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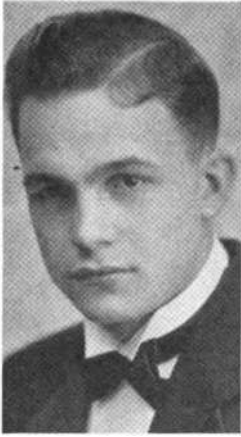
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## Highest Leadership Recognition Is Accorded These Theta Chis



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A. F. DILLARD



GEORGE C. VIETHEER

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## Leadership Honors for Theta Chis

While intellectual training is still the primary consideration of American colleges and universities, of next importance is experience in leadership. This story tells how Theta Chis are measuring up to their opportunities.

LEADERSHIP is regarded generally as one of the possible by-products of fraternity membership, and the record made by Theta Chis in the past two years would indicate the right of claiming unusual distinction in that field. This year at least six Theta Chis are occupying the highest posts in the gift of the undergraduates on their respective campuses: John Schou, president of the student body of New York University; Ralph Williams, president of the Student Government Association of the University of Maryland; Orin Haywood Weeks, president of the student body at the University of North Carolina and of the North Carolina State Federation of Students; Donald A. Arthur, head of the Student Commission at North Dakota State College; Howard N. Disbrow, grand marshal at Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute; and Alexander Fleet Dillard, president of the student body at Hampden-Sydney.

Last year among the outstanding undergraduate leaders were Harry Wood, president of the Student Council at the University of New Hampshire, and George C. Vietheer, cadet major at Norwich University.

JOHN SCHOU became president of the Commerce Day Organization, the student body of New York University, last spring by defeating his opponent in the lively political battle 535 to 362. This is the second time in recent years that a Theta Chi has held this important position, Alfred Wolf, '28, having been the other leader.

Brother Schou's record in campus activities gave confidence in his ability, as with it was combined an excellent scholarship standing. John Schou in his freshman year won the Alpha Kappa Psi award for scholarship. He became a member of the Student Senate. Last year he was vice president of the Student Council and he was chairman of the Day Org Meetings Com-

mittee. He is a member of Alpha Phi Sigma, La Tertula Commercial, Triad, and Finance Forum. He was on the *Violet* staff and became a member of the Student Publications Committee. Besides being school president, he is president of the Student Council, secretary of the University Student Council, chairman of the University Committee on Publications, and chairman of the University Committee on Clubs and Societies.

That his scholarship is not suffering as a result of his other activities is proved by the fact that he won the Bronze Medallion, the award given the junior who has excelled in scholarship during his three years of undergraduate effort.

During the Christmas holidays he represented New York University at the National Federation of Students held in New Orleans.

IN a political campaign replete with unusual features, Ralph Williams, Alpha Psi, '33, was elected to the highest office obtainable by a Maryland student, the presidency of the Student Government Association. A system of fraternity politics of the most undesirable type had always prevailed, carried on by even the most able men under the impression that it was a necessity. Last year, after the cliques had all been organized, a group of the more forward-looking students led a revolt against these customs, and eventually induced the political leaders to sign a pledge forswearing all cliques. From the first, this movement had the hearty support and encouragement of Ralph Williams, and, although the faction supporting him included a majority, practically insuring him the election, he was one of the first to sign the pledge.

After a few days which saw many innovations in the university's political system, including stump speeches and the publishing of platforms, the ballots were cast. Two votes were necessary to secure a majority for one of the four candidates, although Williams accomplished an unprecedented feat in coming within twenty-three votes of getting a majority of all votes cast on the first ballot. During the second ballot, he stayed in the lead, and was finally elected by an overwhelming vote. His platform included a comprehensive program of constructive measures to be undertaken this year.

Brother Williams's activity record includes: treasurer Footlight Club, vice president junior class, Omicron Delta Kappa, honorary society, Alpha Psi Omega, advanced R. O. T. C., treasurer Alpha Psi Chapter, lacrosse, and representative to the Executive Council.

**W**HEN Haywood Weeks, Alpha Eta, was elected president of the student body at the University of North Carolina last April, *The Daily Tar Heel*, student publication, appeared with an editorial on its front page headed "Congratulations to Haywood." The first paragraph read: "For the first time in many years the student body has made an absolutely free choice in the person they desire to be their president of the student body. With no machine check on the manner in which the ballots were cast, and under an absolutely secret Australian ballot, an adequate and efficient method of polling the vote, a careful and honest tabulation of the returns, as well as a complete and free expression of the student voters, Haywood Weeks has been named by his fellows to the highest office within their power to bestow."

The news columns of the paper stated that he had been considered the "dark horse" in the campaign, with the election "dope" giving him but a slight chance to make more than an "also ran" showing. The paper concluded its news story as follows: "Weeks announced his candidacy only two days prior to the nomination. He was unsupported by any highly organized political machine throughout the campaign and ran on self-asserted popular appeal. This is the first time in the history of the All-Campus Party, on which Hobgood was heading the ticket, that the party head has failed to be elected to office. The election was characterized by campus officers as the biggest upset in the political history of the university."

A short time after Haywood Weeks was elected president of the student body at the university of North Carolina, he was chosen by a 30 to 8 vote president of the North Carolina State Federation of Students, an unusual distinction.

This is Brother Week's fifth year on the campus, as he is taking a combined arts and law course. He started his activity career as a freshman and as a senior was named superlative-best executive, having been Alpha Eta's president for two years, president of the Student Union Forum and of the Student Council, marshall of the Senior Ball, president of the Order of the Grail, manager of track, delegate to the Theta Chi national convention and the National Interfraternity Conference, as well as being a member of student honoraries and an active participant in other activities.

**A**NOTHER Theta Chi to win the highest office in the gift of the student body by virtue of personal popularity and a record for efficiency against organized political opposition is Donald A. Arthur, who this year heads the Student Commission at North Dakota State College. He issued a campaign platform that opposed much of the established order in student affairs, and it made such an appeal that his victory was decisive, although few felt he would be chosen because of the unusual strength of the entrenched political forces.

Brother Arthur has been active in practically every field of undergraduate affairs, but has been outstanding in athletics, being selected as forward on the North Central All-Conference basketball team as the result of his performances with North Dakota State's championship quintet. President of the junior class, he was one of the grand march leaders in the Junior Prom. He was elected president of Phi Chapter last spring and attended the New York convention. He is a member of Blue Key and the Letterman's Club. As a geology major, he maintains a high scholastic record.

**E**ACH year the student body of Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute elects one of its members as grand marshall. To the grand marshall goes the authority of representing the entire student body, of presiding at all school assemblies and functions. Being the highest position a student may obtain, it is, naturally, the goal of every man entering Rensselaer. This year the honor goes to Howard H. Disbrow, whom members of Delta Chapter call brother.

This honor comes to Brother Disbrow after four years of diligent work and glory. As a freshman he was end on the football team and also won his numerals as a track man. During his second year he won his letter as end on the varsity football team. He was handicapped in track by an injured leg, but came back emphatically the following year. Voted the most valuable man on the football team, he was also probably the most popular. As a track man Howard set a new record for the 440-yard dash indoors and outdoors represented Rensselaer in the discus throw and shotput.

In interfraternity athletics he helped greatly in winning the Barker Trophy for Theta Chi. Captain of the championship bowling team, catcher on the baseball team, a point getter in track and handball were his contributions.

Brother Disbrow, during his junior year was on the Prom Committee and this year was elected president of the A. S. C. E.

As a fraternity officer Howard is treasurer, having been elected after serving as assistant treasurer for a year.

Although his athletic achievements are many, his scholastic work is not far be-

hind. Perhaps when this year's Sigma Xi list is completed Brother Disbrow will have one more honor to his already imposing list.

**E**LECTION to the presidency of the Student Body at Hampden-Sydney was the recognition accorded Alexander Fleet Dillard, president of Nu Chapter, as a result of a fine record reflecting high scholarship, executive ability, forensic power, and personal popularity. He has been an important factor of the debating teams of Hampden-Sydney.

Brother Dillard was a delegate to the 76th national convention held in New York last September and will go down in Theta Chi history as the first undergraduate to speak at the formal banquet, which traditionally closes the convention.

Brother Dillard is a member of Omicron Delta Kappa, honorary society, Tau Kappa Alpha, forensic honorary, and Epsilon Chi Epsilon, modern language society. He also has an assistantship in history due to the ability he has demonstrated in that field.

Besides being president of the Student Body this year, Brother Dillard is vice president of the Student Council and secretary of Omicron Delta Kappa, honorary activity society. He was also recently elected secretary and treasurer of the senior class of Hampden-Sydney.

**H**ARRY LAWRENCE WOOD, of Zeta, was awarded the gold medal of Hood All-Around Achievement Prize upon his graduation in 1932, from the University of New Hampshire.

This medal is annually conferred upon that member of the senior class whom the members of the three upper classes choose as giving the greatest promise of becoming a worthy factor in the outside world through his character, scholarship, physical qualifications, personal popularity, leadership, and usefulness as a man among men.

The course of Harry Wood's four years at New Hampshire is strewn with the following honors: Most Representative of the Blue and White; winner of the Class of 1899 Achievement Prize; class marshal; president of the Student Council; football, four years; track, three years; hockey, two years; Casque and Casket; Senior Skulls; Delta Chi; the honorary mathematics society; secretary of Zeta when a junior, vice president when a senior.

The above list is not a catalogue of all the possible attainments at New Hampshire, but merely the reasons why Harry Wood was the choice of his fellow-students for the All-Around Achievement Prize, the highest distinction that can come to a student at the University of New Hampshire. His versatile ability is comparable to that of Harvard's student-quarterback, Barry Wood.

Fortunately for Zeta, Harry, whose home is in Providence, R. I., will remain on the campus working for the new engineering

extension department at the University of New Hampshire.

**T**HAT Colonel Charles A. Plumley, president of Norwich University, knew whereof he spoke when he declared at the opening of his institution in September, 1932, "George C. Vietheer is as responsible as any student I have ever known," is proved by the record established last year by the president of Alpha Chapter who held the highest student position at Norwich, major of the cadet corps. Largely as a result of his leadership, the official report to Major General Fox Conner of the First Corps Area, United States Army, by Colonel Robert L. Collins after the latter's severe inspection last May read "an excellent unit in every respect." He specifically commented upon formations, classroom conduct, courtesy, and general appearance of the students out of ranks, on and off the campus, as being excellent. As matters of that sort are taken care of entirely through student government, the head of which is the cadet major, the colonel's characterization came as an indirect compliment to Cadet Major Vietheer.

Another tribute was the awarding of the Loyal Legion Sabre to Brother Vietheer as the senior who ranked highest in R. O. T. C. activities, the outstanding military recognition to a senior, as the Shuttleworth Sabre is the outstanding award for juniors. This latter award was made to Brother Vietheer in his junior year.

This year George Vietheer is at Syracuse University, having been awarded a much coveted scholarship in public administration.

## Zeta Mothers Make Robes

The first Zeta Mothers' Club meeting of the year was held at the New Hampshire chapter house October 14. Twenty-two members enjoyed the card playing and social time which was arranged by Mrs. Gertrude Smith, the house mother. Refreshments were served, and an opportunity to inspect the whole house was given to those mothers who had not had a similar opportunity before. Mrs. Smith reported that thirty-five new robes had been completed and donated to the chapter by the mothers in addition to a gift of eleven dollars. The latter donation was for the purchase of new curtains and ping pong balls. The splendid interest in the chapter shown by the mothers is greatly appreciated by the men of Zeta.

Fraternalities and sororities at Ohio University donated the toys given at pre-Christmas parties and dances to the university Y. W. C. A. for distribution among children of destitute miners in the southern Ohio coal fields.



FISHER, N. D. S.

# They Served Alma Mater and Theta Chi on the Gridiron



MAY, N. D. S.



HANSON, N. D. S.



PERKOWSKI, Richmond



THOMAS, N. D. S.



BERNHARD, Florida



STOLTZ, Florida



# Theta Chi Star on the Gridiron

By CHARLES DENSMORE, *Alpha Tau*

THETA CHI men have achieved great gridiron glory this past fall in a most auspicious season for the collegians' sport of sports. New athletes filled the gaps caused by graduation and carried on the work for their schools and fraternity.

From the first shrill whistle of the cool, September air to the end of final, decisive encounters, brothers in Theta Chi took an important part in the most glamorous of athletic events. Despite reduced gate receipts, changes in ruling, and unprecedented upsets, pigskin gladiators provided the country with the greatest of autumn thrills.

Although Theta Chi's representation was slightly lower than usual during the 1932 campaign, a greater number of outstanding players were drawn from our chapters. In naming the fraternity's all-American selections we remember honors paid players who have now finished their collegiate careers, and we note with pleasure the rise of the younger men.

Theta Chi linemen this year are stronger than ever. The line on the first team is probably one of the strongest in several years and includes some of the most powerful forward wall material in the country. Backfield timber, on the other hand, is just about as weak as it has ever been.

Another unusual aspect of the all-fraternity choices is that eight of the eleven men on the first team gained varied "all" honors, ranging from countrywide selections to small conference distinctions. Although there were few "prima donna" players among these gridders, greater public recognition was paid them in 1932.

The distinction of leading the fraternity eleven represents the outstanding athletic tribute given by *The Rattle*, and includes such names as Charles Rogers and Paul Scull of Pennsylvania, John Brammer of Ohio University, and Glen Edwards of Washington State. The captaincy is usually awarded to a brother who participates in more than one sport, claims a good scholastic record, and engages in chapter and campus activities.

THETA CHI'S 1932 captain also led his college team and won distinguished honors. Edward Perlowski is one of the fraternity's outstanding athletes and a three-letter man. In addition to playing football, Perlowski is a regular on the basketball and baseball teams. Recognition has been paid him in all three sports in this publication.

Brother Perlowski led the first Richmond team to a Virginia conference title in twelve years and brought his machine to defeat William and Mary, giving that team its worst licking in ten years. William and Mary, it is remembered, spanked the mighty Navy eleven in its opening game. This was Perlowski's third season as an all-conference and all-state selection.

Perlowski, who lives in New Haven, Connecticut, and played high school football with Albie Booth, is one of the finest pass receivers in the state, and his tackling and blocking are almost as good. Since the beginning of the 1931 season, Perlowski has played almost every minute of each game. Though handicapped by lack of weight, he

## Theta Chi's All-American Selections

### FIRST TEAM

Perlowski, Richmond	l. e.
Prondecki, Colgate	l. t.
W. Smith, Washington	l. g.
McLaughlin, Hampden-Sydney	c.
Krupka, Hampden-Sydney	r. g.
Ellis, Colgate	r. t.
Meyers, North Dakota State	r. e.
Agee, Washington State	q. b.
Fisher, North Dakota State	l. h.
Hanson, North Dakota State	r. h.
Stoltz, Florida	f. b.

