the National Association of Executive Secretaries. Theta Chi is interested in interfraternity work.

Each month Alpha Gamma Chapter (Michigan) holds a formal dinner to which they invite members of the faculty.

George W. Sharp, secretary of state of West Virginia, is a Theta Chi, a member of Alpha Kappa Chapter at West Virginia University.

The assistant dean of men at Ohio State, Fred J. Milligan, a former Phi Delta Theta traveling secretary, has organized a pledge council, a chapter presidents' council, and an alumnus advisers' council in the interest of interfraternity co-operation.

Kappa Chapter (Pennsylvania) has an endowment fund from which student loans may be made. The fund is now in excess of \$2500. All initiation fees go into the fund. In other words, its income is on the same basis as the National Endowment Fund income.

Although baseball, track, and lacrosse awards have not been made, Zeta claims eighteen varsity letters among the active men. The chapter also stands first among national social fraternities in scholarship at the University of New Hampshire.

Beta Chapter members on the M. I. T. crew turned out for the first outdoor practice in March. There were still four inches of snow on the ground.

Basketball is not an intercollegiate sport at Maine.

Collegiate slang means different things at different institutions. A "tunk" is a smoker at Colgate and a blackball at Ohio State. One who is constant in his many social activities with the fair sex is called a "fusser" at Wisconsin, a "candy" at Indiana, and a "pigger" at Oregon.

Three members of Alpha Theta Chapter (Dartmouth) are also members of Phi Beta Kappa. The chapter stands high in intramural activity and claims five varsity letters.

The editor of the *Claremont Eagle* at Claremont N. H., has kindly offered to publish special editorials for the next convention. At one time the paper was edited by one of our founders, Arthur Chase.

W. V. Merrihue is certainly doing a great job with Theta Chi alumni chapters. The Founders' Day functions in the New York capital district are inspiring.

Upon arrival at Gamma (Maine) on March 10, the traveler found four feet of snow on the ground. Well—the southern trip was wonderful while it lasted.

Zeta Chapter (New Hampshire) has a well-decorated chapter room. It helps to make long meetings pleasant.

Alpha is now starting plans to handle five hundred visiting brothers on August 27, 28, and 29. The college will furnish riding horses to those who care to use them.

Invites Convention Tourists

To all alumni who will be traveling through Troy en route to the convention, next August, Delta Chapter extends a cordial invitation to make the chapter house their stopping off place. The house will be given over to the wives of the alumni. The evening before the convention, the entire chapter and guests will be entertained with a dance at the house. The following three days will be spent at Norwich, and on the last day the party will return to Troy and gather at the house for farewells. This plan is feasible for both those who will be traveling by train or car. If by train, a letter to Delta Chapter will result in being met in Albany. If by car, it will be the most logical thing to use Delta Chapter house as a half-way point.

EDITORIALLY SPEAKING

On April 11, 1856 two young cadets gave to two fellow cadets the obligations they themselves had solemnly subscribed to, the night previous, in founding Theta Chi Fraternity, the first organization of the kind at Norwich University, situated among the granite hills of New England. Seventy-five years later, April 11, 1931, in an

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educational institution separated from this eastern school by the width of a continent, a group of young men took these same obligations and thus became the forty-eighth chapter of Theta Chi Fraternity. The contrast in these two events is notable. The scene of the first was a barren room in a military barracks. There was nothing to characterize the event except the thorough earnestness of the participants, who, in a vague way, if at all, realized that they were making history. The scene of the second was the finely appointed degree room of a great fraternal organization, ideal for the purpose of making impressive the ritual that had had its origin exactly three quarters of a century earlier. Instead of two young cadets to exemplify that ritual there was the largest and most representative group that had ever participated in a Theta Chi installation ceremony, representing thirty of the forty-seven chapters of the organization. There was a formal banquet imposing in its appointments and inspiring in its significant promise. And so the circle of brotherhood started seventy-five years ago was made greater and the influence of those original Theta Chi ideals extended.

The challenge presented to this new group named Beta Alpha Chapter at the University of California at Los Angeles is even greater than the challenge given those original initiates of three quarters of a century ago. They face problems of educational, social, financial, and ethical character unknown in 1856, and yet they must do, in addition, the same thing that those Theta Chi pioneers did: they must build solidly a fraternal relationship that is essential as a foundation for all efforts and accomplishments.

The days of the founder are not over in Theta Chi Fraternity. Without in any way discounting the courage, the vision, and the earnest purpose of Frederick Norton Freeman and Arthur Chase, the present offers to every constructive thinker within the membership of Theta Chi Fraternity a greater challenge and a graver responsibility than were faced by the founders in 1856. Conditions which could not have even been imagined seventy-five years ago have changed colleges and universities, have modified educational ideals and purposes, and have given such a different character to the fraternity itself that a chapter today is not merely a group of congenial fellows meeting occasionally to debate some thought-provoking subject or listen to a literary program. It is a social laboratory in which young men learn to work, to play, and to serve together. They face a responsibility not only to the institution of which they are a part, but to other chapters that bear the same name throughout the country and to thousands of individuals, who, like themselves, have been stamped with the name of a national organization.

The college fraternity is still in the making, and it needs the best thought and the earnest effort of its members, alumni and actives. There is pioneer work for those who have courage and initiative. No one can be satisfied with the fraternity as it is today, even though there is no need for discouragement when we mark the progress that has come, especially with recent years. And what must the fraternity become to justify itself in the changing educational world? It must not be merely a social laboratory in which the individual finds the wholesome discipline of adapting himself to a group, of learning the lessons of democracy from youths of his own age. It must be an institution which must do for the individual what the home and the schoolroom may have failed to do: make of him a man worthy to be called a Greek, worthy because through keen intellectual stimulus he has developed mental alertness, clear thinking, and sound judgment; worthy because he has been given an appreciation of the beautiful, making his tastes those of a man of culture; worthy because he has learned to know men, to recognize their capacities for good, and to live with them in a fine spirit of brotherhood. Idealistic? Perhaps. But unless such ideals are attained, the college fraternity will cease to be, because its other contributions can be served by other devices, less complex than the fraternity.

Yes, there is plenty of work for the founders of today.

BETWEEN YOU AND ME

That Theta Chi has an opportunity to function more definitely in the lives of men when they leave college campuses and in later years when they are finding their particular place in "the world of affairs" is proved convincingly by the reaction to a suggestion in this column last month. Hardly was the March *Rattle* in the mails before I began to receive letters concerning the position in marketing research mentioned in this column. Some of the data submitted indicated that men of rather unusual background and training were interested, for they listed high qualifications. Whether or not one of these brothers is selected for the position described, the response indicates the need of this sort of clearing house in the fraternity.

Another opening which should attract other well qualified men has come to my attention. A Theta Chi who heads the department of electrical engineering in one of the largest state universities is seeking a man capable of filling a professorship or associate professorship. While excellent training and successful professional experience are considered essential in the applicant, teaching experience is not. A man whose experience has been either in the field of public utilities or industry is especially sought. If such a position appeals to a Theta Chi I shall be glad to forward his application and qualifications to the department head.

One of the brothers who was interested in the marketing research position writes as follows concerning the suggestion of the necessity of a clearing house:

"A clearing house such as you suggest in your editorial should be very helpful to the active chapters of Theta Chi and also to graduates. In my own experience I have found it very difficult to keep in touch with, and actively interested in, my fraternity after leaving school. This, I feel, is due largely to the lack of common interests after one gets away from his own active chapter. The average fraternity man does not look upon his fraternity as a medium for fruitful business contacts, especially if he no longer lives in the part of country where his chapter is located.

"A fraternity by acting as a clearing house would tend to serve both purposes mentioned in your editorial. Alumni will retain more interest and contacts in the fraternity if it might allow them to assist their business department or organization in securing loyal and qualified employees, or if it would enable them to directly assist other brothers in securing desirable posi-

tions under or with men who would be personally interested in their welfare.

"It would please me to see *The Rattle of Theta Chi* giving such a helpful service to assist unacquainted brothers to make business contacts which might prove mutually fruitful."

The attitude expressed is unfortunately general. Many members are inclined to put their fraternity in the category of campus experiences when they are graduated and thus do not give it an honest chance to function in their later life. That such a program is a mistake can easily be proved by hundreds who as alumni have established fraternity contacts which have been delightful from a social point of view and profitable from a business or a professional point of view. Not many months ago a successful young lawyer who located in a section of the country far from his *alma mater* told me that his most remunerative client was a man who had been directed to him by a fraternity brother with whom he had become acquainted in a city alumni association. One Theta Chi alone has been instrumental in placing more than a dozen Theta Chis in the organization of which he is an executive. I can personally vouch for a considerable number of cases where the fraternity bond has resulted in business and professional opportunities being offered individuals.

The other day a marketing expert, a man identified with one of the great trade associations of this country, told one of my classes that the most important factor in marketing a commercial product is friendship. Have you ever analyzed your reasons for trading in one shop rather than another, of seeking one man for professional counsel rather than another. Usually friendship is the fundamental reason. One hears a great deal about hard-headed business, but is amazed at finding what an important role friendship plays even in that realm. And the basic purpose of the fraternity is friendship. Its fundamental technique lies in the creation and the strengthening of ties of friendship.