### SECOND TEAM

P. Antoncich, Washington
Pirnie, North Dakota State
Bernhard, Florida
Griswold, Rutgers
Odom, Washington State
M. Antoncich, Washington
Disbrow, Rensselaer
Dauer, Indiana
May, North Dakota State
Terry, Cornell
Harris, Worcester

Honorable Mention: Ends, Smith, Richmond; Rogers, Florida. Tackles, Byers, Washington State; Guards, Agey, Rochester; Smith, Washington; John McDonald, Maryland. Centers, Earl Thomas, North Dakota State; Frank Hawkins, Maryland.

makes up for that deficiency with great fighting ability and speed.

The 1932 captain writes for *The Rattle* and also a Richmond newspaper. He is a member of several campus organizations, including Omicron Delta Kappa, national honorary fraternity. He is now busy with the Spider basketball team. Last season he was high scorer on the team and high individual counter in eight of twelve games. He was mentioned as an all-Virginia forward.

**WHAT** a dilemma to find three brilliant ends among Theta Chi grid-  
ders! To give Perlowski, Meyers, and William Smith of the University of Washington proper recognition, one must be shifted to another position. As last year, the guard posts loomed as the weakest spot. Brother Smith has been shifted to guard because of his size, aggressiveness, and football ability.

Although his sensational playing for the Huskies brought him honor as end on the second All-Coast eleven, he seems the best adapted of the three for work nearer the center of the line.

Playing his second year of college football, Smith gained 302 yards by passes, scored a touchdown against California, and completed five out of six passes in the Southern California encounter. Many of the throws he gathered in this season were passed 20 to 40 yards. Coach Jimmy Phelan says that Brother Smith was "just inches behind the All-American Nesbit," also of Washington.

Considered the second strongest team on the Coast, Washington suffered considerable misfortune during the season and ended fourth in the conference. Only four points stood between the Huskies and an undefeated season. They gave Southern California, national champions, the score of their life when they held the Trojans to a 9-6 score. The other defeat was at the hands of California, 7-6, after Smith had made his six points.

Brother Smith hails from Portage, Washington, stands six feet, one inch tall, and weighs 180 pounds. His brother is also mentioned in this article. The gridder who replaces Smith at the flank is Roman Meyers, '34, whose work against the Army

eleven brought him as great recognition as that paid to any Theta Chi during the 1932 season.

**T**HE Phi athlete consistently stopped the Army backs behind their line and provided the highlight of the game with his deadly tackling. He is an excellent blocker and strong in both pass offense and defense. His work throughout the season won him the selection on the coaches' all-conference, Associated Press all-North Central, A. P. honorable mention on All-American, Major Ralph Sass's honorable mention for All-American, and Allan Gould's "All-American at-large" team. Meyers comes from Milford, Iowa, is the same height as Smith and seventeen pounds heavier.

What a pair of tackles the first team possesses! Their names have been mentioned before in *The Rattle*, Bart Ellis and

Edwin Prondecki of Iota Chapter, first string tackles on the remarkable Colgate eleven. Playing with a galaxy of stars, these two Theta Chi grid-  
ders firmly established their names among the large army of athletic notables that come out of the Chenango Valley. Both were given a call in All-American honors. They were named in the selections of two hundred Hearst writers and the Associated Press in mention of All-

American. Ellis placed on the third team of the *New York Post* country-wide choices. He is an honor student, member of several honorary organizations, and a sure Phi Beta Kappa man. The distinction of playing with a combination that survived the season without a defeat or without having a point scored against it is one of the greatest singular honors.

Paired with Smith at guard on the first eleven is George Krupka, '33, who played right guard for Hampden-Sydney team and received honorable mention in the Virginia conference for the second year. The Garnet and Gray linesman claims Montvale, New Jersey, as his home and plays baseball in the spring before retiring from intercollegiate competition.

Brother Krupka is a smart and aggressive guard. He was the leading blocker of his team and strong on defense, often



PRONDECKI, Colgate



ELLIS, Colgate

breaking through to throw opposing backs for a loss. Hampden-Sydney lost one conference game and tied two, deadlocking in one with the conference champions, Richmond, for whom Perlowski starred.

Nu Chapter also claims the center of the first grid machine. Samuel McLaughlin did an excellent job as tosser-back for the Tiger team. This big junior from Richmond, Virginia, is six feet, four inches tall, and weighs about 185 pounds. He is a good passer, a hard tackler, and a smart diagnostician of plays. His height enabled him to break up many forward pass attacks. His coach, "Yank" Bernier, says that Sam has developed into one of the finest centers in the state. In his senior year, the Virginian should make his name known in grid circles.

**T**HE greatest backs to wear the swords and serpent this season came from Phi Chapter at North Dakota State College. Both are halfbacks, and both gained recognition on North Central mythical all-star teams. Fritz Hanson, sophomore sensation from Perham, Minnesota, is outstanding. Though Brother Hanson weighs slightly more than 140 and stands five feet, ten inches tall, he was high scorer in the conference and one of the speediest ball toters in the country.

The Bison flash averaged two touchdowns a game and made many of them by long runs. In the contest with George Washington University he got away for runs of 50 and 90 yards. The latter run was called back, though he had crossed the goal line. In the contest with Morningside College he ran a punt back 92 yards for a touchdown. Army scouts called him the fastest back they had watched in the 1932 season, while Washington, D. C., sports writers spoke of him as one of the finest backs to visit that city for some time.

Gene Fitzgerald of the *Fargo Forum*, in his conference selections, said "Fritz Hanson was the outstanding man in the conference and its most sensational ball-carrier. He was in every sense a climax runner. Though stopped for losses frequently, he constantly kept the opposition's defense alert. He was the conference's lone 'marked man.'" Just what can keep this player from making a name for himself before leaving school is a matter of extreme speculation.

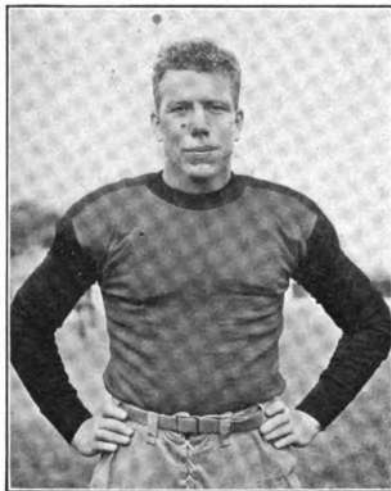
Phi's second halfback is John Fisher, '34, whose home is in Fargo. Brother Fisher, better known among his friends as "Stubb," was a regular on an alternate backfield this past season. He is a good triple-threat man, an exceptional blocker, and a bulwark on pass defense. He was given honorable mention on the strong, all-conference selections.

Fisher, a junior, is the same height as Hanson and carries slightly more weight. He played strong offensive and defensive games against the Army, Morningside College, and University of North Dakota. His

outstanding performance was in the last encounter.

**T**WO more sophomores complete the backfield of the first eleven. James Agee, Washington State, promised to have little competition at the quarterback post at the opening of the season. An ankle injury, however, hampered him for part of the fall. Coach Hollinberry of the Cougars, mentor for the western team in the New Year's intersectional game, says that Agee promises to develop into one of the smartest signal-barkers he has coached.

From the Northwest we go to the Southeast for the fraternity's fourth backfield man. Pledge Stoltz of Tau Chapter at the University of Florida is the choice at fullback. According to the chapter correspondent, Stoltz is going to keep alive the tradition of good football players at Tau. The sophomore, who hails from New York State, weighs 180 pounds, is almost six feet tall,



GRISWOLD, RUTGERS

and is an excellent kicker and runner. He has averaged six yards in gaining ground this past season. Many of the extra points garnered by the Florida team in 1932 were produced by his educated toe.

In looking over the first team selections we find that only four men, Perlowski, Prondecki, Ellis, and Krupka, will graduate in the spring. With this promising material coming on, Theta Chi's future teams will bring together as brilliant a group as in seasons past. It is pleasing to note that the backs promise real strength. The backfield this season suffered most severely by graduation.

**C**ONSIDERABLE outstanding material is found on the second team, though again we find an unpleasant mixture of quality and quantity. In some depart-

ments of the game several of the second choices excel those of the first eleven. But close comparison relegates eleven players to the second team.

Two exceptional good ends are available in Howard Disbrow of Rensselaer and Peter Antoncich of the University of Washington. The Delta end is a senior and the outstanding athlete of the R. P. I. team. In the only season in which such an award was made, he was chosen by his teammates as the most valuable man on the squad. He acted as captain in a majority of the encounters. Disbrow is six feet tall, weighs 185 pounds, and claims Yonkers, New York, as his home town. He caught a pass to score a point after touchdown, thereby defeating a strong Williams team, 7-6.

The husky end at the other side of the line is playing his second year for the Huskies. The 198 pound, six-foot-five gridder gave a great exhibition of end play this fall in the game with U. C. L. A. according to sports writers. His size makes him

### All-Smith Eleven Selected

*Hoping to assist coaches with poor memories, William Reddy, staff writer for the Syracuse Post-Standard, has assembled a team of Smiths, which include two Theta Chi men. The writer has mentioned William Smith of Washington and Adney Smith, his brother. William was named on the second team of the All-Coast; his brother is a guard.*

powerful in pass offense and defense, while ability to place kick makes him a scoring threat. He is considered one of the best kickoff men on the Coast.

Next to Peter on the line is his giant brother, Mark Antoncich, who has been playing well at tackle. Mark is the same height as his brother and 22 pounds heavier. He is one of the strongest defensive players on the Washington team. Against Stanford, he nailed a runner on the three-yard line as the game ended. Failure at this point would have meant a touchdown and defeat for the Huskies. Jimmy Phelan says that he would have been an all-Coast player if injuries had not handicapped him.

As a running mate for Antoncich at tackle we have selected Kenneth Pirnie, Phi sophomore, who filled the gap left by an injured all-conference man. Pirnie, 195 pounds and six feet tall, is a steady, linesman who can play at most any post. This Aberdeen, South Dakota youth should give a good account of himself in the next two years.

Guardsmen on the second team are Drayton Bernhard, '34, of Florida and Virgil Odom, 190-pound sophomore of Washington State. Bernhard played in all but two encounters and is one of the leading linesmen on the squad. This 186-pound athlete from

Anniston, Alabama, has another year to play. Odom had stiff competition, playing behind a senior, all-Coast man. A third Alpha Omicron gridder to play for Washington State was John Byers, 215-pound, sophomore tackle. Byers is expected to develop into an outstanding linesman next season.

**T**HETA CHI'S fiftieth chapter, Beta Delta at Rutgers, produced the center for the second eleven. Elmer Griswold earned his letter in his sophomore year, playing dependable ball. The New London, Connecticut, center was an outstanding defensive player. His steady work at this post resulted in a scarcity of offside penalties for the Rutgers team.

The backfield of the second team centers around George May, sophomore halfback at North Dakota State College. He is a brilliant player. The Phi gridder from Aberdeen, South Dakota, is a triple-threat player and the outstanding kicker in Theta Chi. His punting in the encounter with the Army was excellent, gaining many yards on quick kicks. May sent several of his punts in various games for more than 70 yards. He is a good deceptive runner and can work well on either end of a passing attack. Coach Casey Finnegan was afraid to use May to a great extent this year because of a severe back injury received in spring practice. His playing at the end of the season revealed the sparkling play of which he is capable.

Lambda Chapter at Cornell was represented on the Big Red team this year by J. Wright Terry, '34, who won his letter as a halfback. He played behind the veteran Ray Hedden, a senior, and will probably see much heavier service next season. Terry, claiming Walton, New York, as his home is five feet, ten inches tall and weighs 170 pounds. He broke into the game with both of Cornell's ancient rivals, Princeton and the University of Pennsylvania.

The quarterback position is held for second year by Vic Dauer, who has made his name well known at Indiana. The fullback post falls to Harris, Epsilon, who had an exceptional year in 1932. Little information was available on these two men, but their past records give them recognition.

### Chapter Played Santa Claus

Shortly before the Christmas holidays Alpha Lambda, (Ohio State) entertained at a turkey dinner six seven-year-old boys, the names of whom were furnished by one of the community houses of Columbus. After the meal Pledge Cowie, dressed as Santa Claus, distributed gifts to both the guests and the hosts, the latter being of an amusing quality. The guests were those who would not have otherwise have enjoyed a Christmas.

# Sigma in the Air

Perhaps, within a few college generations, airplanes will be as casual equipment for college students as automobiles are today, at least this story from Oregon State indicates that trend . . . . .



JAMES RINEHART

"GREAT day for flying, 'Hutch.'" This statement is heard around the house of Sigma Chapter at Oregon State often, since the chapter has become more or less air-minded. Nothing seems to interest these pilots more than a heart to heart talk of the merits of one sort of a "ship," or the advantage of the Packard motor over some other make. The customary "bull-fests" usually change from topics of the campus and its sororities to something in regard to airplanes at the arrival either of Pledge Robert Hutchinson or Pledge Larry Nelson upon the scene of the "fest." Numerous tales of forced landings, dying motors, or horrible crashes experienced or seen by one of these two fellows are recounted, while often the talk changes to something Jimmy said.

James Rinehart, a member of Sigma Chapter who graduated a year ago, was the fellow who taught both Larry and Robert to fly. He is a student at the Medical School in Portland, but regards flying as much more than a hobby. While he was at Oregon State he earned quite a little money by taking up passengers, and since graduation he has purchased a Curtiss Robin monoplane of his own, in which he makes frequent visits to the chapter house. He has been contemplating an endurance flight around Portland. Brother Rinehart is a very quiet fellow, saying little about flying or anything else, but the two younger and less experienced pilots delight to talk airplanes. Nelson is a sophomore in vocational education and Hutchinson is a sophomore in mechanical engineering; both are residents of Portland.

These two fellows have talked flying until they have interested two other members of the fraternity in the fascinating art. William Miller took quite an interest in the tales of adventure which he heard and as a result has been doing quite a little flying. The most recent candidate to catch the enthusiasm of these young men is George Baldwin.

I'm going to let Robert Hutchinson tell you in his own words more about Sigma fliers:

"Jimmy Rinehart, of course, is the dean of us all. He started flying when he was sixteen years old, almost eight years ago.

By

R. Linton Mushen,  
Oregon State,  
'33

At the present time he has something like four thousand air hours to his credit. He learned to fly from a Canadian named Jack Clemence at Seaside and Vancouver in the old Curtiss Jennies, technically known as the JN4D.

"Almost as soon as he had soloed, he started carrying passengers in his own Jenny, which he had purchased while taking instruction. That was in the days when the principal article in the Jenny toolkit was a spool of good, high class bailing wire. Everytime something went wrong with the crate, it was up to the ingenuity of the pilot to adapt the bailing wire to the job of repair.

"When Jim was seventeen years old, he purchased a new Travelair biplane in the East and flew it solo out here from the factory. The trip caused considerable interest due to the youth of the pilot. During the Ford reliability air tour several years ago, Jim landed his Eagle seaplane in the river alongside Swan Island airport here in Portland. In landing, the float strut buckled, letting the ship down into the water. Damages were three broken wings, but the pilot was not hurt. During his flying career he has owned several airplanes, but at the present time flies a Curtiss Robin and the American Eagle seaplane. Most of his flying has been done at the beaches during the summers. He has instructed many students, the number of whom I haven't the slightest idea.

"He taught Larry Nelson and me to fly about the same time, Larry soloing in September, 1930, and I in June, 1931. I soloed with seven hours of instruction; I don't know how many Larry had. I don't know how much time Larry has to date, but my log book shows close to fifty hours. As you know, Larry is the spectacular flyer of us two, while I like the old conservative idea, though I do considerable



LAWRENCE NELSON



ROBERT HUTCHINSON



WILLIAM MILLER

stunting at the proper altitude. We both hold private pilots' licenses from the U. S. Department of Commerce, Aeronautics Branch in Washington. I think that, between the two of us, we have carried about the whole student body on 'chisel flights.'

"My idea at present is to get my transport license as soon as possible. My school work of aeronautical engineering almost demands a transport to give the prestige desired among the people in the business. I am taking up the studies of navigation and blind flying just as soon as I can get to them.

"Last year, you will remember we had as our guests at the chapter house King Baird, pilot of his autogyro, Richard Rankin, flying a Bach tri-motor, and Henry Coffin, our alumnus, flying his Davis monoplane. Henry holds a Transport."

So definite a part is flying playing in life at Sigma Chapter, a page in the chapter publication, *The Serpent's Scribe*, appears under the heading "Talespins." Some of the notes follow:

"Brother Jimmie Rinehart visited us recently, flying here from Portland in his Curtis Robin plane. While Jimmie made the rounds of his old sorority haunts, Pledges Nelson and Hutchinson, the Sigma Hyfliers, scratched and clawed each other over the use of the ship. Jimmie tells us that he is planning a trip to Alaska in June.

"Brother Hank Coffin, flying his Davis monoplane on a business trip to Canada, visited the chapter house overnight not long ago. While he was here, great quantities of hangar bull were thrown around between him and Pledges Hutchinson and Nelson.

"Pledge Larry Nelson, since his last forced landing with the 'won and only,' has been taking bricks out of the house chimney with the wheels of his 'flying love nest.'

"King Baird, pilot of a Pitcairn Autogyro, has been spending the last few days

at the house. The ship has created a great deal of interest, and several of the fellows have remarked that it is most 'seaworthy' in hovering above sunbathing porches. The 'hangar bunch' has a new pledge in Brother Bill Miller, who made a trip to Portland in the autogyro, accompanied by Lawrence Nelson. The boys enjoyed several flights above the campus and city during the few days previous to the trip to Portland."

### Dickinson Theta Chi Heads Pennsylvania Educators

Professor Clarence J. Carver [Pi, '09], was elected president of the Higher Education Department of the Pennsylvania Education association at its annual meeting held in the Christmas vacation. The department of higher education includes in its membership all the colleges and universities in Pennsylvania, of which there are more than fifty, says the *Dickinsonian*.



C. J. CARVER

Professor Carver had been secretary of this department of the association for the past four years. By virtue of his new office of president of the one group he automatically becomes a member of the executive council of the whole association composed of 14 members, the governing body of the entire association of 63,000 teachers in Pennsylvania. He will also be an official delegate to the National Education Association convention in Chicago, July 1.

# E. D. Huntley, National Historian

By ARNOLD B. PEEK, U. C. L. A., '33

It is a different fraternity in many ways that E. D. Huntley will again serve as a national officer, but his past record is a guarantee of his future service.

"I HAVE ALWAYS had and always will have a great interest in the Theta Chi Fraternity to the extent that I might be said to be suffering from Theta Chism." Such is the confession of Edwin Dana Huntley, Alpha, '07, who, to the active of today probably means national historian of Theta Chi Fraternity, elected at the 76th convention, but to the Theta Chi of the early twentieth century that name meant a member of the installation committees of Gamma, Epsilon, Zeta, Eta, Theta, Iota, Lambda, Mu, Nu, Xi, and Beta Alpha Chapters, and a member of the National Council during the years 1912 and 1913, serving as national vice president.

Nick, as those close to him like to call him, was born on July 26, 1885, at Concord, New Hampshire, the son of Charles Richard Huntley of Vermont and Mary Anne Strong Huntley, a native of Canada. Hence, some thirty years after the origin of Theta Chi, began a life devoted to the upbuilding of that organization.

After studying at Edmonds High School, at Burlington, Vermont, Huntley entered Norwich University in the fall of 1902, as a student of civil engineering. In December of that year he was pledged to Alpha Chapter by H. F. Causegrave, '05, and on March 14, 1903, he was initiated. The life of service and devotion to the ideals of the fraternity that began within the walls of old Alpha that brisk March day is a life as active today as it was in those days at Norwich when he served respectively as guard, marshal, and secretary of his chapter.

The fraternity activity of Nick from his days at Alpha until 1915 has already been noted, but from then until 1923, little was heard of him in Theta Chi circles. Those eight years were not wasted, however, as he was actively engaged in Masonic work that was of great benefit to him when later he aided in Theta Chi ritualistic matters. His Masonic record may be of interest. Between his graduation from Norwich and his leaving New England for warmer climes, he was a member of Burlington Lodge, F. & A. M.; Burlington Chapter, Royal Arch Masons; and Burlington Council Royal and

Select Masters. In the higher Masonic orders he held certain offices, commander of Burlington Commandery, Knights Templar; grand standard bearer and grand inspector of the Grand Commandery of Vermont for three years, in which latter office he was succeeded by George P. Lovell, Alpha, '99; thrice potent master of Haswell Lodge of Perfection (14th Degree); sovereign prince of J. W. Roby Council, Princes of Jerusalem (16th Degree); most wise master of Delta Chapter of Rose Croix (18th Degree); first lieutenant commander of Vermont Consistory S. P. R. S. (32nd Degree), from which office he resigned just prior to nomination to the 33rd Degree, Mystic Shrine.

Soon after his graduation from Norwich he entered into business in Burlington Vermont, remaining until 1920. On December 6, 1910, he married Miss Blanche Mae Cram, and on February 1, 1913, their only son, Charles Richard, was born.

Upon leaving Vermont in 1920, the Huntleys moved to Nevada, where Nick was engaged in the mining industry. Not long thereafter, however, the sunny beaches, snow capped mountains, and orange groves, to say nothing of the "unusual" weather of Southern California beckoned, so the Huntleys moved to the fair city of The Angels. There it was the real estate business that held his attention until 1930, and, as he says, "that game has now ceased to be a



EDWIN D. HUNTLEY

reality." For the past few months he was engaged in the political war under the banner of the now victorious Democrats.

Although away from the fraternity and its activity for a period of some eight years, he had no sooner located in Los Angeles than he was hard at work for Theta Chi and its interest in the Pacific Coast region. There were many Theta Chi alumni in Los Angeles in 1923, but they were poorly organized, even though some loyal brothers had made serious attempts to have an active and working group. Brother Huntley, cooperating with these other brothers, set to work and slowly made the Los Angeles Alumni Chapter of Theta Chi Fraternity a most active and solid organization.

The result of their work may be realized when it is known that this alumni chapter won the attendance trophy twice at the annual banquets of the Interfraternity Alumni Council of Southern California. This was done in spite of the fact that Theta Chi did not at that time have an active chapter in Southern California, while many member fraternities had two chapters, and some even three in this area.

The story of the Los Angeles Alumni

Chapter is, in truth, the story of the past nine years of the life of E. D. Huntley. The reward for his untiring service was the election to the presidency of the chapter for two terms in 1930 and 1931. Since that time he has been doing splendid work as the chairman of the alumni contacts committee. Seldom is a Theta Chi in Southern California that Nick does not have his life history within a few days.

To us of Beta Alpha Chapter Nick's reelection to the National Council was a most happy moment. To us he is "the Grand Old Man," for it was, to a large extent, his unerring advice and help that made it possible for Beta Alpha to come into being. Since the installation of the chapter in 1931, he has been a most efficient alumnus adviser to the chapter. His help has been invaluable, and at all times he has been an inspiration. Whatever progress Beta Alpha has made is due to Brother Huntley much more than to anyone else.

Theta Chi made no mistake in again elevating Edwin Dana Huntley to the National Council. His deep interest, undying effort, and supreme love of fraternity make him an ideal national officer.

## Merrihue Honored By College Magazines

For nearly a decade Willard V. Merrihue, [Kappa, '25] of the publicity department, says *The Monogram*, monthly house organ of the General Electric Company at Schenectady, New York, has been one of



W. V. MERRIHUE

the leading figures of Engineering College Magazines Associated, an organization of twenty-two of the outstanding college engineering publications of the country. His interest and activity began back in his undergraduate days at the University of Pennsylvania, where he was editor of the *Pennsylvania Triangle*.

For four years he was eastern vice-chairman of the E. C. M. A.; for the past four years he has been national chairman. That seemed to him about enough, so at the annual convention of the organization, at the University of Iowa, last October, he resigned, and insisted on resigning, although he was urged to continue. So they elected him honorary chairman.

How he rates among his associates in this work is indicated by the following editorial from *The Marquette Engineer*:

In every organization or enterprise there is always some power or force which is driving it forward in its work, and E. C.

M. A. is no exception to this rule. One of the biggest driving forces in that organization has always been its chairman.

During the past few years the association has had an unusual leader in the person of Willard V. Merrihue. Through his untiring efforts the association has enjoyed marvelous success, and it is with regret that we see him leave his post.

To those of us who have had the opportunity of working with him, and especially those of us who have attended the last few conventions, he has been an inspiring and able leader. It has been a joy to have been able to work with him in the task in which we have been united.

In order to, in some little way, give recognition to work which he has done, the members of the E. C. M. A. have seen fit to elect Mr. Merrihue honorary chairman of the association. Inadequate as this may seem, we hope that it will in some way express our sentiments to him.

Although we are losing him as our active leader, we know fully well that his interest in E. C. M. A. will never die and that we will always benefit by his counsel and advice.

Fraternity men throughout the country were shocked by the news of the death of Calvin Coolidge, thirtieth president and a loyal alumnus of Phi Gamma Delta. The late president was an undergraduate student at Amherst College, graduating with the Class of 1895.



# Chicago Says It Will Be Ready

Here's something new in expositions to make an additional attraction for the Theta Chi convention next August, a world's fair with a central idea, progress, properly financed, and certain of being ready for its opening. . .

By H. WENDELL FRIER, *Rho*

**F**IGURES—that's what we need, figures. Statistics to show alumni and active members of Theta Chi fraternity that Chicago "ain't foolin'" about this Century of Progress business. We realize (and were you in Chicago watching the daily progress you'd realize too) that the World's Fair will be a major attraction to draw you and you and you to the Theta Chi convention at the Congress Hotel, August 24, 25, and 26 this year—the 77th annual convention of the fraternity and the "homecoming" convention to Chicago after ten long, lean years of waiting in the Windy City.

Just to keep you from thinking that I'm pulling a Reichenbach on you, I'll use figures from the Century of Progress headquarters as my authority.

When this exposition opens on June 1 every building will be ready. Every major item of every exhibit will be in place, and every feature announced two years ago by Century of Progress officials in their contemplated program will be ready.

Approximately \$6,000,000 has already been spent on the Exposition's construction program — \$5,534,702.04 up to December 1, the last accounting period, to be exact.

Exhibit space in the exposition buildings and special exhibit buildings costing a total of \$4,755,324.78 are under contract. More than 230 of the largest industrial organizations and groups of organizations will be exhibitors. Contracts for the entertainment and amusement of visitors representing an investment of an additional \$4,300,000 have been signed. The federal government has appropriated \$1,000,000 for its building and exhibit. Forty-four states of the Union have taken official action in

preparation for exhibiting. Sixteen foreign nations have officially accepted President Hoover's invitation, and in fourteen other nations plans for participation are being actively pushed by official and semi-official groups.

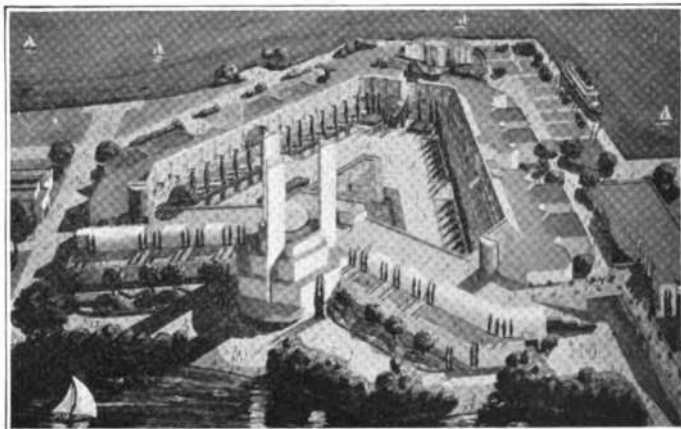
**L**AST year's construction program was an epic in steel and concrete and the most extensive annual building program of any international exposition in history. A year ago only three Exposition buildings were standing, the Administration Building, old Fort Dearborn, and the Travel and Transport Building. The Hall of Science and a group of three buildings, Social Science Hall, Communications Building, and Electrical Building, were being built on Northerly Island.

During 1932 every remaining important construction project was begun and many partly completed. An underground city of conduits and sewers was built, ten miles of water mains, ten miles of sanitary sewers, five miles of storm sewers, ten miles of conduits and utility cables, facilities for a city of 1,000,000 souls.

Work was started on a water pumping station, three sewage pumping stations, and a central electrical substation to accommodate a population of exposition visitors approximating the population of Detroit or St. Louis.

Other construction projects completed or started during 1932 include: The Dairy Building, Agricultural Building, the four buildings of the States Group, the Federal Building, three buildings of Enchanted Island, the Horticultural Building, the Terrazzo Explanade—all on Northerly Island.

On the mainland are Sears-Roebuck



HOW FEDERAL AND STATE BUILDINGS WILL LOOK

Building, the Illinois State Host Building, Chinese Lama Temple, five pavilions of the General Exhibits Group, the Blue Ribbon Inn, Old Heidelberg, Home Planning Hall, Abraham Lincoln replica, the Sky Ride, Masonite House, the Moore House, the Johns-Manville Building, the American Radiator and Sanitary Corporation Group of five houses, Maya Temple, General Motors Building, Chrysler Building, the North Entrance, the two and one-half mile sheet-metal fence, bridges at Sixteenth and Twenty-third Streets, and the tracks and ground layout for the railroad pageant.