The fraternity will not function, however, in this development of friendships after college days are over unless the individual gives it a fair chance. The fraternity through its publications, its roster, its executive offices, does all it can to encourage friendship, to make possible contacts between brothers, but it fails if the individual is indifferent, uninterested, self-

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THETA CHI AND THETA CHIS

Prominent in R. O. T. C.

Kermit Johnson and Ronald Johnson, Sigma, '31, were recently appointed to high positions in the R. O. T. C. unit at Oregon State College. Kermit Johnson was promoted from cadet colonel of the field artillery to cadet colonel of the entire unit. Cadet Major Ronald Johnson was promoted to cadet lieutenant colonel and executive officer of the entire unit. The men are not



K. Johnson



R. Johnson

blood brothers. Pledges Morris Eisenbrey, Hollis Little, Kenneth Ridings, and Paul Larson were honored by presentation of awards by Scabbard and Blade, honorary in military science and tactics. The awards were issued to only nine men in the field artillery.

Has Two Honor Men

For the first time in the history of Mu Chapter, two men have been elected to Phi Beta Kappa from the active chapter. The most recent election is that of Donald Smith, '31. Lowell Ledgett is the other. Smith's honor is especially noteworthy since he is studying architecture.

Chosen Class Officers

In recent class elections at Dartmouth College, Craig Thorne, Alpha Theta, '31, was chosen treasurer of the senior class and G. Douglas Morris, Alpha Theta, '31, was selected to give the "Address To The College" at commencement. John M. Richardson was chosen treasurer of the junior class. Alpha Theta Chapter also has two recent Phi Beta Kappa members, Willard Johnson and Ralph Charlton.

Has Star Swimmers

Iota Chapter was well represented in the recent Eastern Intercollegiate Swimming Meet at New York City. Lester Lockwood, Iota, '32, placed third in the 100-yard dash and swam anchor man on the winning relay team. Burr Towl, Braden Fitzgerald, and Burton Kellogg, Iota, '34, swam on the winning freshman relay team.

Prominent in Class Affairs

At a recent election of officers of the junior class at Worcester Polytechnic Institute, James Leach, Epsilon, '32, was chosen president for his second term. He has been one of the most consistent office-holders of the class, having been vice president several times, in addition to his two terms as president. Albert Bell, Epsilon, '33, has been named treasurer of the sophomore class.

Takes Tumbling Championship

Kenneth Sutherland, Alpha Upsilon, wearing the colors of the Lincoln, Nebraska, Y. M. C. A., won the state tumbling contest for the ninth consecutive year, March 20. The first five years he competed in the junior division, while his last four years have been in senior competition. In addition to his tumbling ability, Sutherland is one of the mainstays of the University of Nebraska swimming team.

Have Honorary Society Posts

Rho Chapter claims the presidency of two campus honor societies. Harry Grow, '32, has been named president of Band of X, honorary activity fraternity, and Robert Tenney, '32, heads Sachem, junior men's honorary.

Has High Average

Rogers Young, Tau, '31, was graduated at the end of the first semester with a straight "A" average for his four years' work. His exceptional average came during one of the best years, scholastically, for Tau Chapter at the University of Florida.

Has Plays Presented

Two one-act plays, written by Thomas Loy, '31, were recently produced by the Carolina Playmakers, dramatic society of the University of North Carolina. They were: "Penny for Your Thoughts," a bit of stylized life in the subjective, and "Always a Bettin' Man," whose scene was laid on the roof of a Maryland insane asylum. Loy transferred from Alpha Psi in order to develop his interest in play writing.

In City Tournament

Phi Chapter at North Dakota State was so well represented in varsity and freshman basketball this year that it entered a team in the inter-city tournament. The first opponents were eliminated by a score of 37-26, and the second 21-11. In the finals the Theta Chi team was defeated 27-25 in a close game. May and Arthur, were named on the all-city team, however.

In Frosh Honor Society

Raymond Dauer, Alpha Iota, '34, has proved that participation in athletics and high scholastic standing, can go hand in hand. Last semester he was the outstanding quarterback of the freshman team. This semester it has been announced that he made an "A" average, the first. He has been initiated into Phi Eta Sigma, national freshman scholarship group. Robert L. Teague, Alpha Phi, was given similar recognition at the University of Alabama.

Travel With "Road Show"

Four Alpha Iota Chapter members made the recent tour of the Jordan River Revue company, which produces the outstanding musical comedy of the year at Indiana University annually. The company played in the three largest cities of the state and gave five performances on the tour. Men making the trip from Alpha Iota Chapter were: C. R. VanDusen, assistant director; Robert McGraw, assistant stage manager; John Gant, member of the cast; and Frank Spaeth, member of the men's chorus.

Offers Chapter Award

Dr. Joseph Francis Petrie, Upsilon, '27, has offered a cup to the active member of Upsilon Chapter, not an officer, who does the most for the chapter during the year.

Father Initiates Son

It isn't at all unusual when brother initiates brother, but when a father helps in the ceremonies that make his son a member of the same fraternity, it may be considered news. For the first time in the history of Tau Chapter at the University of Florida, such a thing happened, when Fred H. Heath, Ph. D., Zeta, '05, member of the University of Florida faculty, helped with the degree work in the initiation of his son, Frank H. Heath.

Is Now State College

The dream of an entire college has at last been realized, and it is with pleasure that Theta Chapter announces its new *alma mater* as the Massachusetts State College. The name of Massachusetts Agricultural College has now become a thing of the past, for on the 26th of March, 1931, the governor of Massachusetts signed the bill changing the name of the state college, by removing the word *Agricultural* which for many years has been thought to be a misnomer.

To Captain Wrestlers

Roy S. Maize, Omega, '32, varsity wrestler the past two years and representative of Pennsylvania State College at the Intercollegiate in the 115-pound class, has been elected captain for next year. His record for this year was five victories and one defeat.

Opens New Office

Carl B. Schoonmaker, Alpha Gamma, '25, manager of the Carl B. Schoonmaker Company, advertising association, has opened an office in the Bank of Kalamazoo Building, Kalamazoo, Mich. Schoonmaker is well known in advertising circles. He has been with the Crescent Engraving Company for several years and is an active member of the Advertising Club of Kalamazoo.

Breaks Record

Mervin Rodda, Alpha Sigma, '34, broke the Pacific Coast freshman swimming record over the long course, 100 yard breast stroke, making the distance in one minute eighteen seconds. He also tied the freshman short course pool record. As a result, he is wearing freshman numerals and is regarded as certain varsity material next year.

Three Theta Chis Die

Lars A. Lunde, Alpha Mu, '20, died January 17, 1931, at his residence in Springfield, Illinois. Burial will be made at his home in Hayward, Minnesota. He is survived by his wife and daughter. Paul R. Ward, Alpha Xi, ex-'22, died at Whipple, Arizona, January 2, 1931. Robert Barnard Tackaberry, Gamma, '21, died January 27, 1931.

To Use Chapter House

At a recent meeting of the Worcester Alumni Association, the members accepted the invitation of Epsilon Chapter to hold a weekly meeting at the chapter house, having luncheon there, every Wednesday.

To Preach at Hartsville

B. A. McIlhany, '17, former traveling secretary of the fraternity, who recently returned from a year's study in Edinburgh, Scotland, has accepted a call to the First Presbyterian Church at Hartsville, S. C.

Promoted in R. O. T. C.

George R. Crofton, Tau, '32, who has been a captain in the R. O. T. C. at the University of Florida, has been appointed to the position of regimental adjutant. Crofton has maintained a splendid corps record while in school.

Wins Captaincy

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COLLEGE DAYS — AND NIGHTS

STAR IN WINTER CARNIVAL

*Alpha Men Capture Events In Snow
Tourney — Win Cage Trophies — Will
Attend Pre-Convention Meets*

(By HOWARD R. CLEMENT)

Norwich University, March 26.—Walter B. Gibbons has been awarded the Elliott Service Key as the man who has done the most extra-official work for the house during his four years in school. It is to be presented on Founders' Day.—Wilford Kurz has been promoted to first lieutenant through his efficiency and attention to detail in connection with his work in the commandant's office. — Arthur Cox, J. Edward Cutcliffe, James Poach, and Earle Moody have been recent visitors at the house.—Our Freshman Week house party was a success. The decorations both inside and out were unique. We started the idea of snow sculpturing here, some of the other fraternities following our example.—The chapter was well represented in the winter sports events. March won the cross country ski race, Barber placed second in the slalom and first in ski-jumping. He just missed getting the cup for high score by a few points. Gibbons rode in the winning ski-joring race. Kurz, March, Bate, Barber, and Howe were also in the race.—Clair Fishell, traveling secretary, visited the chapter last week four days. We entertained him the first night by winning an interfraternity basketball game from Sigma Alpha Epsilon by one point. It was the best game of the season, so far. Clair Fishell gave us suggestions for the improvement of the chapter. He was favorably impressed with the spirit in the chapter.—Elections were held Monday night. Vietheer was chosen president; Foster, vice-president; Bryant, secretary.—We are planning some repairing in the dining room during the spring vacation.—Cooke, Raymond, Chadbourne, and Clement are out for track this spring.—Billado was elected a member of Maroon Key, honorary sophomore society, to fill out the unexpired term of Sargent, who was president of the society.—Plans are being made to send some of the brothers to pre-convention meetings in Albany and Boston after vacation. The meeting at Albany is in the form of a Founders' Day celebration.—The third degree was given to ten men Sunday.—Elliott entertained the members on the glee club trip when they were in Albany. He is very active in the alumni chapter there.—Thomas and Gibbons are going to survey

our new lot this spring as a "make-up" for summer school work which Thomas missed while attending the convention in San Francisco last summer.—Stevens, Duncan, Rankin, and Hosmer are out for baseball.—The house basketball team won nine games and lost only one. The final game with Sigma Phi Epsilon for the cup resulted in a victory for Theta Chi which gave us the Adams Trophy presented by Brother Adams. The game was won by one point, 12-11. Sigma Phi Epsilon was held scoreless in the last half.—Harvey Bryans transferred to Rensselaer at mid-year.