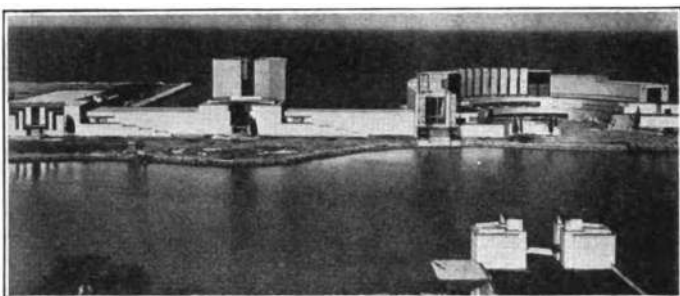
Other buildings to be erected by exhibitors include the Christian Science Publishing Company, Firestone Tire & Rubber Company, National Poultry Council, Religious Exhibit Committee, Southern Cypress Manufacturers' Association, and Thos. A. Edison, Inc.

The Fair, solvent, had an undisbursed balance — cash and United States Treasury certificates — of \$1,400,000.

There is every reason to feel, say Exposition officials, that the remainder of the program so successfully carried on in 1932 will be complete, and that June 1, 1933, will see the opening of the Century of Progress complete from the largest building and most impressive exhibit to the tiniest convenience and detail of service.

And that, my friends and brothers, should convince you that work has and is being done on this here World's Fair that we have been hearing about.

But just in case you aren't interested in the Century of Progress, there will be plenty of other entertainment in the Windy City to take care of your off-moments (conventionally speaking). The Messrs. Shuberts and the sundry other gentlemen who are struggling to keep the public from laughing when speaking of American Theatre, have booked plenty of ga-ga girl shows and some heavy drama for the



ELECTRICAL GROUP FROM THE LAGOON

boards of the local theatres during the convention period.

However, contrary to your belief, the convention committee is not going to rely on the Century of Progress to furnish all your entertainment during the life of the Theta Chi convention. As a matter of fact one evening, Thursday, and one evening only has been set aside on our official program for a visit to the World's Fair grounds. We are giving you this generous quantity of information about the Century of Progress because we think you will want to come early or stay over in order to take in this mammoth exhibit. Chicago has a pretty good reputation for putting on a show.

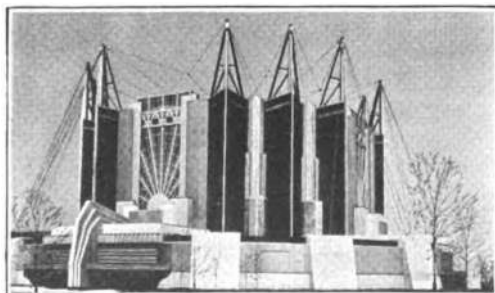
Don't forget, there's going to be a thrilling boat ride with dancing on Friday night of the convention and a gala banquet on Saturday night. Other special entertainment is being planned for Friday and Saturday afternoons for alumni and actives who do not wish to attend the business sessions of the convention.

## To Direct Foreign Travel

Lyman S. Moore, Psi, '31, has been appointed leader of a group which will tour the European continent next summer under the auspices of the American Peoples College in Europe. The underlying purpose of the college, which has its headquarters in the Austrian Tyrol, is to assist American students to gain an adequate understanding of the culture and ways of life of European peoples. In connection with this movement the college arranges tours for from twenty to thirty groups annually on a cooperative low cost basis.

Each group has as its objective the study of a particular cultural development. Brother Moore's group will emphasize the study of comparative government and politics. Other groups are organized with special interests in music, psychology, art, and adult education.

Brother Moore is a member of the political science faculty of Northwestern University, Evanston, Illinois.



DOME OF TRAVELAND TRANSPORT BUILDING

# Theta Chi Works Radio Wonders

THERE was a day in radio when program sponsors had an overflowing reservoir of new talent from which to draw, says *The New York Times* in its Sunday feature section. They were eager to sponsor artists of distinction of whom they could boast "they have never been heard on the air." But now only a few of these rare artists remain. They can be counted on the fingers of one hand — Fritz Kreisler, Paderewski, Rachmaninoff, and one or two others.

The novelty of hearing radio debuts has passed. So the broadcasters are turning to other realms for unique programs that may captivate the ear. They have turned to radio's ally, the mother of all broadcasting, science. They are transmitting the crash and bombardment of atoms. They are broadcasting the "talk" of radium and all sorts of unusual sounds.

For instance an item on the program featured the sounds caused by light reflected from various colors. The light reflected from the Stars and Stripes was discordant, reminding listeners of an undirected orchestra. Rumbling caused by light reflected from mesh stockings sounded like the growl of a bear.

Dr. E. E. Free and Professor Albert Sheppard, [Upsilon] of New York University are the impresarios who stage these science performances on Saturday nights at 8 o'clock over WABC and associated stations.

UNLIKE the magician who pulls a rabbit out of the hat but fails to explain his technique, these men of science do the trick in front of the microphone and then reveal the secret of their wonders.

"The 'electrical eye' we use is a little glass bottle not unlike the vacuum tubes in radio sets," said Professor Sheppard. "But this 'eye' responds to lights and shadows instead of radio waves. For example, when we broadcast the noise of a sieve we merely move it back and forth in front of the 'eye.' Each hole in the sieve allows light through to create tiny electrical impulses, which we amplify to make the sound. With the stockings, of course, the meshes let light through in the same way."

The page of a newspaper was then held before the "eye." The lines and letters cast "shadows" which the "eye" beholds. A strange noise results. It is incoherent, a freak tongue, but Professor Sheppard asserts that some day these odd sounds of the alphabet's shadows may be developed so that people, especially the blind, will learn to recognize them and thereby "read." Already the photoelectric cell is employed to sort oranges by size and color, or to sort packing boxes rapidly by means of incon-

spicuous bars or dots stamped or painted on one end.

AS PROOF that the electrical optic responds to tiny changes in illumination, a so-called light-beam telephone was assigned a role in the broadcast performance. A vocal quartet was located in an adjacent room. They sang into a "dead" microphone — that is, there was no wire connection to the broadcasting apparatus. A slender light beam replaced the usual wire; nevertheless the radio audience heard the song. A sheet of paper was held up to block the light beam. The singing stopped. The instant the paper was removed the song was on the air again. Professor Sheppard said that experts predict light-beam telephones some day will be practical for talking between armies in wartime, between planes and between boats within sight of each other. Already Dr. E. F. W. Alexanderson at "the House of Magic" in Schenectady has sent television images over a light beam instead of over a wire or radio wave.

At the third performance listeners heard Professor Sheppard create sounds from frozen realms where temperatures range from 200 to 300 degrees below zero, Fahrenheit. The props for this performance included a rose bud, a feather, a music box, an ink bottle, a pound of raw beefsteak, potatoes, uncooked spaghetti, a banana, rubber bands, a pair of heavy woolen gloves, and a flask of liquid air.

Dipping the objects one by one into the liquid air, Professor Sheppard directed his assistant to crush them in his gloved hands or strike them with a hammer. The lightest touch shattered the frozen rose into fragments. It sounded like the breaking of a plate-glass window. The crushing feather reminded auditors of a man jumping on a pile of dry twigs.

WITH liquid air Professor Sheppard converted ink into small knives and bells. With the knives he cut paper. The bell, which he said had a clapper of red ink, tinkled before the microphone. On cubes of "supercooled ice" he tapped out a tune, using a frozen egg as the hammer. The egg was described as being "hard as steel." The ice cubes varied in size to produce different tones, like the wooden blocks of a xylophone. The frozen music-box played its tune in a higher key than when operated at normal room temperature.

Freezing the beefsteak in the flask of liquid air, the lecturer hung it on a peg near the microphone and tapped it with a hammer made of frozen gravy. The sound was not unlike that of a Chinese dinner gong. When sticks of frozen spaghetti

were broken it sounded like icicles falling from the eaves of a roof. When he crashed a head of frozen lettuce to the floor it shattered into thousands of pieces and sounded like the breaking of a delicate goblet.

"The microphone is suspended on rubber bands to protect it from vibrations," said Professor Sheppard. "But everything depends on how cold rubber is. When rubber is frozen in liquid air it becomes as brittle as glass."

He froze a rubber band and attached it to the arm of a small electric vibrator. The other end of the rubber band was secured to a phonograph pick-up. When the phonograph was started the auditors heard the music vibrations passing through the band. As the rubber gradually returned to room temperature the music faded.

Professor Sheppard explained that listeners had heard the rubber gradually changing from a sound conductor to an insulator.

## The Book To Buy

"It is one of those peculiar books which we know in our time is destined to be a classic," is the characterization by Carl Sandburg, himself a prominent literary figure, of "The Autobiography of Lincoln Steffens." His impression of this outstanding book is reflected in the comments of numerous other reviewers, practically all of whom recognized that here is a contribution that will be read not only for its racy, interest-compelling style, but its picture of men and events of the past half century, brought out in the intimate way that makes it familiar yet with enough of the impersonal attitude of the newspaper reporter to save it from sentimentality.

Out of the reading of this book, one gains standards of value to apply to college education, to politics, to literature, to business, to government, and to society in general. Yet such standards are absorbed unconsciously as the narrative is presented in such a skillful way that the reader progresses through the 873 pages with the avidity of the reader who seeks the final solution of a baffling mystery tale.

Here is a book that deals with men who have been largely responsible for giving us the kind of a country in which we find ourselves today, men who are still living and those whose names are still fresh in memories. The clash of personalities, the human weaknesses and virtues shown, the struggle for justice and mercy, all give a human vividness to the portrayal of events that one finds fascination as well as facts. This is reading that will furnish background for many college courses as well as add to the reader's ability to weigh data and then make his judgments more intelligently.

## In Broadway Success

Contributing to the success of "Dangerous Corner," one of the most provocative plays on Broadway at the present time, is Cecil Holm, Kappa, '28. He plays the difficult role of Gordon Whitehouse, a young husband, whose happiness is marred by the sinister influence of Oliver Chatfield, which persists after the mysterious death of the



CECIL HOLM

latter, which has occurred a few months previous. One scene makes unusually severe demands upon Brother Holm's emotional ability, but he meets the test in a way that has brought commendation from critics and playgoers. The play is by J. P. Priestley and enjoyed marked success in London before it was staged in this country.

Brother Holm started his professional career as an extracurricular activity at the University of Pennsylvania where he became a member of the famous Mask and Wig Club, discovering in that organization his life interest. He started his activities on Broadway as understudy for Lee Tracy in "Broadway," and later was featured in that famous hooper role in one of the "Broadway" road companies. He again followed Lee Tracy as the harassed reporter in "The Front Page," and has been seen more recently on Broadway in "Whirlpool," "Wonder Boy" with Al Jolson, and last season in Frederick Schlick's "Bloodstream."

Brother Holm is married and lives at Westfield, Connecticut.

# Omega, Typical of Theta Chi

In this history of Omega Chapter is the story of practically all Theta Chi chapters, that of a group of congenial students who wanted others to enjoy fellowship that they found good.

WHEN the history of Theta Chi Fraternity is written to take its place among the records of Greek-letter organizations that have played an important role in the educational life of this country, it will be an account not of one unit, but of the fifty active chapters that now compose the roll, of those that may be added in the years ahead, and of various alumni and associated groups that are, have been, and will become, a part of the fraternity. The success of that history will depend upon how well the events in the development of each chapter have been preserved by historians of today, not on the skill and literary power of the persons selected to put the volume in final shape.

Already it has been discovered that some vital history of the earliest days of Theta Chi has been lost, and the same thing will happen in the case of each chapter unless a serious effort is made to compile the history up to the present time now and then add the events of each year.

In order to inspire chapter historians, alumni and actives, to insure adequate representation in Theta Chi's future history, the National Council voted to have *The Rattle* reproduce at least partially one of the most satisfactory chapter histories that have been submitted to the national historian. The one selected is the story of Omega Chapter as written by various members and edited by George Chapman, '20. Told in clear, dignified fashion, with completeness of detail, it offers a standard that should prove of value to every Theta Chi chapter historian.

As prepared for the archives of the fraternity, it reflects imagination as well as desire for historical accuracy on the part of its authors from the carefully lettered title page to the complete membership roster with which the volume ends. Its pages are neatly typed. The book is attractively illustrated with pen and ink sketches of the coat of arms, badge, and pledge pin of the two organizations which preceded Omega Chapter and with well mounted photographs, maps, and drawings. In addition to the material reproduced in this magazine, there is the membership roll of the old Northeast Club, the officer list of the three organizations, the legal charter

granted by the State of Pennsylvania, a brief illustrated history of Pennsylvania State College, and the membership roster.

## PREFACE

With the realization that the Omega Chapter of Theta Chi Fraternity, after sixteen years of existence, had no complete, accurate, and adequate written history, it was determined that such a history should be written and collected.

Every effort has been made to make this history both complete and accurate. The old minutes of the fraternity have been read, and old records and correspondence have been searched for information.

To a certain extent, some of the chapters overlap, but to tell the story of each era completely, this overlapping is necessary.

The editor takes this opportunity to express his appreciation and thanks to the following for their help, interest, and cooperation in making this history possible: Ellwood B. Cassel, '19, Norman C. Horner, '16, John A. Irwin, '16, and Raymond B. Poepfel, '20. In fairness to these men, it must be noted that their contributions as written were all impersonal. All names were inserted by the editor.

With the sincere hope that this history will fill a long felt want of Omega Chapter, it is herewith presented.

George W. Chapman.

Detroit, Michigan.  
June 1, 1931.

## Story of the Northeast Club

By ELLWOOD B. CASSEL, '19.

Until April 6, 1918 the organization, which, within a year, was to be installed as Omega Chapter of Theta Chi Fraternity, was known as the Northeast Club of the Pennsylvania State College. Membership in this club was restricted to those students enrolled at Penn State who had attended the Northeast High School in Philadelphia.

The birth of Omega Chapter and of its parent, Phi Tau Alpha, were each attended by appropriate ceremonies and formal announcement. The Northeast Club had more modest beginnings. Although the first minutes are dated May 31, 1915, its origin predates any organized meeting. It was born of an intangible something called "Northeast Spirit," a loyalty to one's school and a natural brotherhood of an alien group with common home interests. Without doubt, this school spirit was merely the outward manifestation of love and respect

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for the man who typified the school, Dr. Andrew J. Morrison, principal for many years, whose "boys" always sensed his warm personal interest in their welfare. He was one of the old type educators who exerted a powerful influence for good on those who came into contact with him.

It had become a custom for a number of years for graduates of Northeast High School attending Penn State to return during Christmas and Easter holidays for the purpose of visiting Dr. Morrison and others on the faculty and also to interest seniors in the Center County institution. These pilgrimages, together with occasional informal gatherings on and near the campus, such as smokers, cider feeds, and annual football contests against a similar group with West Philadelphia High School, resulted in a desire to form a closer tie of fellowship.

It is not possible to give any one person credit for being the founder of the Northeast Club, for the club was the idea of a group rather than an individual. However, all credit is due those men who composed this group and who included Emil Olbrick, Carl Bartle, Norman Horner, John Irwin, Albert Mainwaring, Alfred Bechtel, and others, for their solid method of organiza-

tion and their high ideals which made the future secure.

In the spring of 1915 steps were taken to form a coherent organization and to rent a clubhouse. Signatures were obtained in May from thirteen men pledging support for the year 1915-1916. Of this number only five signified intention of taking room and meals at the clubhouse. One pledged to take a room only, two to take meals only, and the others, merely non-resident membership. In spite of this apparent uncertainty, a three years' lease was signed with Mrs. Elizabeth Thompson on May 31, 1915, for a house which would be erected at the northeast corner of Allen Street and Foster Avenue. This building was to be three stories in height with eight bedrooms of variable sizes on the two upper floors. This house remained the home of the Northeast Club, of Phi Tau Alpha, and of Omega Chapter of Theta Chi until June 1929.

When college opened in September 1915 the house lacked about two months of being completed. On September 15 a meeting was held at 200 South Atherton Street at which constitution and finance committees were appointed. All of the twenty-two members present signed a pledge to support the club

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for the college year. A meeting held October 16 in the Engineering Building served to acquaint those present with accomplishments of the preceding month. Optimism for the successful operation of the infant organization was reflected in an entry in the minutes for that date that instead of moving into the house, "It was suggested that those who are satisfied with their rooms volunteer to stay where they are this year." During the year 1915-16 sixteen men roomed in the clubhouse. One was a non-member, a senior who had roomed in former years with one of our men, and whose presence was not unwelcome.

**T**HE Northeast Club moved into its new house about November 1, 1915, and the first meeting to be held there was on November 9, 1915. This was followed by others at weekly intervals during those months college was in session. A perusal of the minutes for the college years that the Northeast Club existed reveals three prominent topics of discussion. A continued interest in activities and personnel at the parent high school is reflected by reference to frequent contacts with it through the correspondent. An economy of

administration is evidenced by frequent motions and recorded suggestions to minimize expenditures — for a number of the group were working their way through college. The third outstanding item in the minutes is the passage of amendments to Constitution and By-Laws from time to time in an attempt to perfect an organization to meet new or unforeseen situations.

These revisions show a definite trend of thought and policy, the final result of which was inevitable under conditions to which the Club was subjected, but which also was contrary to the purpose originally intended by the founders. It was the intention, so recorded in the minutes of September 1915, that members of other fraternities might be eligible to membership in the club. A pledge to support it for the current year was all that was asked. Realizing that such a plan would result in uncertainty and confusion at the opening of each college year, an amendment was passed February 22, 1916, requiring a pledge to support the club for the full college course.

The question raised some controversy and was opened for further discussion during March and April, but the amendment stood. Those who were to be graduated the following June were not asked to sign, but

signatures of fourteen underclassmen were attached to the pledge in April. In the following years, prior to initiation, nineteen other names were added.

The pin of the club was of distinctive design and very attractive. The N. E. was in red on a black background, the club colors, and the pin was set with twelve half pearls. It was designed by John Irwin and Francis Doan. The coat of arms of the Northeast Club was an adoption of the seal of the Northeast High School. The keystone was black with the N. E. in red. The date, 1914, was used because first steps towards organization of the club began in that year. The pledge pin was red and black.

**I**N the minutes of October 22, 1917, mention was made of a probable desirability of changing the Northeast Club to an unrestricted Greek letter fraternity. A week later a committee consisting of George Chapman, Francis Doan, and Robert Stevens was appointed to investigate and report on reasons for changing the Northeast Club to an unrestricted local fraternity. This report, presented to the club at the meeting held on November 5, 1917 was as follows:

This committee finds that it is altogether feasible, and at this time extremely desirable to convert the Northeast Club, from a limited and discriminating preparatory school fraternity, into either a Greek letter non restrictive local or a similar local with a non Greek title.

The reasons from which this conclusion is drawn can be stated as follows:

1. Because of the location of the Northeast High School there must come a time when the number and quality of the graduates of said school who make Penn State their *alma mater* will become such that the club can not exist as a fraternity with a clubhouse.

2. Because of the limited number of Northeast men coming to Penn State practically all must be admitted into brotherhood regardless of their ability to be congenial, morally, mentally, or socially with the other members.

3. Rather than wait until necessity compels us to make this change, perhaps under adverse conditions, it seems more logical in every way to accomplish it now, when haste and confusion may be avoided and the changes stand some chance of becoming permanent.

4. Besides these considerations there might be mentioned the broader aspect of a fraternity containing men from more than one restricted district, the fact that if we expect to grow and ever get into a larger and more satisfactory clubhouse, we must take this step and that present war conditions threaten to lower our membership to a great degree.

To take the step suggested the following things must be considered and changed or regulated: 1. Name of fraternity; 2. con-

stitution and by-laws; 3. ritual; 4. insignia; 5. charter.

The report was accepted as read, and a motion made and passed to make preparations for changing the Northeast Club to an unrestricted local Greek letter fraternity.

The actual vote on changing the Northeast Club was taken at the meeting held on March 19, 1917, and showed eighteen members in favor of the change, two opposed, and two declining to vote. The motion was passed.

**S**UCCEEDING meetings were devoted largely to business pertaining to preparation for the installation of Phi Tau Alpha Fraternity, the name chosen from four submitted by the Investigation Committee. A constitutional committee consisting of Chapman, Poeppel, Gemberling, and Beavan wrote the new constitution and by-laws, and a ritual committee consisting of Poeppel, Cassel, and Segl wrote and prepared the ritual. These two committees were assisted by the so-called Investigation Committee of Chapman, Doan, and Stevens. The design for the Phi Tau Alpha pin was chosen as was the design for the coat of arms.

Early in the spring of 1918 the Northeast Club submitted the following petition to the college authorities:

"We, the members of the Northeast Club, do hereby petition the college authorities for a recognition as the Phi Tau Alpha Fraternity in the form of a charter, believing that in this manner the most amicable and beneficial relations can be sustained between ourselves and the college.

"In support of our plea, we might mention that the organization was established as the Northeast Club Fraternity in 1914 by Emil R. J. Olbrich, 1915, Carl A. Bartle, 1916, Alfred Rahn Bechtel, 1916, Norman C. Horner, 1916, and John Andrew Irwin, 1916, and has existed to date as mentioned. No charter has been applied for previously, as the members had in view the change that they now desire to make. Thus we are not forming an altogether new organization, but simply petition for a charter for a non-restrictive Greek letter fraternity whose prospective members are the members of the present Northeast Club.

By the president,  
Winfield F. Smith."

This petition was favorably acted upon by the college authorities, and while there is no record of a charter ever having been issued, the Northeast Club was given official permission to change to the Phi Tau Alpha Fraternity.

The last official meeting of the Northeast Club was held on March 18, 1918, and on March 22, 1918 with the formal initiation of the charter members of Phi Tau Alpha Fraternity the Northeast Club ceased to exist, except in the memory of those to whom it had meant so much.



## The Phi Tau Alpha Era

By RAYMOND B. POEPPEL

During the early part of the school semester of 1917 and 1918, there were many heated, high-pitched, and fiery meetings of the Northeast Club concerning the question as to whether that club, then a restricted local fraternity, should continue in that capacity, or throw off its restrictions and become a local non-restrictive fraternity. The members for and against the change put every ounce of energy into swinging the decision to their respective opinions. After weeks of debate which threatened the very existence of the war depleted membership, the vote was finally taken, and the result was the establishment of the Phi Tau Alpha Fraternity. This was not accomplished without the loss of one or two members of the old Northeast Club who could not be convinced that making the change was the only logical course to pursue.

Events since that time have proved that the committee which drew up the reasons for making the change were far-sighted and their conclusions entirely correct.

After finally making the decision to become a local non-restrictive fraternity, which many members believed would be the most difficult thing to legislate through the firm-minded membership, it was found that the work had just begun and it was all uphill going.

The president, Winfield F. Smith, ap-

pointed committees to get facts and data and work up their recommendations on name, constitution, ritual, insignia, etc. It was the work of the members of these various committees that actually created the local fraternity of Phi Tau Alpha. Their work interwove, and there were many joint meetings of the committees to create a name, constitution, ritual, and insignia which would dove-tail into one workable organization. This task of revision and creation by the committees was difficult enough to attain in the committee membership, but to get their work successfully through the general meeting was another long discussion of opinions, opinions that were unbendingly obstinate on many points.

**T**HIS work of creating a new organization vastly different from the Northeast Club was carried on in the mid-winter of 1917-1918. While it was being accomplished, operations were continued under the laws of the existing club, gradually changing in the form of meetings, getting ready to operate smoothly under a new name, constitution, and ritual. When the Fraternity Committee of the general faculty of the college granted permission to make the change on February 23, 1918, the new organization was practically ready to function, but it was not until April 6, 1918 that the formal change was announced to the college and other fraternities by a smoker and reception. Actual initiation of charter members of Phi Tau Alpha took place on March 22, 1918. On April 15, 1918, we were admitted to the Intramural Council, an



HOME OF NORTHEAST CLUB, PHI ALPHA TAU, OMEGA CHAPTER

organization of the local Greek letter fraternities. This marked the final step in the official establishment of the Phi Tau Alpha Fraternity and placed us on an equal basis with the contemporary local Greek fraternities then at the college.

The name Phi Tau Alpha was selected with much care and deliberation, after three had been presented by a committee. What the three letters stood for seemed to fit best to what it was desired to create. They worked into ritual exceedingly well, and if the local fraternity had existed many years they would have worn well it is certain.

When the new constitution was presented for approval it was acted upon in parts and each discussed and deliberated on. It apparently was a workable set of laws, for it held during the most difficult of times without any record in the minutes of it's being amended. However, during the war regime in the fall of 1918 it could not be followed in every respect.

**T**HE ritual was something that was absolutely new, being created without anything to use as a guide. It was a rather intricate proceeding. To be carried out, it required a full week, and when the candidates for membership had completed it, they surely must have decided they were joining a worthwhile fraternity.

The coat of arms was designed in the shape of a plain shield measuring about four and one-fourth inches in width and about seven inches in height. The body of it was divided into three segments. Facing it in the upper left portion was a lamp of knowledge in white on a red background and in the upper right section a skull and cross-bones in white on a background of black. In the lower part of the shield was a white candlestick having seven lighted candles. This was on a background of gold.

*NOTE: On account of the length of this article it will be continued in the February issue of The Rattle — EDITOR.*

## Well Equipped Theta Chis Seek Work

In an effort to assist those Theta Chis seeking employment and those who are desirous of securing employes, brief advertisements will be published in *The Rattle of Theta Chi* free of charge for the remaining issues of this school year. Those members wishing to take advantage of this opportunity should send copy for the advertisements to the Theta Chi Placement Bureau, Executive Office Theta Chi Fraternity, Broad Street Bank Building, Trenton, New Jersey. The advertisement should be limited to approximately fifty words and should be written on a separate sheet of paper than the letter accompanying it or written below the signature of the letter so that it can be detached easily and sent to *The Rattle*. While it is permissible to use "blind" advertisements, that is advertisement signed by a key letter rather than the name and address of the applicant, the latter method is preferred, both because it saves time and work, permitting the prospective employe and employer to get in touch with each other immediately.

The advertisements will be inserted in the issue following their receipt, but will not be repeated unless the advertiser requests the repetition before the tenth of the month of publication.

The reason for establishing this service is, of course, to carry out the fundamental purpose of the fraternity, and it is earnestly hoped that members will assist in every way possible those who indicate that they are seeking employment.

**ENGINEER**—Graduate University of North Carolina, 1931, with degree of B. S. in Civil Engineering, one semester graduate work at Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Phi Beta Kappa, desires position anywhere. Benjamin B. Lane, Jr., 314 Pittsboro St., Chapel Hill, N. C.

**SALESMAN**—Theta Chi with excellent experience in selling wishes to act as manufacturer's representative in and near Atlanta, Ga. Will take care of own office expense. E. G. Nabell, Jr., 213 Nabell Ave., East Point, Ga.

**ENGINEER**—Thoroughly experienced mechanical engineer, with A. M. degree from Dickinson College, '12, and M. E. degree from Lehigh University, '14, seeks engineering position. Has served as assistant factory manager in New Jersey, as mechanical engineer in Ohio, and erecting and operating engineer with gas concern in Philadelphia, three years as construction superintendent. Married. Address E. H. S., Executive Office, Theta Chi Fraternity.

**HIGHWAY CONSTRUCTION**—University of Richmond graduate, '30, seeks position in highway construction work. Has had considerable experience. Address: A. D., Executive Office.

**GENERAL**—Rutgers senior, 23 years of age, completing six years of university work, three in liberal arts and three in engineering. June 15, will be ready to go anywhere and do anything for which he is equipped. Has had factory and camp experience. John V. Tabakin, 10 Union St., New Brunswick, N. J.

**ACCOUNTANT**—Desirous of obtaining accounting, bookkeeping, cost accounting, or clerical connection. Three years commercial training at Indiana University, two years payroll accounting and one year cost accounting experience with manufacturing concerns. Excellent references furnished. Available immediately for work anywhere; 24 years old, single. Address: ABC, Executive Office.

**LANDSCAPE ARCHITECT**—Having twelve years of practical experience, equally divided between office and field, desires position. Work has been varied under one well-known landscape architect for eight years and in the employ of two nurseries for four years. Graduate of Pennsylvania State College, '20. Raymond B. Poeppel, Omega, Rydal, Pa.

**TEACHER**—Teaching position wanted in college, preparatory, or high school in any section of the East or Middle West. Applicant has A. B. in history and economics, and LL. B., and is now studying for an M. A. in history and economics, which he expects to receive in June, 1932. Please address B-18, Executive Office.

# Tolbert MacRae, National Marshal

Varying points of view are essential for the satisfactory administration of a national fraternity. Professor MacRae, from a large mid-western state college, is qualified to make a distinct contribution to National Council problems.

By FREDERICK H. CARSON, *Alpha Mu, '33*

**T**OLBERT MACRAE is particularly well prepared for his service as a member of the National Council of Theta Chi Fraternity. Since his graduation from college, he has constantly kept in touch with undergraduate students, either through actual contact or by steady communication when that was the only means available. As a matter of fact, he has been of incalculable assistance to an increasingly large number of students not only at the institution where he teaches, but also at all other institutions to which his wide influence reaches. Naturally, he understands the problems of the average undergraduate far better than anyone who has not had the opportunities to apply himself to their solutions.