HOLDS MANY SOCIAL EVENTS

*Beta Initiates Eight Men — Four Elected
to Honor Societies — Numerous
Men In Activities*

(By ROGER P. CONGDON)

Massachusetts Institute of Technology, March 27.—The initiation of eight pledges took place the week of February 8. The new actives are: Robert F. Allen, Cleveland, Ohio; Edward P. Bromley, Germantown, Pa.; A. Paul Bencks, Waban; John B. Dunning, Montclair, N. J.; Donald K. Lister, Rye, N. Y.; Ivar W. Malmstrom, Montclair, N. J.; Halfred L. McKeever, Kauai, T. H.; and Joseph L. Seligman, Roslyn, N. Y. Saturday, February 14, the formal initiation banquet was held in the house, attended by all the actives and a few alumni.—Morse and Bell were recently elected to Beaver Club, honorary junior society; Chase was elected to Scroll, honorary society connected with the *Tech Engineering News*, and also to Pi Delta Epsilon, as was Lyon.—Several weeks ago Professor Morris of the geology department at the Institute was our dinner guest. After dinner we spent several hours listening to his description of adventures on expeditions in the Gobi desert.—An informal tea dance was held February 15 in the chapter house. About twenty couples attended.—The annual interfraternity dance was held this year, February 20, in the Hotel Bradford. Preceding the dance, a formal dinner was held in the chapter house for the ten members attending the dance and their guests.—March 6, an open dance was held in the chapter house. About a hundred and fifty couples attended.—The week-end of March 20 the Junior Prom and house party were held. Gilman as president of the junior class was chairman of the Junior Prom Committee.—Roger P. Congdon was recently chosen manager of hockey for the 1931-

'32 season.—Booth, '29, is now working with the Fore River Shipyards, Quincy, and living at the chapter house.—Devors, '30, and Brown, '30, drove up from Montclair and spent a week-end with us recently.—Mortimer Curley has visited the house several times, recently. Not long ago he was elected to the Yale chapter of Phi Beta Kappa.

GAMMA PLEDGES ELEVEN MEN

*Strecker Directs Columbia Broadcast —
Two Win Letters in Bates Meet —
Third in Intramurals*

(By MARCEL L. HEUREUX)

University of Maine, March 20.—Intramural basketball is over, leaving Gamma Chapter in third place.—We have pledged Laurence O'Connell, James O'Donnell, Louis Thompson, Henry Marsh, Henry McCusker, John Lynch, Carl Ingraham, William Curry, Rodney Coffin, James Beatty, and Otto Pasanen.—Clair Fishell, the traveling secretary, visited us and reported improvement.—Murphy and Feeley won the preliminaries of intramural boxing, but lost in the semi-finals.—Edward Strecker directed the University of Maine Board in a half-hour program over the Columbia Network, March 7.—Gamma was third in the intramural track meet February 28.—In a dual meet with Bates College, Webb, '31, and Duplisea, '31, made their letters. Webb won the pole vault and tied with Duplisea for first place in the high jump.—Some of last year's class, Oscar Webb, Perley Armitage, Louis Roberts, and Hector Herbert, visited us this month.—Four seniors, Lear, Patten, Nason, and Strecker, went on the annual inspection trips for engineers.—Easter vacation begins March 20.

EPSILON HAS HIGH AVERAGE

*Is Second at Worcester Among Fraternities —
Seven Initiated — Seeks Campus
Bowling Title*

(By DAVID RICE)

Worcester Polytechnic Institute, March 21.—Following initiation, February 18, seven were added to the roster of Epsilon Chapter: Harold Bell, Leominster; Willard Greenwood, Gardner; G. Gordon Kelley, Hartford, Conn.; E. Thomas Ratkiewicz, Union City, Conn.; Edmund Rothermich, Worcester; Eugene Sawyer, Jr., Flushing, N. Y.; and Warren Snow, Worcester.—At a recent election of Skull, Ray Holcombe was given one of the highest honors on the Hill by being elected to that body. Skull is the only society on the Hill to which election is dependent on activities alone.—The recent announcement of grades after the midyear examinations gave Epsilon Chapter second place among the seven fraternities, being but a fraction of a point behind the leaders, as well as above the all-institute average.—Epsilon is seeking a

championship in bowling, with but one more point needed for league supremacy. Those who represent the chapter are Captain Pollard, Theodore Barks, James Leach, Albert Bell, Eugene Teir, and George Kalista.—At the recent elections of *Teach News*, the Institute publication, Barks was elected news editor; David Rice, associate editor; Sweetser, junior editor; and Teir, business assistant. Retiring members of the senior staff from the chapter were: Hawley, editor-in-chief; Ben Rice, associate editor, and Deane, business manager.—The Mothers' Club held its regular meeting at the house, March 13, with nine members present. Mrs. Sweetser was elected president; Mrs. Rice, treasurer; and Miss Wheeler, secretary.—About forty couples were present at a dance held at the house, February 27. Pearson and Johnson were in charge.

LEADS INTRAMURAL RACE

*Zeta Takes Second Place in Winter Carnival —
Initiates Eighteen Men — Elected
to Honorary Groups*

University of New Hampshire, March 15.—Zeta Chapter is still leading the race for the all-point trophy in intramural sports. Last term we won first place in the winter sports meet and were runners-up in hockey and boxing. The hockey trophy almost came to the house, but we lost the deciding game by a 2-1 score.—The annual winter carnival was a success. For the first time in years there was sufficient snow, and fine snow decorations were erected by fraternities here. Zeta Chapter took second prize in the decoration contest with a huge snow arch and two statues. A picture of the decorations appeared in the *Boston Globe*.—Bartlett McKinney and Rodney Griffin have been pledged Delta Chi, honorary mathematic society of which Harry Wood and Malcolm Chase are already members.—On March 2, eighteen men were initiated into Zeta Chapter of Theta Chi Fraternity: Adler Ahlgren, '32; Howard Hanley, '32; Clarence Metcalf, '32; Edward Hanna, '33; Herbert Cachon, '33; and the following freshmen, Richard Sproul, Harold Brown, Curtis Bemis, Paul Anderson, William Hungerford, Eaton Parker, Hollister Sturges, Edward Dawson, Morey Miles, Tryve Christianson, John Baker, Thomas Day, Winston McKee, and Trevor Price.

ETA HAS MANY TRACK MEN

Chapter Is Defeated by Champions in Interfraternity Cage Race — Mothers' Club Plans Bridge Party

(By WILLIAM COTTER)

Rhode Island State College, March 26.—In the fraternity basketball league, Eta Chapter's entry scored four straight victories, only to be defeated by the champions in the race for the title.—Track is occupy-

ing the time of several members. Freshmen out for the squad are Grey, in the hammer event; Thomas Wright in the dashes; Ralph, and George Tyler, in the discus, shot, and javelin, and Romeo Quintin in the mile and two-mile events. Varsity track men from the chapter are Lloyd Crandall, mile and two-mile; and Jack Bradshaw, hammer.—Baseball practice is in full swing here, with Kenneth Potter out for a varsity berth. Freshman team candidates are Edward Bastolla, Leonard Tamulevich, Frank Conway, and Sinclair Kenney. George Ormiston has been named manager of baseball with Sheldon Williams as his assistant.—The Mothers' Club of Eta Chapter met March 21, planning at the time, to hold a bridge, April 25, for all members of the chapter, active and alumni. At a previous meeting they presented the chapter with an expensive brass fireplace set.