Besides this valuable qualification, Professor MacRae has had extensive experience in the business world through his contacts with civic and fraternal direction. He is a member of the Ames Civil Service Board and the Rotary Club. Furthermore, he is president of the Iowa State Music Teachers Association and province governor of the West Central Province of Phi Mu Alpha, (*Sinfonia*), honorary music fraternity. In the latter capacity, he has been constantly in touch with fraternity problems, having supervision over a number of chapters.

Professor MacRae is not unfamiliar with Theta Chi problems, having been an efficient alumnus adviser for Alpha Mu Chapter at Iowa State College for a number of years.

Tolbert MacRae was graduated as a music major under the late Frederick Howard of the Institute of Fine Arts, Drake University, Des Moines, Iowa, where later he became assistant professor of singing from 1907 until 1911, and professor of singing from 1911 until 1919. After his graduation, Professor MacRae studied with Albert Boroff, Chicago, Holmes Cowper, Des Moines, R. Watkins Mills and William Shakespeare, London, and coached with the late David Bispham in Chicago during the season of 1921.

Professor MacRae was appointed army song leader at Fort Oglethorpe, Georgia, in

1918, which position he filled with signal success, his personal magnetism fitting him particularly well for that type of leadership.

In 1920 he was appointed to the position of head of the Department of Music, Iowa State College, where he is now serving as professor of singing and as director of the musical activities of that institution.

Professor MacRae has sung in a large number of recital and oratorio engagements in the principal cities of the Middle West, being one of the best known of mid-western concert singers. The press has generally given him high praise, and he has always been requested to make a return engagement wherever he has appeared. His



TOLBERT MACRAE

success in recital and oratorio work is no doubt due to his varied experiences as a singer, director, and teacher, which developed in him a peculiar ability to attract, interest, and please people.

In spite of the numerous activities which keep him busy day and night, "Prof. Mac," as he is affectionately called, is a very frequent visitor at the Alpha Mu chapter house, often dropping in for a meal or an evening chat with the boys. It is always a great pleasure to have him sing a few numbers, and he is never too busy to spend a few minutes discussing with some member any particular problem that may be solved by his efforts or the application of his advice. Professor MacRae is perhaps

the most popular member of the Iowa State College faculty to the entire student body, and Alpha Mu is always proud to be connected with him and to support him in whatever measures he may plan.

### Aid Chicago Club

The liveliest organization of its kind is the Interfraternity Club of Chicago with its attractive, splendidly appointed clubrooms, its newest of publications, *The Greek Week*, and its entertaining social program. Two contributing factors to its success are Alfred Bierdemann, '25, chairman of the all important House Committee, and H. Wendell Frier, '27, the official Theta Chi representative on the Board of Directors. Both men are alumni of Rho Chapter (Illinois). Theta Chi's representation in the Chicago organization is steadily increasing.

### Mothers Improve House

Alpha Xi Chapter find that their mothers truly enjoy their association with other Theta Chi mothers in the Mothers' Club in striving to do everything they can to make the chapter house as much like home as possible. Through the advice of the mothers in regard to interior decoration there has been a great advancement in the appearance of the house. Since the beginning of the fall term the mothers have made curtains for the first floor windows, given card table covers, table covers, and, at Christmas, the chapter received a fine electric clock for the living room. The mothers laud the standards of Theta Chi, and their spirit in their organization is one of enthusiasm. The interest shown by the members of the Mothers' Club has been a great satisfaction to Alpha Xi Chapter.

## National Offices Held By Theta Chis

Evidence of Theta Chi leadership in the Pacific Northwest was given by the election of David Ekberg, '33, president of Alpha Omicron Chapter, as national president of Intercollegiate Knights, and George Baldwin, Sigma, '33, as national vice president at the annual convention held at the University of Idaho.

The Intercollegiate Knights was founded at the University of Washington in 1919 as a national service organization composed of underclassmen. The purpose of the organization is to be of aid in each particular school in handling athletic events, fostering school spirit, and being ready at any time to be of service to *alma mater*.

The members are selected and pledged as in a fraternity. The personnel of the membership is made up of men who are not athletes as a rule, but who desire to be of service to their school. All active members are underclassmen, all chapter officers are juniors, and the national president and vice president are college seniors. The head of each chapter is given the title of duke.

The organization is confined to the Pacific Northwest as yet. There are seven chapters: University of Washington, Wash-

ington State College, University of Idaho, University of Southern Idaho, Montana State College, Utah State College, and Oregon State College. While the organization is limited at present to the Pacific Coast and Rocky Mountain Conferences, the expansion policy calls for a national development embracing the entire country.

Both Brothers Ekberg and Baldwin have been active throughout their campus life in the work of the Intercollegiate Knights. The latter was duke of the Oregon State Chapter his junior year and represented that chapter at Idaho last year and at the national convention at the University of Montana the year previous.

He will play an important part in the convention this year which will be held at Oregon State College, his chapter being host.

Kenyon Bement, Alpha Omicron, is duke, or president of Washington State Chapter of Intercollegiate Knights and Willis Smith, also Alpha Rho, is one of the junior officers. Every fraternity, every dormitory, and the independent organization are represented in the organization at Washington State, each group sending two men, making the chapter membership about forty-five.



DAVID EKBERG



GEORGE M. BALDWIN

# Theta Chi Likes To Play Baseball in Japan

By ROBERT FUOSS, *Alpha Gamma*

WHILE Theta Chis were in the midst of the ceremonies of the 76th annual convention, Elmer S. Waterbor, Alpha Gamma, '34, was touring Japan as a member of the University of Michigan's baseball team. After having earned a letter as varsity short-stop during his first year of competition, his selection on the third Wolverine nine to invade Japan was only a matter of course.

Leaving Ann Arbor on August 6, the team sailed from San Francisco on the Asama Maru of the Japanese line, August 11. In the course of the journey from Ann Arbor to the Coast, during which the squad was escorted by railroad officials, newspaper reporters made countless group and personal photographs. As a result, by the time the baseball players had reached Hollywood they felt no more camera shy than Charles Ruggles, Lila Lee, or Clive Brook, to whom they were introduced.

The sixteen-day trip from San Francisco to Yokohama was uninterrupted except for a one-day stop in Hawaii where the team met and defeated the Philadelphia Colored Giants, also on tour, by the score of 5-3. A part of the time on board was necessarily spent in practice since the warm, moist heat made acclimitization difficult.

Baseball to the Japanese is a serious proposition. Not only do they practice much longer than American teams, but the very size of the ball parks is evidence of the interest and enthusiasm with which this sport is endorsed. The Meiji Shrine Stadium, where Meiji University was the host, is at least as fine as American big league parks, Waterbor said. "The outfield is of grass enclosed by a fence nearly five feet high. Beyond the fence the ground slopes up rather abruptly to an elevation of about forty feet.



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Around the top there are a few rows of seats, but most of the Japanese would rather lie on the grass in the enclosure."

"What was the most surprising thing about the Japanese?" Waterbor was asked.

"Well," he replied, "we played sixteen games in and around Tokio, winning 12 and losing four, and never once did I hear an umpire's decision contested by a Japanese. Not only were the Japanese courteous to the officials, but members of the team agree in saying that they are quite spoiled for play in America since the crowds in Japan were so generous with applause. Even a particularly good stop or throw in practice merited an ovation. The Japanese were marvelous in the field and on the bases, but a weakness in hitting and pitching cost them many of the games," he added.



WATERBOR AT BAT

Despite the fact that the team was playing nearly daily engagements, there was plenty of time for short trips and amusement. "The Japanese proved perfect hosts, and never a day went by without them attempting to make our visit more pleasant," Waterbor said. "We rickshawed, went to the movies, or took short trips every day."

It has been said that one should not use the term beautiful unless he has seen the Shrine at Nikko. We attempted to contest the argument with Waterbor, but his announcement of the fact that it was valued at approximately one billion dollars and that it took twelve hundred men fifteen years to build it was quite enough proof for us.

"Tokio is, of course, a very modern city; it's like Detroit with the addition of five million bicycles," Waterbor said.

It is always customary to ask the adventurer just what part of his experience he enjoyed the most, and so we duly queried Stub, upon his return. "It's a draw," replied Elmer, "I don't know whether it was the fifty-mile ride in a taxi for a dollar, the fifteen-course dinner that included shark fins, or the farewell celebration in Tokio." For just a moment he thought, then concluded, "I think it's the last. I'll never forget hearing that little Japanese band play 'The Victors' while they presented us with lettered jackets and small cherry wood cabinets as trophies of our victory."

## Wins Editorial Campaigns

Charles Sloan Temple, Alpha Iota, '33, editor-in-chief of the *Indiana Daily Student*, all-American college daily, has proved that a university newspaper can be a tremendous



CHARLES S. TEMPLE

influence. During his editorship, he has initiated several important campaigns at Indiana University, and he kept on them till success came. Perhaps the most important of these was the fight against high-priced musical organizations for the customary college dances. Realizing that orchestras were charging entirely too much for their services, Editor Temple started a vigorous editorial campaign.

As a result, the Interfraternity Council passed a resolution limiting the price that campus fraternities could pay for their music.

Another one of his drives opened the library on Sundays. The university, resorting to the popular excuse concerning the depression, decided to keep the library closed on Sundays in order to cut down operating expenses. An editorial campaign, however, convinced the university of the soundness of the students' arguments, and now the library stays open on Sunday afternoons till 5 o'clock.

Among the different organizations of which Brother Temple is a member are the Sphinx Club, honorary organization for upperclassmen, Phi Delta Gamma, Sigma Delta Chi, and the International Relations Club.

## Chance To Win Books

To encourage Theta Chi chapters to make their libraries not only larger in size, but more definitely appealing to members, the National Council is offering a fine set of books that will make an excellent contribution to any collection. This set will be awarded after a careful study is made of the reports of chapter librarians at the end of the college year.

Credit toward the award will be given for efforts on the part of the chapter to make the library room more attractive, to have it supplied regularly with metropolitan newspapers and worth while magazines,

and to arouse among members and pledges interest in the library phase of the chapter house. Credit will also be given for ingenious methods used in increasing both the number and quality of books for the library either through purchase by the chapter or by gifts from actives, pledges, parents, alumni, and friends. There will be, of course, a consideration of the books in the library at the beginning of the college year and the end, the award being based primarily upon the definite improvement made through the year.

## Edits State Magazine

To be an associate editor of a state magazine at the age of twenty-two and while still a senior in college is an unusual accomplishment. Philbrook Paine, Zeta, '33, son of the late eminent Ralph D. Paine, is the Theta Chi who is doing this editorial work now.

It all started when he became interested in owning, editing, and publishing a campus magazine which he started as *The Outlet* this fall. The first issue came out on



PHILBROOK PAINE

October 15 and contained several stories and articles by the faculty and members of the student body at the University of New Hampshire. The magazine was very well received and enjoyed a brisk sale.

After the first issue, Publisher Paine merged his magazine with *Our New Hampshire*, a magazine which is published once a month and which has a state-wide sale. In addition to his duties as the associate editor of this magazine, he expects to report the state legislature proceedings when that body convenes in January.

In addition to his other activities on the campus he is the Zeta Chapter librarian, a member of the Blue Circle in the Outing Club, as well as editor of the *Zeta Dagger*.

# Phi Chapter Coaches Number Eleven

By LELAND MAY, *Phi*

In the past fifteen years numerous Phi Chapter athletes have entered the coaching profession upon graduation from North Dakota State. At present there are eleven Phi men who are successfully leading football and basketball squads in Northwest conferences.

Of these perhaps the most successful is Alex J. Nemzik, Jr., '18. Nemzik, formerly a well-known Bison fullback, and at present athletic director of Moorhead State Teachers' College, has had six championship football teams out of eight years coaching at that institution. Basketball squads under Nemzik's supervision have met with almost equal success. Previously to his appointment as athletic director, Nemzik was the head football coach at Moorhead Teachers and before that was in charge of athletics at Moorhead High School.

Earl W. Bute has been athletic coach at Wapeton Science School, a college in North Dakota, for eight years. In that time he has won two football championships and four basketball championships in the North Dakota College Conference. This year Bute's football team placed second. His basketball squad is again showing championship promise.

George L. Hays, '29, a former Bison three-sport man, is now head basketball and assistant football coach at Bismarck (N. D.) High School. Hays's teams are a continual threat in state high school athletics, having won one basketball and two football championships since he has been there. Before the appointment to his position at Bismarck, he was head athletic coach in the high school at Thief River Falls, Minn.

Stafford N. Ordahl, '31, was assistant freshman football coach at North Dakota State while taking additional work in college. At present he is assistant football coach at Devils Lake (N. D.) High School. The teams at both institutions which Ordahl has aided in coaching were state champions for one year.

George Newgard, former star athlete, is now coaching at Hillsboro (N. D.) High School. Although Newgard's teams have never gained any championships, he consistently has his players placed on all-state and all-conference teams.

Leo G. May was one of Phi Chapter's and North Dakota State's outstanding athletes. Upon graduation in '31 he took a position as coach and instructor at Lidgerwood, N. D. May's record at that small high school has been outstanding.

Kenneth Bute, '29, is at present coach and instructor at the Sidney (Mont.) High School. Previous to coaching at Sidney,

Bute held a similar position at Fertile, Minn.

John Brady, '29, was Phi Chapter's Phi Kappa Phi athlete. In college Brady was an outstanding basketball player. He is now coaching at Hendrum, Minn., having held that position since graduation.

The latest of the Phi Chapter coaches are Blair Seitz and Merton Brady, both of the class of '32. Seitz was a member of the college football and basketball squads for three years, besides being student manager of the College Book Store. Upon graduation he accepted a position as coach at Fairmont, N. D. Merton Brady is now instructor and coach in the high school at Cogswell, N. D. Before coming to North Dakota State, Brady was enrolled at Wapeton Science School where he was a member of the football team for two years. He was also on the North Dakota State football squad for one season.

Another Phi man who is now coaching is Herbert McQuillan. McQuillan was a member of Alpha Mu, the old local. He was initiated into Phi Chapter in April, 1928. At present McQuillan is athletic director at Stetson University in DeLand, Florida. Although he is not exceptionally well-known in the territory where Phi is located, he is outstanding in the South, his teams having won several conference championships.

## Mothers of Phi Chapter Aid Greatly in Furnishing House

Phi Chapter is fortunate in having a well-organized Mothers' Club to help it when aid is needed. During the past year the activities of the mothers' auxiliary have been confined principally to furnishing the chapter house. Late last spring the club presented the chapter with several table and floor lamps and end tables. A short time later the mothers noticed that the supply of bedding and pillows was in great need of mending. A committee headed by Mrs. A. W. Bowman, the present club president, and Mrs. Bert Gorman repaired and replenished the supply.