TWO NATIONAL OFFICERS SPEAK

Theta Has Its Most Successful Initiation Banquet — Bowery Ball Decorations Enjoyed by Hundred

(By GEORGE W. DYAR)

Massachusetts State College, March 30.—Theta Chapter's twentieth initiation banquet was held on February 14. National President Frederick W. Ladue and National Treasurer, George V. Catuna, the principal speakers of the evening, made this banquet the most successful one ever held. The following became brothers: Walter A. MacInn, '33; J. Clyde Swartzweider, '34; Vincent Gilbert, '34; Knut A. Haukelid, '34; Robert A. Magay, '34; Frank A. Batstone, '34; Burtin Braniard Bell, '33; Newell J. Clark, '32; Wallace W. Thompson, '34; William D. Durell, '34.—Theta Chapter's Bowery Ball, the largest annual dance which the chapter holds, took place March 7. The unique decorations made this year's dance outstanding. They consisted of huge deep sea nets which completely covered the walls of all the rooms, festoons of damp seaweed which gave a salty smell to the atmosphere, coils of tarry rope, shells, starfish, and a huge mounted swordfish fourteen feet long. A delightful evening was enjoyed by fifty couples.—The initiation banquet and the Bowery Ball saw the return of the following alumni: Arthur Kingsbury, '12; Benjamin Lauder; Arnold Dyer, '29; Roger Warner, '12; Frank Homeyer, '28; Loud, '26; W. Rhodes, '24; Hugh Elder, '27; Tobe Roberts, '18; Donald Dinsmore, '16; Norman Clark, '12; William Sanctuary, '12; Frederick Barr, '12; Charles Cook, '30; Charles Gould, '16; Charles Harris, '30; Elliot Dodge, '26; Ralph Gunn, '30; Bert Skogsburg, '30; Silas Williams; George Post, '13; Homer Richards; Raymond Clapp, '12; and Gordon Hunter, '29.

SWIMMERS ARE TIED FOR TITLE

(By WARREN H. POTTER)

Colgate University, March 18.—In intramural sports, Iota Chapter's swimming team tied Delta Upsilon in a race for a handsome cup to be presented by the University. The two teams will attempt to break the tie February 21.—We were sorry to lose Arthur Ulley, '31, who filled very capably the post of secretary. His duties have been taken over by Ernest Blair, '32.—Again in swimming, February 13, Lester Lockwood won a first and a second in a meet with Syracuse and annexed two seconds in a meet with Amherst, February 11.

PLEDGE TWENTY-FOUR MEN

(By WALTER S. HINE, III)

University of Pennsylvania, March 30.—Kappa Chapter had a successful rushing season, twenty-four pledges and two outstanding dances. The new pledges are: Edmund C. Davis, '33, Pierce W. Anthony, '33, John B. Stevens, '34, and John F. Dunlap, '35, Philadelphia; Frederick G. W. Bush, Jr., '34, and R. John Naylor, '33, Erie; Frederick W. Allan, Jr., '34, Batavia, N. Y.; Nicholas Jacobs, '34, New York City; J. Ward Allen, '34, Endicott, N. Y.; Clifford M. Beadle, '34, Mechanicsville, N. Y.; John R. Von Bergen, '34, John C. Wetzel, '34, and Robert Ingersoll Cochrane Hazelton, '33, Long Island; Burton L. Crofut, '34, Westport, Conn.; Robert E. Beach, '33, Bristol, Conn.; Harry L. Watson, Jr., '34, Washington, D. C.; Robert N. Bowen, '34, Woodlyne, N. J.; William L. Stout, '34, Princeton, N. J.; Alan Randall, '34, Pittsburgh; Curtis N. Marsh, '34, Wilkesbarre; William B. Haines, '34, Curwensville; George V. Stuart, '34, Carlisle; Ned Robertson, '33, Philadelphia. We have planned initiation for April 18 and 19.—Our committee is working hard on preparations for the annual Mothers' and Fathers' Day programs.

MU HAS MANY ACTIVITY MEN

Chapter Members on Varsity Crew and Publications — To Hold Joint Picnic with Alpha Epsilon

(By J. HAROLD CAMPE)

University of California, March 27.—Mu has many men in activities this semester. Robert F. Peterson, '33, and Joe Demeter, '33, are making strong bids for the varsity crew. Both have rowed in the first boat and will probably be in one of the crews sent to the Poughkeepsie Regatta this year.—Cyril Patterson and Sherwood Wirt are working hard for their senior appointments on the *Daily Californian*.—Somers has already gotten his assistant manager appointment on the paper.—Ernest Schulz, '32, is seeking a post as circulation manager of the *Pelican*.—John Kilkenny, '34, is the lead-

ing freshman contender for the pole vault.—Arthur J. Lewis, '34, is a freshman 440-yard man, while William Tucker, '33, is a varsity candidate for the same event.—Mu will hold its annual picnic with Alpha Epsilon Chapter next month, with a touch football game scheduled.—Mu will hold its annual formal at the Orinda Country Club next month, concluding a successful social season.—The chapter has had a most satisfactory Wednesday evening rushing program, this semester. Probably a high spot of the program was the dance at the Hotel St. Francis in San Francisco, March 25.—The Mu Chapter Mother's Club has had an active season, this semester. They held a bridge-tea, March 18, which was instrumental in raising funds to furnish the new Founders' Library.—We had the pleasure of being host to three visitors from the soon-to-be Beta Alpha Chapter, March 19 and 20.

NU HAS MANY ACTIVITIES

Hampden-Sydney College, March 30.—Krupka has secured a position on the varsity baseball team. Nu is well represented on the freshman nine, Hardenburg, Dingwall, Moore, McLaughlin, and Baird being especially promising.—Nu will be represented in track this year by Branham who will run the dashes.—Nu has elaborate plans for the celebration of Founders' Day with a formal banquet at Longwood, in Farmville, April 11.—Fleet Dillard is our representative on the Hampden-Sydney debate team, one of the most outstanding in the south.—George Walters attended the Cotillion Club Dance at Farmville State Teacher's College, March 21.—The new officers of Nu Chapter were elected March 15.—F. Kingdon has been made assistant circulation manager of *The Tiger*.—Samuel Price is working out for track manager.—Recent visiting alumni were: Hawes Coleman, Lynchburg, Va.; J. C. Goodwin, Alpha Eta; Joseph Giles, Alpha Eta.

PI WINS VOLLEY BALL TITLE

(By J. R. MADDON)

Dickinson College, March 27.—The Pledge Dance was held in the chapter house, February 18.—Pi annexed the intramural volleyball championship, this giving the chapter fifteen points toward the activities trophy.—Peter Marco was a member of the Junior Prom Committee. The Prom was held March 7.—Recently, the alumni have added to the house a fire escape from the dormitory.—Eberly, '24, city editor of the *Carlisle Sentinel*, interviewed Henry Ford on his recent visit to relatives in this town.—The chapter basketball team placed fourth in intramurals.—Officers elected for the coming year are as follows: R. H. Griesemer, president; J. R. Maddox, vice-president; E. B. Bayley, secretary; G. M. Markley, treasurer; Peter Marco, marshal;

A. A. Freeman, house manager; H. C. McClain, assistant house manager; H. W. Adams, chaplain; P. S. Troup, librarian; E. K. Rishel, historian. — The chapter library is rapidly growing, with 112 volumes on the shelves now.—Sigma Chi won the Theta Chi intramural boxing championship trophy for this term.—The annual spring dance promises to be outstanding. A tea dance will be held in the afternoon, a formal dinner, and formal dance in the American Legion Hall, in the evening of April 18.

RHO WINS TWO CAGE TROPHIES

Chapter Initiates Professor Schlatter as Honorary Member — Munch Is Chairman of Pow Wow

University of Illinois, March 16.—Two division championships in basketball were added to Rho Chapter's records as the "A" and "B" teams were victorious; but both teams lost in the semi-finals of the university championships. The division championships add two new cups to the trophy room, making four so far this year.—Fine golfing weather has given Lee Pray, '33, and Robert Hladik, '34, a good chance to practice for the coming golf season. Pray will be a contestant for a berth on the varsity team, while Hladik will be trying to earn his numerals on the freshman squad.—Donald Munch, '32, was appointed co-chairman of the Pow-Wow, given by the Tribe of Illini, lettermen's organization, for all high school athletes, at the Illinois Interscholastics in May.—March 1 saw nine neophytes initiated into Theta Chi: Ralston Bushart, '34, and Murray Kroeger, '34, Decatur; Robert Hladik, '34, Congress Park; Espey Williamson, '33, Urbana; Albert Noble, '32, Joliet; Robert Christopher, '34, and Benjamin Weisiger, '34, Urbana; Phillip Miles, '34, Champaign; Raymond Nourie, '33, Kankakee.—Professor Charles F. Schlatter was initiated, March 1, as an honorary member of Theta Chi Fraternity. Professor Schlatter is very highly respected at the University of Illinois, where he is connected with the College of Commerce, and is chairman of student dances. He is much interested in the activities of Rho Chapter.

DEFEATS CITY CHAMPIONS

(By FRED WINTERS)

Oregon State College, March 16.—Pledges William Kenna and Kenneth Ridings have just finished spring football practice, and although both men are only sophomores, they worked with the first and second teams during the entire period. Both men played freshman football last year and are working for guard positions on the varsity.—The chapter basketball team visited two alumni, Bernard Young and Lynn Beckley at Roseburg, last week, and played the champions of the city league there, winning 55-17.—Frank Dedman has been initiated

into Alpha Delta Sigma, national honorary in advertising, and has added to his dramatic laurels by playing in the "Merchant of Venice" sponsored by the Little Workshop Players.—New chapter officers have been elected as follows: Howard Merrill, president; Eugene Schwartz, vice-president; James Heartwell, secretary; Angus Rackleff, house manager; Vincent Enzie, assistant house manager; William Bockman, historian; and Neil Fleming, librarian.

UPSILON HAS NEW OFFICERS

Purchase Radio With Dance Profits — Eight Initiated — Plan Annual Formal — Pledges Are Announced

(By FRANCIS A. HOLMES)

New York University, March 9.—As a result of the regular mid-winter initiation, Upsilon now has eight new actives. They are: Fred Abbott, George Atkinson, Thomas Bickers, Ronald Busse, Harry Dunn, Roger Holden, George Odell, and William Wright-nour.—The chapter is looking forward to the coming interfraternity swimming meet. Last year's victory gave us the first leg on the plaque award and the team hopes to win again this season.—The new officers have taken over the chapter government. The new president is Howard Reilly; vice president, Lester Williams; secretary, John Schou; treasurer, John Redfield; and marshal, Ralph Santoro.—The house has a new radio-phonograph combination, the funds for which were raised by a series of house dances. — A new indoor sport was introduced at the house a few weeks ago, namely ping-pong. It met with such popularity that the table is constantly in use. Jack Rankin, '31, is the chapter ping-pong champion.—Harrison, Gamma, is living with us. He is teaching economics at the Washington Square Division of New York University, and at the same time studying for his Master's degree.—The annual spring formal will be a supper dance held at the Hotel Ambassador, May 1.—Five new men have been pledged so far this year: James Hart, Dover, N. J.; Thomas Harrington, Springfield, Mass.; William Varney, Rockville Center; Alvin Culpe, Dover, N. J.; and William Allen, Hopewell, N. J.

TAU INITIATES FOURTEEN

Chapter Sponsors Matinee Dance for Visiting High School Boys — Semester Grades Are High

(By NORMAN F. KINZIE)

University of Florida, March 7.—The final degree was given February 18, to: Carl H. Magaha, Fort Myers; Raymond J. Camp, White Springs; E. S. Bartlett, Tampa; Frank H. Moody, Plant City; Ernest B. Kinzie, Fort Myers; Douglas Dixon, Jacksonville; Glenn E. Laughridge, Boyd;

Frank H. Heath, Gainesville; Lyman M. Beggs, Pensacola; Stewart D. Southard, Liveoak; George C. Miller, Interlachen; Thomas E. Moody, Plant City; Clifford Livingston, Jr., Tampa; and James Arden Mays, Plant City.—The annual state high school basketball tournament is being held in Gainesville this week, and March 7 from four to six o'clock, at the chapter house, Tau Chapter is giving a matinee dance for the high school boys. Thomas Buckley, of Boston and Miami Beach, is in charge.—Reports from the registrar at the end of the first semester show that Tau's scholarship this time is unusually high. Older men had an honor-point average of 1.425. Several members had an average of "B" or better.—Elaborate preparations are being made for the Founders' Day celebration. In carrying out the effect of the Spanish architecture of the house a formal Spanish ball will be held.

The annual election of officers held March 17, resulted as follows: John Woolslair, president; George R. Crofton, vice president; Thomas Q. Buckley, secretary; George Parker Wentworth, treasurer; Allen Driscoll, marshal; Harry G. McDonald, first guard; Lyman Beggs, second guard; Norman F. Kenzie, chaplain; Glenn Laughridge, historian; and Raymond Camp, librarian. The assistant treasurer has not as yet been appointed. Installation will be held April 31 at 8 o'clock.—John K. Woolslair and T. E. Duncan were elected to Phi Delta Phi; Harry G. McDonald was elected to Kappa Phi Kappa, and Leo V. Collins is a member of Alpha Kappa Psi.

STARTS NEW DINNER CUSTOM

Phi First To Entertain Members of Other Fraternities — Chapter Wins Ticket Sales Contest

(By JOHN F. ROONEY)

North Dakota State College, March 22.—Phi Chapter was awarded the ticket sales trophy for selling the most tickets to the Bison Brevities, college vaudeville show, sponsored annually by Blue Key. Gibbs had charge of the campaign.—Clark Fredrickson was initiated into Blue Key, honorary service fraternity.—Leo May, Donald Arthur, William McDonald, and Walter Olson will receive letters for varsity basketball.—William Hilts won a sensational knockout in his first appearance in the Golden Gloves Tourney here. He knocked out Carter, South Dakota University. His next appearance will be at Grand Forks, N. Dak., April 6, where he will meet the heavyweight champion of the University of North Dakota.—Phi inaugurated a custom that has met with much favor on the North Dakota State campus, the exchange of dinner guests between fraternities. We started the custom by inviting members of the Alpha Gamma Rho Chapter to spend Sunday afternoon with us at a bridge party

and smoker. The idea received so much favorable comment that the Interfraternity Council decided to have each fraternity exchange two Sunday dinner guests with all the other groups on the campus. A schedule of dates has been made.

PSI ELECTS AND INITIATES

Alumni Discuss State Theta Chi Association — Back Suffers Nervous Breakdown — Moore Has Measles

University of Wisconsin, March 31.—Election of officers at Psi Chapter March 3 resulted as follows: Frank Bullock, '32, president; Jack Ferris, '32, vice president; Byron Paine, '32, secretary; Francis Parson, '32, treasurer; Norman Stoll, '33, chaplain; Andreas Reul, '32, marshal; Russell Tornowski, '33, sergeant-at-arms; Sherman Bond, '33, assistant sergeant-at-arms; Lyle Stoddard, '33, historian; Adolph Hoffmann, '32, librarian; Fordyce Ross, '33, assistant treasurer. Brother Bullock although a comparatively new man in the house has won the confidence and admiration of the brothers, that it is felt the house will advance rapidly under his leadership. Outgoing officers are as follows: president, Lyman Moore, '31; vice president, Paul Hemmy, '31; secretary, Kenneth Bartholomew, '31; treasurer, Donald Miller, '31; chaplain, J. Gunnar Back, '31; marshal, Jack Ferris, '32; sergeant-at-arms, Andreas Reul, '32; assistant sergeant-at-arms, Francis Parson, '32; librarian, Einar Lunde, '31; historian, Robert Sullivan, '31; assistant treasurer, Jack Graetz, '31.

Spring initiation was held by Psi Chapter March 16-20 for: Henry Blust, '34; Charles Bridges, '34; Ralph Bratz, '34; Paul Burgess, '34; Edward Cernocky, '34; George Kling, '34; Jess Laue, '34; and John Russell, '34. Following the third degree March 20, a formal dinner was given for the new initiates and some of the Milwaukee and Madison alumni who had come for the ceremony. In the evening, the new brothers celebrated by holding a formal theater party.—Psi held a hard times party at the chapter house on March 28. Twenty-five couples attended. Bakers, flappers, toughs from the Bowery, machinists, jail birds, simple country lasses, and just plain bums from the slums — all were represented in the colorful array of costumes.—We had as guests for the week-end of March 27-29, the Fall Creek (Wis.) basketball squad, which was attending the state high school basketball tournament, and the Milwaukee Washington High School debate team, here for the annual state debate tournament.—We were sorry to hear that J. Gunnar Back had been ordered by his physician to leave school for the remainder of the year, as he is suffering from a nervous breakdown. This is Brother Back's senior year, and his entire collegiate career has been most colorful. Another regrettable

announcement is that Lyman Moore, our past president, has been confined to the infirmary with a case of the measles. Psi Chapter has been fortunate in escaping the various epidemics which have been sweeping the campus in general. Brother Moore's is the first case of contagious disease our house has experienced all year.

Psi is to hold its Founders' Day ceremonies Sunday, April 5, as the spring vacation starts on the 7th and lasts until the 15th.—Madison and Milwaukee alumni of Psi held a meeting at the chapter house on March 20 to discuss the possibilities of organizing a state alumni association of Theta Chi.

MANAGES WINNING GYM TEAM

Faries Receives Minor Letter — New Shelves Prove Spur to Library Drive at Omega

(By JOHN L. CARSON)

Pennsylvania State College, March 29.—Robert B. Faries, manager of the gym team, received his minor sports "S", the team having completed its schedule with no defeats. Beverly Decker, house president, is seeking a berth on the varsity lacrosse team. Pledges Benjamin Small and Harry Osgood, are out for the freshman team, while Randall Skillen and Heutchy are seeking positions on the freshman soccer team.—Paul Fugate is advertising manager for the Penn State Players, following elections held last week, and will be in charge of all publicity for the intercollegiate dramatic contest held here April 17 and 18. Kenneth Page, Penn State player, and a member of Theta Alpha Phi, honorary dramatic organization, will have one of the leads in the Mothers' Day play, "The Donovan Affair."—Gerald C. Hamm, graduate student, is the only one who will receive his master's degree in English literature in June.—Albert Frey was appointed to the Soph Hop Committee.—Founders' Day will be commemorated by Omega at a formal dinner April 10.—The Interfraternity Ball will be held April 17. Omega holds an informal dance the following night open to Greek organizations of Penn State.—Mother's Day will be celebrated at Penn State, the week-end of May 3. Many special features will be offered by the college.—The Junior Prom is scheduled for May 15.—The second annual meeting of the Mothers' Club will be held Saturday afternoon, when plans for the coming year will be discussed.—Omega Chapter's library campaign is under way now and will continue until April 20. Book shelves have been built in the card room and we have forty-eight feet of shelves to fill. The most recent issue of the *Omegaphone* was dedicated to "send a book."—Former alumni faculty adviser, Russel Nesbitt, has the sincere sympathy of the chapter on account of recent trouble. His six-year-old son

Jack was operated upon for double mastoids at the Altoona Hospital. His condition at present is critical. We all hope for a speedy recovery.