Due to illnesses, the mothers have not had their regular number of meetings this fall. The first gathering was spent in entertaining the new members of the club at a bridge party. In subsequent meetings plans have been made to present the chapter with a wrought-iron fireplace screen.

A highlight of all evening meetings of the Mothers' Club is that of inviting the active and pledge members of Phi Chapter to join them at their late supper.

## Joins Tech Faculty

Richard Alexander Beth, graduated from Tech with a B. S. degree in electrical engineering. Mr. Beth, now Dr. Beth, was a very active man in his class. He combined brains with brawn, and during his first three years he might be seen cavorting about the football field on almost any late afternoon five days of the week. In spite of, or perhaps because of, this muscular



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activity, he was editor-in-chief of the *Tech News*; editor-in-chief of the 1927 *Aftermath*; editor of the *Tech Bible*; a member of the Y. M. C. A. Cabinet for three years and its president during his third year on it; a member of the A. I. E. E., its secretary during his junior year and vice president the next; president of Tau Beta Pi his senior year; Interfraternity Council member the same year; sophomore class secretary; and a member of Sigma Xi. Is it any wonder that his class voted him its most active member?

After completing his four years as an undergraduate student he returned the next year as graduate assistant in physics. Two years later, 1929, he received his M. S. in this subject. Such hard work should be rewarded and was. The International Institute of Education awarded him an international exchange fellowship to study in Germany. With his passport and other credentials in his pocket Beth set sail for Frankfurt am Main, the home of Goethe. There, at the University of Frankfurt, he

continued his study of physics for a year. For the next year and a half he confined himself particularly to the study of mathematics and was awarded a Ph. D. in this subject in 1932. Now this member of the Theta Chi Fraternity has returned to the Institute in the role of an assistant professor and is doing his best to impart the principles of physics to the sophomores.

While in Germany Dr. Beth became quite interested in international relations and in several talks has explained the conditions in Germany and the viewpoint of its people in regard to their situation and their relations with other countries of the world. —*Tech News* (Worcester) Nov. 1.

## Arranges Science Meeting

An active part in arranging for the meeting of the Ohio Society for the Advancement of Science to be held on the campus of Ohio University, April 14-15, is being taken by Emmett Rowles, Alpha Tau, associate professor of biology at the Athens institution. Professor Rowles is an official of the medical science division of the group. The Ohio University committee plans to invite outstanding undergraduate and graduate students to the sessions. The West Virginia Academy will also be invited to attend the meeting because of the proximity of that state to Athens.

## The World of Affairs . . .

**ZETA (New Hampshire)** — Harry L. Wood, '32, has returned to the University of New Hampshire to continue his studies. —Malcolm I. Chase, '32, has been commissioned a second lieutenant in the Army Reserves and assigned to the Coast Artillery. —James A. Roberts, '23, was admitted this year to associate membership in two actuarial bodies, the Actuarial Society of America, and the Casualty Actuarial Society of America. —Charles R. Hanna and Robert H. Morrison, both '32, sailed January 10 to Belgium. They plan a two months' tour in France and Italy.

**ALPHA EPSILON (Stanford)** — Charles R. Howe, '31, signed recently on the City of Selisia of the Grace Line bound for New York. He is working in the purser's department. The ship is scheduled to arrive in New York around Christmas.

**ALPHA PI (Minnesota)** — Dr. Russell O. Spittler, '29, is serving his internship in the Letterman General Hospital, U. S. Army, San Francisco, California.

**ALPHA GAMMA (Michigan)** — Harold R. Chapel, '22, formerly with the municipal department of the First Detroit Company has become manager of the municipal bond department of Crouse & Company, investment securities company, 1817 Penobscot Bldg., Detroit, Mich.



# Between You and Me

IT IS a straight-from-the-heart "Thank you" I am sending to the many Theta Chis in various sections of the world, to active and alumni chapters, to fellow editors, and to associates in the interfraternity field who included me among those to whom they sent holiday greetings. This expression of cordial feeling made me again realize how active identification with a college fraternity enriches one's life with its numerous contacts made while in college and in later years.

The campus on which I spent my undergraduate days was one which offered a fertile field for the developing of long-enduring friendships. Being actively identified with numerous activities which offered continued association with fellow students, I left the campus with the best of intentions of keeping in contact with scores of men whom I had known well and honestly liked. Yet today, with but a few exceptions, outside of my fraternity chapter, those relationships have lapsed, not intentionally, but it seems inevitably. To be sure, I scan the pages of my alumnus magazine and read with interest news notes that contain familiar names, but that experience only emphasizes the fact that my campus associates and I have drifted apart.

It is different, however, with that particular group with which I lived closely, my chapter. I hear from most of the members some time in the year; I know where they are located, what they are doing, and often what members of their families are doing. For instance, I know that the daughter of one of them is a freshman on the campus where her father and I used to discuss most of the problems of the universe. Those men are not mere memories, as are most of those classmates I knew in college; they are flesh and blood individuals to me because there was developed an interest in each other as we worked and played together that made the association of permanent rather than transient character. That is one of the priceless contributions of fraternity life.

ONE CAN STOP with that somewhat close group of chapter mates if he wishes, or he can develop that circle after he leaves college. It is perhaps easier to limit fraternity activities to the campus, but to do so is failure to continue an enrichment of life that pays heavy dividends in happiness and not infrequently in professional and business success. The fraternity is governed by the same principles as any other commendable enterprise. One gets out of it somewhat in proportion to what he puts in. It cannot function favorably for an individual unless that individual gives it a fair chance in accepting some

of the opportunities for making friends after college days are over.

There are few finer examples of what a fraternity may be to an individual than that offered in the relationship of Dr. Robert L. Irish to Theta Chi. One might use columns to tell of the contributions that each made to the life of the other. But one incident will suffice. About a year ago Dr. Irish underwent a serious operation in a New York hospital. For several months he was a convalescent. There came to his hospital room letters, cards, telegrams, flowers, books, and other expressions of sympathy and cheer from every part of the world, all prompted by Theta Chi brotherhood. The number of these fraternal expressions mounted into the hundreds. Many were from those who had been privileged to become personally acquainted with the "Grand Old Man of Theta Chi," but some of the most interest-provoking messages were from those who knew Dr. Irish only through knowing what he had done for and what he had come to mean to Theta Chi Fraternity.

What those varied expressions of friendliness and brotherly affection meant to Dr. Irish cannot be adequately told. They helped him to live, he declares, and at one time in his illness he desperately needed that help. They cheered many lonely hours. But, most of all, they made him more fully realize that the institution to which he had given so much was one that lived up to its ideals of brotherhood. Particularly did he appreciate letters received from active chapters and from the pledges of those chapters, for through them he realized that the fraternity is a living organism, certain to carry on its splendid work for generations to come.

Of those experience Brother Irish writes:

"I shall never forget the pleasure and strength, for I honestly feel they had much to do with my recovery, they [expressions of good cheer] gave me. Practically every mail brought me one or more from the oldest to the youngest of our brothers, personally known and unknown to me, from far and near, from active chapters and alumni associations. One chapter made it compulsory that each pledge in a class of over thirty write me a personal letter, a chapter which I had installed many years ago. That gave me a thrill which comes but once in a lifetime.

"Although I believe my daughter answered every card and letter, I would be glad if in *The Rattle* I might again express my appreciation and the assurance that each and every one increased my will to get well."

ONE of the greatest assets of fraternity membership is the opportunity of making contacts with interesting persons. A few weeks ago I was sitting in a New York theatre, scanning the program between acts, when a name of a member of the cast caught my attention as one with which I had had some sort of connection. I could not at first establish the connection, but a program note gave me information that helped, and I realized that the man whose ability as an actor I had been admiring was a Theta Chi with whom I had had some pleasant correspondence in securing a story of his barnstorming experiences with a road company of "Broadway." As a result of that recognition, I enjoyed a pleasant chat with Cecil Holm, who is establishing himself firmly as a Broadway actor. Through him I met one of his associates, whose artistic work I had applauded the summer previous in Maine in that interesting actors' colony at Lakewood, which not only "brings Broadway to Maine," but tries out new plays with such skill that Broadway producers are frequently in the audience.

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IN these days of discouraging depression, it is not surprising that fraternities are affected; a survey of Greek-letter publications would indicate that a serious attitude questioning what the future may bring in the way of diminished chapter rolls is almost universal. Theta Chi, like all other similar organizations, has its problem chapters. And here is the testing ground. While the National Council and the National Board of Trustees will do all in their power to aid chapters, the real solution must be found by the actives and the alumni of the chapter, and action must be prompt.

The need for mature, wise direction of undergraduate chapters has never been so urgent. This offers an opportunity to alumni that challenges the best in executive ability, in financial management, and in building up membership and morale. While alumni advisers naturally are in a position for leadership, the responsibility is not entirely theirs. It belongs to every graduate who feels that his chapter is a worth while institution and should continue to serve the youth of his particular *alma mater*.

Active chapters that are not balancing their expenses and receipts each month, that have not a substantial membership in their sophomore and junior delegations and a goodly number of responsible pledges, that are having difficulty to meet legitimate obligations, should present an exact picture of the situation to all their alumni and actively seek their co-operation. Adjustments to meet present economic situations are going on everywhere. They should be possible in fraternity situations, but frequently they are not made because of lack of wise leadership. Alumni and actives have a common problem, in some cases, the actual pres-

ervation of their chapter. Various chapters are in a difficult situation because members have left the chapter without paying their board, room, and chapter bills. Some chapters are struggling today to pay off accounts that were contracted by those who are now alumni. Every honest effort, of course, should be made by individuals to pay the debts they owe to the chapters. But the responsibility of alumni does not end there. They should assist present actives through intelligent counsel and wise leadership to meet the problems being faced today.

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It was heartening to read the following in *The Tomahawk*, chapter publication of Alpha Mu (Iowa State) Chapter:

"A new policy of the *Tomahawk* is being instituted with this issue, with the sending of copies to the parents of those in the house. We hope that suggestions and criticisms will be forthcoming from these parents, as we feel they should play much more of an important part in the activities of the chapter than they have in the past. They really should become well acquainted with the actives and pledges, and we believe that this will be a good start toward realizing this ideal." — Here's hoping all chapters do likewise.

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Occasionally I receive a letter from some member asking why certain chapters are given generous space in *The Rattle*, while others are not represented. My reply is that if chapters are not represented it is because their correspondents have not sent in copy. This year I had a letter expressing disappointment that there was nothing in the October issue from certain chapters in one section of the country, including the writer's own, and questioning why chapters in other sections were so well represented, but the reason why there was cause for the complaint is indicated in a letter from the correspondent of this particular chapter received this month, which read "Nothing to report," in capital letters.

*The Rattle of Theta Chi* is not the publication of the National Council or of the editor. It is the publication of the entire fraternity, but to make it thoroughly representative requires the co-operation of the officers and correspondents of each of the fifty chapters. At least six letters were written one chapter in an effort to give one of its members the recognition that he merited. Yet the photograph asked for has not been received yet, nor has there been any acknowledgement of the request. That is what makes it difficult for all individuals and chapters to be treated fairly. That each chapter will see to it that it has a correspondent who will secure effective and complete representation for that chapter is the earnest 1933 hope of

By Editor

# At the Altar -- At the Cradle .

## Marriages

Zeta (New Hampshire)—Stephen B. Palmer, II, '32, to Eleanor R. Warren of Hull, Mass., November 25, at Dover, New Hampshire. Harry L. Wood, '32, was best man.

Alpha Omicron (Washington State) — Richard S. Buckley, '33, to Harriet Rasmussen, formerly a student at Washington State, June 21.

Rho (Illinois)—William A. Stephenson, '29, to Irene Toney, '32, Methodist Episcopal Hospital Training School for Nurses, Indianapolis, Ind., May 13, at Newport, Ind. At home at 3530 Balsam Ave., Apt. No. 6, Indianapolis, Ind. Brother Stephenson is connected with the Indianapolis Community Fund, and is an associate editor of *The Rattle*.

Alpha Mu (Iowa State) — Houston A. Brown, '31, to Irene Mary Reader, Dec. 24, at Omaha, Nebr.

Tau (Florida)—Gerald W. Sturn, '32, to Mary Alice Lawrence of Gainesville, Dec. 9.

Tau (Florida)—Frank Heath, '34, to Thelma A. Brocius of Gainesville, Sept. 13, at Baltimore, Md.

Alpha Xi (Delaware) — James Gilpin Lewis, '12, to Alice Ruth Spafford, Morrison, Ill., Dec. 25. Mr. Lewis was formerly national vice-president of Theta Chi Fraternity. He is connected with the Equitable Life Assurance Company in New York City.

Alpha Xi (Delaware) — Kenneth S. Coombs, ex-'34, to Charlotte Johnson, of Wildwood Crest, N. J.

Theta (Massachusetts State)—Dean Asquith, '33, to Doris H. Redman, who was attending the University of New Hampshire, October 29, at Goffstown, N. H.

Alpha Upsilon (Nebraska) — Edgar C. Bleick, '29, to Julie Anna Law at New York on January 7, 1933. The ceremony took place at the All Angels' Episcopal Church in New York. After January 15 they will be at home in New York City.

Lambda (Cornell)—William E. Palmer, '28, of Elmira, N. Y., to Doris Evangeline Russell, June 18.

Beta Alpha (U. C. L. A.) — J. Leroy Dooly, '30, to Clara Elinor Krogen, Sigma Alpha Kappa, U. C. L. A., November 25, in the First Church of Christ, Huntington Park, California. At home at 6913 Middleton, Huntington Park, Calif. Brother Dooly is a teacher in mechanical arts at the Virgil High School, Los Angeles.

Alpha Delta (Purdue)—R. B. List to Irene Mae Askin, November 10, at Southport, Ind.

Alpha (Norwich University) — C. Paul Dole, '19, to Lillah Ferry, October 2, in Woodsville, N. H. Robert Dole, '21, and Mrs. Dole of Bristol, N. H., were the attendants. At home in Northfield, Vt.

Lambda (Cornell)—Nathan Newton Tiffany, IV, '32, to Helen Crapser, Cortland Normal, '32, September 24, at East Hampton, Long Island.

Lambda (Cornell) — Ralph D. Ray, '31, of Newburgh, N. Y., to Kathleen Storm, September 3, at Candor, N. Y.

Alpha Sigma (Oregon)—Jack Gregg, '32, to Hester Hopkins, Pi Beta Phi, '32, University of Oregon, January 5, at Portland.

Omicron (Virginia) — James Tracy to Virginia Jackson, November 19.

Omicron (Virginia)—Edward Harlow to Elizabeth Floyd, November 19.

Omicron (Virginia)—Edward W. Bell to Alice Richardson, November 23.