IS FIRST IN SCHOLARSHIP

Alpha Beta Chapter Seeks Interfraternity Trophy After Leading All Fraternities First Semester

(By CLYDE WILLIAMS)

University of Pittsburgh, March 30.—Alpha Beta announces the pledging of the following men: Eugene Andes, *Pitt Weekly* and Pitt Players; Henry Decker, freshman track team; George Johnson, assistant football manager; and Walter Turkes.—We added another trophy to our collection this week, the interfraternity bridge contest. We also hope to capture the scholarship trophy, given yearly; for the first semester we ranked first among all fraternities on the campus.—Herbert T. Lebreuz is now president and stage manager of Pitt Players and was recently initiated into Theta Alpha Phi, national dramatic fraternity. Dana N. Burdette has been elected president of Theta Alpha Phi. Clyde Williams is a member of Beta Gamma Sigma, national business fraternity.—Anderson Ramsey and Pledge Harold Weber have been appointed to the business staff of the Cap and Gown production.—A dance was held, Friday night, and a smoker, Saturday night, at the chapter house, to carry out the second semester rushing program. All activities and several alumni were present and both affairs were successful.—The chapter is carrying on what might be called a "get-acquainted" program with the alumni. Every Friday evening many alumni are present at the chapter house and everyone has a fine time, playing bridge and talking over old times.

BREAKS SECOND RECORD

Alpha Epsilon Quintet Shatters High Score Basketball Mark — Holds Joint Meeting With Mu

(By WHITNEY J. WRIGHT)

Stanford University, March 3.—After smashing the high-scoring mark in the intramural football tournament last fall, Alpha Epsilon continued its record-breaking activities last week when the intramural basketball team set a new high score for the season by downing the Kappa Sigma five, 45-4. Frederick Zuger surpassed the all-time individual scoring mark by collecting 26 points.—James Bell added another circle S to the chapter honors by representing Stanford in the middleweight division at the annual Stanford-California boxing matches last month.—Three members of Alpha Epsilon participated in the annual interclass track meet recently. Louis Janin and Edward Kinney ran in the

Irish marathon, and Zuger took first place in the javelin throw.—Members of Alpha Epsilon and Mu chapters enjoyed a get-together at the St. Francis Hotel in February and are planning another one the early part of next month.—The annual alumni banquet will be held at the chapter house, April 18, commemorating at the same time the 75th anniversary of the founding of Theta Chi Fraternity.

TO START WORK ON HOME SOON

Alpha Zeta Chapter Alumni Plan to Dedicate Site on Founders' Day — National President Entertained

University of Rochester, March 28.—Frederick Ladue, national president of Theta Chi Fraternity, paid Alpha Zeta Chapter a visit, March 20. An informal banquet was held in his honor, with Pease, of Upsilon, and Ott, Fitch, and Corney, Alpha Zeta, present.—At a dinner March 25, the alumni decided to begin work on Alpha Zeta's new home immediately. It is planned to dedicate the site on Founders' Day.—Plans are under way to form a Mothers' Club.—Alpha Zeta announces the pledging of Louis Gordon Shepler, '34, and Charles Samuel Agey, '33.—The Washington's Birthday formal, held at the Blarney Stone Inn, was one of the best dances of the year. Many alumni were present.—Myers and Gillette have given talks over Station WHAM on geology, in university programs.—Eisold is a candidate for the business managerhip of the *Interpres*, junior year book, while Metzdorf is trying out for the editorship.—Cross, del Junco, and Pledge Shepler were elected to membership in the Y. M. C. A. Council.—Eisold has been made a member of the Barristers, honorary pre-law group.—Krauss and Eisold are in the cast of the German play.—The following underclassmen, having attained an average of eighty percent or better, were on the Dean's List at mid-year: Agey, Eisold, Metzdorf, Cross, del Junco, and Shepler.—Moehlman took a leading part in the University Players' production of "Cock Robin," while Fisher was in charge of the lighting.—Bishop is a member of the college handball team.—Henderson was the University delegate to a recent Y. M. C. A. conference at Bucknell.—Pledge Agey and Metzdorf will compete in the Sophomore Declaration Contest.—Eisold was chairman of the February Soph Club meeting.—Porter is chairman of the Junior Prom. This is the third major college dance of which he has been chairman, having managed his class' Frosh Frolic and Soph Hop. Madden is in charge of entertainment and favors.—Wolslegle has come within one second of the college record for the mile.—Bishop was selected as guard on the mythical interfraternity basketball team, and Naramore was chosen center on the second team.—The chapter handball

team, consisting of Bishop and Porter, is at the top of the league, with nine won and none lost.—The chapter basketball team is conceded a chance for second place in the interfraternity league.

SEEKS HIGH OFFICE

(By TOM LOY)

University of North Carolina, March 6.—Haywood Weeks has been nominated for the position of senior representative on the Student Council on the all-campus ticket, to which all fraternities and many fraternity sympathizers belong. He will attempt to poll a majority vote of the junior class in a coming election.—Plans are progressing for the annual Alpha Eta house party on the week-end of April 24.

SEVENTH IN INTRAMURALS

Alpha Theta Near Goal in Trophy Race — New Officers Selected — Three Men Pledged

(By HARRY P. ROWE)

Dartmouth College, March 27.—March 25, the following officers were elected by Alpha Theta Chapter for the year 1931-1932: William C. Walton, president; John Trickey, Jr., vice president; Robert E. McHose, treasurer, Michael H. Cardozo, secretary; G. Stuart Thatford, marshal; Richard J. Williams, first guard; Harry P. Rowe, second guard; Charles R. Maxwell, Jr., chaplain; Daniel F. Kraft, librarian; John M. Richardson, historian.—The chapter basketball team, captained by William Wendell, fought its way to the finals in the intramural competition, but was defeated by Psi Upsilon. Alpha Theta now ranks seventh in intramural sports out of twenty-seven fraternities at Dartmouth, separated from first place by only twenty points.—Willard C. VanDoren has been appointed assistant manager of the fencing team at Dartmouth, and will succeed to the manager's position next year.—We have recently pledged the following men: Albert George Juergens, '33, Milwaukee; Wis.; Robert LeRoy James, Jr., '33, Stanton, Va.; and Roland Eugene Stevens, Jr., '33, Hartford, Vt.—Edward Hird, '33, was elected president of the Dartmouth Spanish Club.—Two Theta Chis who contributed to the success of "Berkeley Square," given by the Dartmouth Players, were Harry Rowe, '32, a member of the cast, and Charles R. Maxwell, '32, property manager this year.

CHART TO SHOW ACTIVITIES

Alumnus Presents Permanent Record to Alpha Iota — Many Attend Chapter's Tenth Anniversary Dance

(By JOHN GANT)

Indiana University, March 29.—Bernard

Frick has been initiated into Phi Delta Phi, law fraternity, and was also recently chosen treasurer of the Y. M. C. A. Board.—Guilford Dye will be initiated into Scabbard and Blade next week.—The chapter basketball team has just finished the season, as runnerup to league champions, in intramural basketball. The season ended in a tie with Phi Gamma Delta. In the playoff Theta Chi lost by a small margin.—Wyatt E. May, '24, has presented the chapter with an engraved chart showing all outstanding activities from 1921 to the end of the school year, 1930. At the end of each year the achievements of prominent men in the chapter are to be added to the chart. May has arranged to make a permanent record of chapter activities.—March 14, Alpha Iota Chapter entertained with its tenth anniversary dance. Almost one hundred twenty members and guests were present.—George Dillinger visited the chapter, March 22, and A. K. Warren, March 26.—The athletic department awarded one of fifteen freshmen basketball numeral sweaters to Raymond Dauer.

TWO WILL HOLD JOINT BANQUET

Alpha Lambda and Alpha Tau To Celebrate Founders' Day, April 11 at Columbus

(By HOWARD W. KNAPP)

Ohio State University, March 26.—We all returned to school, March 23, after a week of vacation and are starting with a clean slate on a new quarter.—Founders' Day is to be celebrated jointly by Alpha Lambda and Alpha Tau, April 11, instead of April 10 to accommodate alumni and enable them to be here, Saturday. Professor Erwin E. Dreese, Alpha Gamma, '20, head of the department of electrical engineering at Ohio State, will preside as toastmaster. George Starr Lasher, national secretary and editor of *The Rattle* has accepted our invitation, and Dr. William Oxley Thompson, president-emeritus, of Ohio State University will be present. A large delegation of alumni is expected, not only for the banquet, but also for the reunion which will follow.—Victor Mantilla and Robert Wiley have returned to the chapter after an absence of a year.—We have pledged Arthur Casino, who is out for varsity baseball and other sports. Pledges Joseph Pascale and William Connolly are also trying out for baseball.—Victor Mantilla is out for the lead in the Strollers production this quarter.—We hope the weather will permit us to use our tennis court in the near future. It was rolled today and will soon be in fine shape for play.—The first dance of the quarter is being planned for April 4.—Initiation is to be held the week-end of April 23.

MAKES FINE WRESTLING RECORD

*Williams Loses Only Two Matches —
Alpha Mu Pledges Win Championship
— Chapter Gives Dinner Dance*

(By KENNETH MCDOWELL)

Iowa State College, March 25.—Though Alpha Mu did not win the Stanford Scholarship Trophy this year, we were glad to hear that for the second consecutive year we placed second in the comparative scholarship rating of the various chapters.—Our annual formal dinner dance, February 28 was one of the outstanding social events of the year. Dinner was served in the oak dining room of the Memorial Union after which we journeyed to the Country Club to dance for the remainder of the evening.—Doris Williams, member of the Iowa State wrestling team which won overwhelming victories over Syracuse, Rochester Institute, and West Point on its eastern trip, has just finished a very successful season, having won every match except two. He wrestles in the 125-pound class and has been a member of the varsity squad for two years.—Pledges Knight and Brown are giving a good account of themselves on the freshman wrestling squad, having won championships in the 118 and 145 pound classes respectively.—Pledge Erickson, who won his numeral as a pitcher on the freshman baseball team, is making a strong bid for a place on the varsity. Lowell Edwards, who has returned to school this quarter, will probably be back as catcher for the varsity.—Lawrence R. Conradt, who has been attending the University of Iowa for the last two years, received his diploma, February 3.—Recent pledges are: Frederick H. Carson, Des Moines; Neil C. Larson, Orchard; Harold L. Knight, Ames; and Don E. Kirkpatrick, Ottumwa.

FORMAL IS BRILLIANT AFFAIR

*Many Alumni Guests at Annual Function
— Chapter Play Praised — Plan
Library Drive*

(By ROBERT E. CURTIN)

University of Delaware, March 16.—Alpha Xi held its annual formal dance, March 20, in Old College Hall. C. Lloyd Major's orchestra furnished music. The decorations, under the direction of a committee headed by Wesley Slaughter, were declared the most striking in years. A large number of alumni were present. David Ott was in charge of general arrangements.—In the Interfraternity Play Contest held here early in March, Alpha Xi Chapter produced "Porky" written by R. E. Curtin, Wilmington. Alfred Josephs, Frank Lynch, and William Melson received praise for portrayals of the three roles in the play. Francis Newham was stage manager.—Initiation was held March 11.—Two members

were named to Phi Kappa Phi this year, Wayne Burton and John McDowell.—An active committee is planning a new campaign to acquire more books for the chapter library before the end of the scholastic year. Already marked success has been achieved.—Ben Phillips is a varsity two-mile man. Other varsity men from Alpha Xi Chapter are Walter Kelk, Frank Lynch, Carl Lindstrom, Gilbert Chase, and Kenneth Coombs.—Gilbert Chase and Robert Curtin were recently pledged Alpha Psi Omega, honorary dramatic fraternity.

TO OBSERVE FOUNDERS' DAY

(By DONALD W. MCARTHUR, JR.)

Georgia Tech, March 30.—Alpha Nu announces the initiation of Kenneth M. Crum, '33, Alfred Kennard, '34, and Raymond N. Walsh, '34. The small number of initiates is due to a new eligibility rule in effect this year. Another initiation is planned later in the year for those who become eligible during the semester.—A formal dance was given at East Lake Country Club, March 13. This dance has in the past been an every other year occurrence but due to the success of this one will be made an annual affair.—Next Monday afternoon Alpha Nu has its first game of interfraternity basketball with Chi Phi.—Plans are being made for an appropriate observance of Founders' Day. We are planning to entertain alumni in Atlanta and vicinity at that time.

IS SECOND IN SCHOLARSHIP

*Alpha Omicron Chapter's Average Above
All-Men's Mark — New Officers Chosen — Formal a Success*

(By LOWELL MASON)

Washington State College, March 21.—Alpha Omicron recently elected the following officers: Kenneth Crossland, president; Ray Sandegren, vice president; Lowell Mason, secretary; Calvin Phillips, marshal; Chester Magnuson, first guard; Lorenz Armstrong, second guard; Walter White, chaplain; Richard Buckley, librarian; Frank Doherty, historian. Irvin Markuson was appointed treasurer and Wiley Smith, assistant treasurer.—The chapter upheld its reputation scholastically during the past semester, being second among the large men's national fraternities and considerably above the all-men's average on the campus.—March 14, the chapter house was the scene of the annual spring formal dance. Decorations were palms and flowers. In addition to the formal, the chapter has entertained two sororities at desserts recently.

ALPHA SIGMA NAMES OFFICERS

(By FRED A. HELLBERG)

University of Oregon, March 30.—At a recent meeting, Wells Smith was elected

president of Alpha Sigma Chapter. Other officers are: Fred Hellberg, vice president; John Painton, secretary; Rodney Lamont, chaplain; Jack Wood, historian; Mervin Rodda, first guard; Able Uglow, second guard; James Edmiston, librarian.—Hal Paddock won the state insurance salesmanship contest held in Portland this month. There were 250 prominent insurance men of the Northwest in attendance.—Einard Wilson and John Jeffers won freshman numerals in basketball.—Robert Gile is out for varsity tennis, and James Edmiston, holder of several state and Northwest titles, is looking forward to a successful season in freshman tennis.—Lewis Berger is out for varsity track, with William Daggatt and Jack Thorne reporting daily for freshman track.—Plans are being made for a joint banquet and get-together with Sigma Chapter in honor of Founders' Day. Alpha Sigma is the host this year, the banquet having been held at Sigma Chapter last year.—Elaborate plans are also being made for the annual spring formal.

WILL CELEBRATE TOGETHER

Alpha Tau To Join Alpha Lambda for Founders' Day Banquet — Enjoy Formal Initiation

(By GEORGE COCHRAN)

Ohio University, March 29.—Plans are complete for the Founders' Day Banquet to be held in Columbus, Ohio, on April 11. Alpha Tau is celebrating the anniversary in conjunction with Alpha Lambda, Ohio State, at a banquet to be held at the Deshler-Wallick hotel. Among those expecting to attend the event are Dr. George W. Rightmire, president of Ohio State University, and Dr. William Oxley Thompson, president emeritus. Professor Edwin E. Drees, head of the electrical engineering department, and formerly president of the Theta Chi Alumni Club of Cleveland, will preside as toastmaster. The meeting with Alpha Lambda in celebrating the seventy-fifth birthday of the fraternity is expected to be one which we shall remember for a long time.—Roy H. Paynter of the School of Commerce has been elected the alumnus adviser of Alpha Tau Chapter, due to the resignation of Alfred Hughes. We offer Brother Paynter our best cooperation in fulfilling the duties of his office.—As another means of promoting friendly relations among the different fraternities at Ohio, a system of exchanging five pledges each Wednesday for dinner is being carried on. At the completion of the schedule, each fraternity will have made an exchange with each of the others.—Alpha Tau Chapter held its regular spring initiation for seven men, March 7 and 8. Sunday was a very active day for the group. The chapter attended church in a body in the morning and a formal banquet followed the initiation

ceremonies which were held in the afternoon. George Starr Lasher, national secretary, gave the principal address, speaking on the theme "Our Obligations." It is hoped that the annual banquets in the future will also be formal. The men whom Alpha Tau welcomed as new members are Alvin Young, Paul Kiser and Donald Rodgers, Wilkinsburg, Pa.; Edson Hoyt, Ebensburg, Pa.; Charles Brunton, Jackson; and John Elliott, Marion.—Ohio finished its basketball schedule with the second Buckeye Conference title of the year to its credit. It is only rarely that the same school wins first place in two major sports of its conference in the same year. The football championship has been won two consecutive seasons by Ohio, and our prospects for next year's winning teams are very good. Alpha Tau was represented on the basketball squad by Ben Test, a sophomore, who should easily win his letter next year.—The chapter announces the pledging of John Murray, Mansfield; Robert Laughlin, Pittsburgh, Pa.; and Maurice Rinard, Marietta.

ALPHA UPSILON ELECTS

New Officers Chosen by Nebraska Chapter — One Initiated — Chapter Plans for Bowery Ball

(By SANDFORD DYAS)

University of Nebraska, March 25.—Initiation was held, March 21 and 22, for William Daugherty.—Sunday, March 15, a smoker was held at the chapter house with many actives, pledges, and rushes present.—Our newest pledge is Judson Schroeder, Lincoln.—Election of officers was held Monday, March 16. Emil Eret, '32, was chosen president; Wayne Kinnan, '32, vice president; Jack Beard, '33, secretary; and George Smutny, '33, was reappointed treasurer.—John Kish, '30 practicing dentistry in Omaha, Nebr., has been voluntarily coaching the Omaha Y. M. C. A. tumbling team and was here with his proteges for the state meet. Although he failed to win the meet, Kish was well pleased with the improvement his men have made since he has taken over the team.—March 27, a house-party will be held at the chapter house. May 2, the annual Bowery Ball will be held at the Cornhusker Hotel. This is our outstanding spring party and is always well attended.

ALPHA PHI HOLDS MUSICALE

Faculty and Students Are Guests at Affair — Seven Men Initiated — Many in Honor Societies

(By ALBERT F. DE FUNIAK, II)

University of Alabama, March 30.—Alpha Phi Chapter's fourth annual musicale took place Sunday afternoon, March 29, at the chapter house, with several well

known artists from Birmingham furnishing an excellent program. Alumni of Alpha Phi Chapter, members of the faculty, and students of the university were present. Glen Nichols, '30, secured the artists for the affair; most of the credit for its success goes to him.—February 18, Alpha Phi initiated seven men, after which a meeting was held, followed by a formal banquet in their honor. The initiates: Norman Byers, '32, Bolivar, Pa.; Delaney Dilworth, '34, Empire; Ralph O. Fulmer, '34, and Fletcher C. Lamphere, '34, Elgin, Ill.; Harold H. Gearinger, '34, Bloomsburg, Pa.; Robert L. Teague, '34, and Estes Pearson, '33, Birmingham.—Hudson Meyer, '32, and Fletcher Lamphere, '34, left school recently, headed for Long Island, New York, and Miami, Florida, respectively.—Robert L. Teague, '34, was elected to Phi Eta Sigma.—Laviene Townsend, '33, was pledged Phi Chi, medical fraternity.—Albert F. de Funiak, '32, has been made captain of the "Centennial" company which will give an exhibition of the drill used at the University in 1860, at the centennial celebration of the university, next month.—Teague and Smith, '32, were defeated in tennis by Sigma Pi Epsilon.—Alpha Phi went to the semi-finals in basketball, where we were eliminated in a hotly contested game with Sigma Nu.—Alpha Phi recently pledged Frank Stacey, '34, and Julian Davis, '34, Birmingham; and John Casey, Marion.—Pledge Davis has also been pledged Theta Kappa Psi, medical fraternity.—The following men were elected to fill offices vacated by members leaving school: Samuel Dilworth, '31, vice president; Laveine Townsend, secretary; Bernard Weiler, second guard; Delaney Dilworth, librarian; and Harold H. Gearinger, assistant treasurer.

ALPHA PSI INSTALLS OFFICERS

(By CARL PERGLER)

University of Maryland, March 30.—March 24, Alpha Psi Chapter's new officers were installed. The offices of president, vice president, and secretary are filled respectively by Hammerlund, Meyer, and Flook.—In spring athletics, Alpha Psi is represented by Hammerlund and Flook, track; Melvin, baseball; and Williams and Nordenholz, lacrosse. The freshmen are also active. Lewis and Greenlee are scrubbing track and baseball managerships.—March 20, the Junior Prom was held, and Alpha Psi Chapter held its annual house-party, attended by twenty-six couples.—March 15, nine men were initiated.—Fred Nordenholz was recently elected vice president of the Lutheran Association of America, North Atlantic Division.—Company E, R. O. T. C., of which Robert Horne is captain, recently won the preliminary competition before the annual competitive drill in the spring.—On April 10, the annual Founders' Day banquet will be held at the

Roosevelt Hotel in Washington.—Henry Whiting recently went to Boston University, as a member of the debating team.—Alpha Gamma Rho defeated Theta Chi, 4-3, in the finals of the interfraternity bowling championship.—Karl Mech won his "M" in boxing.

WINS HIGHEST RECOGNITION

Alpha Omega Chapter Scores Highest Scholastic Rating at Lafayette in Ten Years — Ladue Guest

(By WILLIAM J. RICKETTS)

Lafayette College, March 30.—Alpha Omega Chapter made a solemn promise to itself, when installed, that it would not slump after installation. The chapter has attained first place in scholarship on the campus, with a rating of 3.445, the highest obtained by any national fraternity at Lafayette in the past ten years.—Frederick Ladue was a guest of honor at the first anniversary dinner held February 28. Dr. Nelson Lockwood, sponsor of Alpha Omega Chapter, was the other guest of honor. The banquet also served as a reception to dads who were on the campus for the annual Dad's Day.—Recently Frank D. Illingworth was tapped by the Knights of the Round Table, honorary junior-senior society of Lafayette. We now have two K. R. T. men, Preston J. Beil being the other.—Illingworth and James C. Harris are training for the coming track season. Illingworth has been a letterman for the past two seasons. He runs the one mile and two mile and is also a pole vaulter. Harris shows promise as a 100-yard and 220-yard man. Illingworth was a member of this year's indoor track team and was also manager of the varsity wrestling team.—Harry E. Newton just completed a successful season with Lafayette's fencing squad, as a member of the sabre team. He won over fifty percent of his bouts.—Wallington J. Ricketts was recently initiated into Alpha Chi Sigma, chemical society.

HISTORY OF EARLY DAYS

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Two vacant pages and then:

Northfield, Vt., September 15, 1866 — Officers elected: Goudy, president; Ellis, vice president; Walton, secretary; Ganyer, first guard.

September 21, 1866 — Decided to introduce literary exercises. Decided to allow members not appointed as disputants to speak on whichever side they chose. Disputants to be chosen by the president and secretary, and if they disagree the president decides.

October 12, 1866 — Listened to declamations by Marble, Dalton, Wentworth, and Gowdy. Reading passages from Shakes-

peare by Sawyer. Debating postponed until next meeting.

October 19, 1866 — Listened to debate. Resolved that more men have been ruined by women than women by men. Decided in favor of the negative.

October 26, 1866 — Listened to debate: Resolved that war has been a benefit to the world. Decided in favor of the affirmative.

November 23, 1866 — Listened to debate. Resolved that President Johnson ought to be impeached. No decision.

November 26, 1867 — This being Thanksgiving Day, the chapter proceeded to celebrate it in an appropriate manner. An excellent supper was procured to which ample justice was done by all members present. Toasts were offered, stories told, jokes cracked, interspersed with songs until the time for adjournment.

December 13, 1867 — The last meeting of the Society was celebrated with an oyster supper.

Nothing of importance until —

November 15, 1872 — On motion by Mr. Houston the Society adjourned for one week. (Weekly meetings now). Literary exercises; declamation, original essay read, Select Reading.

May 16, 1873 — Voted to have a picture taken of the Society "for reasons known to themselves."

January 20, 1873 — First appearance of office of librarian, Richardson the first librarian.

No minutes until —

September 5, 1873 — Motion by Mr. Upham that the secretary act as treasurer. Carried. (First mention of treasurer).

Theta Chi Hall, September 12, 1873 — Meeting called to order by the president. Secretary's report of last meeting read and accepted. Mr. Upham reports that the committee appointed to change the names of the officers of the Society have failed to perform their duty. Voted that all members consider the joining of the Chi Phi Society and that a vote be taken after encampment.

A True Copy, JOHN K. STEARNS, Secretary.

BETWEEN YOU AND ME

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sufficient. Whether the fraternity contributes in the life of the alumnus is determined by one person and one person only, the alumnus himself.

Evidence that his publication is being read seriously is the greatest compensation that comes to a fraternity editor. It is a satisfaction to know that members of the organization are finding in it material that interests and stimulates; letters of com-

mendation or condemnation are read with grateful appreciation. And when a letter comes from outside the immediate circle, perhaps from a mother of an active, a father of a pledge, another fraternity editor, or a college administrator, there is keen joy.

Editorials and features of recent issues of *The Rattle of Theta Chi* have attracted the attention of college administrators in various sections of the country and have brought forth concrete expressions of interest. It may be news to you that some of the college administrators, busy as they are, take the time to read fraternity publications rather carefully, and check on the showing made by the chapters of their respective institutions. For example, the president of one of the leading institutions in the East was concerned sufficiently over the fact that only one representative from his school was given recognition in the 1931 Scholarship Number to bring the matter to the attention of certain faculty members with the following statement: "I am sure that many more of Theta Chi than that have appeared on the honor rolls of this institution, and I think it would be the right kind of publicity to keep such things in mind."

That sort of interest ought to be an incentive to every chapter to see that it is represented creditably in the fraternity publication.

And such attention paid to *The Rattle of Theta Chi* is most satisfying to

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ENTERTAINMENT AT CONVENTION

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Homeward bound, but you'd never guess it from the direction we take. We look at majestic Lake Champlain at Burlington. We go up through Dixville Notch in the White Mountains. Over the border to Canada. Sherbrooke, the St. Lawrence River, Quebec, St. Anne De Beaupre, Montreal, Toronto, whole volumes might be written about our trip through the romantic sister country to the north, but space is limited.

Suffice it to say that we get home poorer financially than when we left (the entire convention expense, however, was only \$25), but we are a part of all we saw — we are dyed-in-the-wool Theta Chis for life — we have crowded more fun and packed more thrills into a two weeks' vacation than we had ever lived through in all our previous experience — we have attended the "Convention of a Generation," the "convention that just could not be missed."

See you in Northfield Vermont, August 27, 28, and 29.