## Births

Rho (Illinois) — Born to Brother and Mrs. Jerome D. McLaughlin, Dartnell Corporation, Ravenswood & Leland, Chicago, a son.

Rho (Illinois) — Born to Brother and Mrs. James C. Bell, 147 Comstock St., Joliet, Ill., a daughter.

Alpha Mu (Iowa State)—Born to Brother and Mrs. George Raymond Armknecht, Apt. B, Catalpa Court, Council Bluffs, Iowa, October 26, a son, Phillip Crosby.

Alpha Mu (Iowa State)—Born to Brother and Mrs. Howard Raymond Olson, 116 Forest Ave., Riverside, Ill., October 11, a son, Don Howard.

Zeta (New Hampshire)—Born to Brother and Mrs. Donald P. Mattoon, Littleton, N. H., October 19, a daughter, Donna Joyce.

Zeta (New Hampshire)—Born to Brother and Mrs. Carl L. Martin, Durham, New Hampshire, October 27, a daughter, Cynthia Lois.

Alpha Xi (Delaware)—Born to Brother and Mrs. J. Ohrun Small, Louisville, Ky., October 16, a son, Joseph William.

Alpha Xi (Delaware)—Born to Brother and Mrs. F. K. Nevins, November 27, a daughter, Barbara Jean.

Alpha Xi (Delaware)—Born to Brother and Mrs. Henry B. McVaugh, October 24, a son, Henry B., III.

Lambda (Cornell)—Born to Brother and Mrs. Walter D. Ludlum, November 1, a second daughter, Judith Mary.

# College Days -- and Nights . . .

## INTENSIVE RUSHING PLANNED

*Omega Endeavors To Fill House to Capacity — Chapter Entertains Prominent Newspaper Editor*

(By JOHN A. FAY)

Pennsylvania State College, Jan. 3. — In view of the fact that our house is not yet filled to its capacity, Omega will undergo an intensive rushing period immediately after the first semester. The period will extend for two weeks, and judging by the present enthusiasm we should get the necessary number of pledges.—Pledge Granville Evans will be unable to return to college next semester. However, this loss is offset somewhat by the return of Randall Skillen in February. — Omega had the privilege last month of entertaining Fred Fuller Shedd, editor of the *Philadelphia Evening Bulletin*, and also president of the National Association of Newspaper Editors, probably the greatest honor that can be given a man of the journalism profession. — Members of Omega have been busy the last month redecorating their rooms. The walls have all been painted a light buff color, and most of the rooms are complete with rugs, easy chairs, and window draperies. Three of the rooms even contain radios, and many more are expected.—The Mothers' Club of Omega has been functioning in a very progressive manner. At a meeting held last spring they gave money for shrubbery, and this fall they donated money for rugs. They have also decorated the guest room in a very pleasing manner.—The annual Christmas banquet was held December 15. It started with a turkey dinner, and the festivities were ended with a play by the pledges and a visit from Santa Claus.—On December 16 Omega played host to sixteen children between the ages of four and fifteen. The children were picked by the Unemployment Relief Board as needy cases, and Omega did everything it could to spread the holiday spirit. The children were treated to a fine dinner, and upon leaving, were given bags of fruit and candy. It is hard to say who enjoyed the party the most, the children or members of Omega.

## FORMAL RUSH SUCCESSFUL

*Results Best Epsilon Chapter Has Ever Known — Pledges Hold Smoker for Other Campus Fraternities*

(By WILLIAM E. BURPEE)

Worcester Polytechnic Institute, Jan. 2.—The first formal rush week is over for Epsilon. The results, the best that the chapter has ever known, are in. The hard work

that the committee of Jack Keefe, chairman, Warren Snow, and William Burpee have put into planning for the week, has shown its worth. The cooperation of all the brothers was of the highest order.—No sooner had the Interfraternity Council announced the pledge lists than Epsilon's pledges met, elected a chairman, and then sent out invitations to the freshmen of the other houses on the Hill to attend a smoker to be given at the Theta Chi house on December 14. William Burpee, aided by Pledge Robert Hood, had charge of the affair. Professors C. J. Adams and A. S. Richey gave short talks about their fraternity life and also said a few words as to the advantages and disadvantages of fraternity membership. To conclude a perfect evening cider and doughnuts were served.—Thomas Ratkiewich, now fully recovered from an injury received while playing football in high school, is out for the basketball team. In the two games to date, he has been Tech's leading scorer, and although playing a guard position, his personal opponents have yet to score a point from the floor. Alvar Hendrickson is putting up a fine fight for a forward position on the team, while his brother, Pledge Harold Hendrickson, appears sure to remain on the freshman team.—Plummer Wiley and Pledge Falvey helped the sophomores swamp the freshmen in swimming by taking two firsts and two seconds respectively. A week later in a meet with Connecticut both won their varsity letters.—Pledge Bohaker is a competent manager in basketball. In swimming we have Harold Bell, assistant manager and Robert Taylor, compet.—In interfraternity relay, the team made up of Edmund Rothemich, Everett Fish, Francis Harrington, and Willard Greenwood got off to a fine start, but the pace was too great and they finally finished fourth. The house basketball team is now practicing under the direction of Bradford Newell. With our large number of freshmen we should have a fine team.

Epsilon is trying out the idea of having a faculty guest for dinner every Sunday. To date the brothers have found this most helpful, or at least they have found out that others besides students like to get into a great bull-session. President and Mrs. Earle will be our guests on Sunday, January 15.—Harold Bell and Thomas Ratkiewich have been appointed junior marshalls.—The stairways leading to the dormitory received a fresh coat of paint during the Thanksgiving recess, thanks to Harry Bellamy.—One of the things of rush week was the trip to Beta Chapter. We had a fine time there, especially with the ping pong table. Some of the brothers here at the house have banded together and purchased a ping pong table. It was a great help dur-

ing rush week and since then has been in continual use. How about it, Beta, we will take you on some time.—The annual Christmas dance was held on December 23.—November 16 Sumner Sweetser was pledged to Tau Beta Pi. In addition to this he is a Sigma Xi and editor of the *Tech News*.

#### CHRISTMAS PARTY IS HELD

*Iota Men Around New York City Enjoy Holiday Dance at Pennsylvania Hotel*

(By WILLIAM GORDON)

Colgate University, Jan. 4. — Of these past twenty days, seventeen have been spent vacationing. However, the chapter was not stagnant even during those three remaining days. On December 17 the chapter held its annual Christmas dinner. Those present among the faculty alumni were Dr. Donald A. Laird and Dr. R. C. Roberts. The usual custom of the presentation of gifts by the freshman delegation to the seniors was followed.—Also in the way of social activities was the dance held in the Hotel Pennsylvania by members of the chapter living in the vicinity of New York City. The dance was attended by sixteen couples. George Pellingner, '31, was among these.—The chapter wishes to congratulate publicly Brother Pellingner on his election to the office of head cheerleader. His work this past fall as assistant cheerleader left no doubt as to his deserving the office. — The chapter also announces the pledging of L. Malcolm Young, '35, Lockport; Willard C. Roberts, '35, Nunda; and John E. Meehan, '36, Savannah.

#### CHAPTER UNUSUALLY ACTIVE

*Alpha Mu Members Take Part in All Types of Extra Curricular Activities on Campus*

(By FREDERICK H. CARSON)

Iowa State College, Dec. 28.—During the first quarter of the school year, Alpha Mu Chapter was unusually active in all types of extra-curricular work. Furthermore, the activities of most of the members have earned them the commendations they deserve. One man has been initiated into Phi Mu Alpha, national music honorary, and another has been pledged to Knights of St. Patrick, engineering honorary. In the field of dramatics, two members were chosen for the first play to be presented this year by the Iowa State Players. One of these was on the stage and one back-stage.—Although there has been a definite move to reduce expenses as much as possible, two firesides have been held this fall and have done much to take the place of the private social affairs that would otherwise have been greatly missed. Exchanges for an hour of dancing with sororities have also helped in this.—Intramurals and collegiate athletics have

not been neglected and rushing has been continued throughout the fall, with very good results. Prospects for a decidedly successful year are unusually bright.

#### RHO HOLDS CIRCUS DANCE

(By ROBERT J. HEGGIE)

University of Illinois, Jan. 4.—Rho's annual Circus Dance was held December 17. For this occasion the entire first floor of the chapter house was decorated as a big tent. Animal cages, band wagons, and a few bales of straw put a realistic touch to the circus effect. About fifty couples attended the dance wearing a variety of colorful costumes.—The freshmen "reigned supreme" the night before Christmas vacation when they entertained the actives with a Christmas party. This is the freshmen's one evening of power, and the actives take the position of subordinates.—William J. Schlatter, '33, has recently been elected to Phi Beta Kappa. Brother Schlatter is already a member of Beta Gamma Sigma, commerce honorary, and is one of a very few that have received both honors.

#### ALPHA OMEGA MEN ARE ACTIVE

(By SOUTHWICK PHELPS)

Lafayette College, Jan. 4. — In winter sports, Alpha Omega is represented by James Mann, '34; Keith Leeds, '34; and Herbert Eddy, '35, who are out for wrestling, and by William Smith, '34, and Robert Rogers, '33, out for swimming. On the fencing team are Stuart Ball, '35, Everett Forman, '35, and Pledge Hartmann, '35.—Charles H. Wood, '33, after a very successful term as treasurer, has resigned. His place will be filled by William Smith, '34.—Albert Roach, '34, was initiated shortly before the beginning of the holidays. He is majoring in chemistry and is active on the staff of the theatre work.

#### ALPHA LAMBDA ENTERTAINS

*Little Jack Little, Radio Star, Is Guest at Chapter House—New Brothers Announced*

(By GERALD BONNAR)

Ohio State University, Jan. 1.—Initiation was held during the week ending November 6. Three new names were added to the chapter roll: Charles Keyser, Van Wert; Edgar Courtemanch, Bridgeport, Conn., and Carl Liber, Canton.—During the past month Alpha Lambda has entertained E. E. Dreese, Alpha Gamma, '30, and H. W. Bibber, Beta, '19, both professors in the Department of Electrical Engineering, and H. W. Cordell, professor in the College of Commerce.—Among the guests of the past month was Little Jack Little, of radio and stage fame. Mr. Little was entertained at luncheon and spent the afternoon in telling

of his past experiences.—We are joined this quarter by John A. Brown, a Theta Chi who was forced to drop from school for a while, but who has now returned to continue his studies in premedical work.—J. G. Bonnar has been elected to membership in Eta Kappa Nu, honorary electrical engineering fraternity.—Allen Murray is an active member of the Ohio State Pistol Club. He has been secretary of that organization for the past two years and recently was elected president. — At the annual stockholders meeting of the Alpha Lambda Theta Chi Corporation the following men were elected to serve for the coming year: President, L. A. Taylor; vice president, E. M. Bush; secretary, R. F. Thrall; treasurer, E. D. DeWitt; and E. H. Wilson, C. C. Boyd, and E. F. Brown, members of the board. These men have shown a decided interest in the welfare of the chapter.

### SNOW DELIGHTS BROTHERS

(By WILLIAM G. HOWE)

Leland Stanford Junior University, Jan. 5.—With the completion of the Christmas vacation, Stanford began the winter quarter. The problem of pledging twelve men of the class of '36 now faces the chapter. However, the prospects of a first rate class look bright. Alexander Trompas, '36, first string freshman end, Gray Creveling, '36, crack swimmer, and several others have already accepted bids.—Prior to dismissal for Christmas vacation the region around Stanford was visited by a good fall of snow, an unusual occurrence for California. Even though finals were in order, several of the men forsook their books for the snow. Sliding and snowballing were to be enjoyed in the nearby hills.—George Griffin, '31, former varsity basketball player, has returned to school to complete units for graduation.

### HOLD ANNUAL STAG PARTY

*Member of Varsity Basketball Team Acts As Coach of Alpha Xi Net Squad*

(By GILBERT E. CHASE)

University of Delaware, Jan. 2.—At the beginning of the new year, here's wishing every Theta Chi a happy and prosperous 1933.—The annual Christmas stag party of Alpha Xi Chapter was held December 14. Actives, pledges, and a few alumni were present with several of the university faculty members as guests. Small gifts were exchanged, each including a poem to be read before the group by the receiver. Most of the "ballads" supplied a great amount of humor to the listeners, having been inspired by some act of the reader. A collection was taken for the benefit of a welfare society Christmas fund, and light refreshments were served.—The interfraternity basketball season is at hand and the Alpha Xi men are out after the crown. Jack

Donohue, a non-fraternity member of the Delaware varsity squad, has kindly offered his service as advisory coach. With the help of Donohue's experience and knowledge of the game Alpha Xi should be able to place a good team in the competition.—Alpha Xi has initiated four upperclassmen recently: Donald M. Darrell, '35, and Edward F. Moody, '34, both of Wilmington; Adrian M. Reed, Jr., '35, Winterthur; and F. Eugene Morgan, '34, Haskell, N. J.—Five Alpha Xi men have just been awarded beautiful gold winged shoe charms for their record-breaking victory in the Delaware Interfraternity 880-yard relay last spring. They are: Walter R. Kelk, '33, coach; Frank T. Lynch, '33, Delbert M. Minner, '35, Samuel M. Hunn, '35, and Pledge Samuel Richards, '34.

### FINALS ARE OVER AT THETA

(By H. ROGER ALTON)

Massachusetts State College, Jan. 9.—Little has happened at Theta during the month of December. The first term final examinations came the week of the twentieth, and these examinations seem to have occupied everyone completely. — Walter MacLinn left for New Orleans where he attended a conference of the National Student Federation of America. — One brother and two pledges were not able to make the grade during final week and so are not back with us this term.

### CONSTRUCTS NEW WALK

*Close Cooperation Between Alumni and Actives Makes Much Needed Project Possible—Sport Prospects Good*

(By LEON E. MAGOON)

University of New Hampshire, Jan. 3.—Of the two major projects outlined for the present year at Zeta, one has already been completed due to a fine cooperation between the alumni and active members of the chapter. A much needed brick walk from the front steps of the house to the street, a distance of approximately fifty feet, was entirely completed in two days, by the efforts of the members themselves. The work was done under the supervision of E. B. Jackson, a contractor from Worcester, Mass., and the father of Norris L. Jackson, '35. The new walk adds greatly to the appearance of the house from the outside, and it furnished an opportunity for the alumni and actives to work together for the betterment of the chapter. Among the alumni back to help with the construction were John S. Elliott, '15; Perley Fitts, '20; Heeman C. Fogg, '18; Rexford D. Dean, '31; Harry L. Wood, '32; Harry Steere, '28; Conrad F. Peterson, Jr., '32; Norman J. Randall, '32; Charles R. Hanna, '32, and Norman S. Weeks, '28.—At present Theta Chi is leading in the intramural all-point trophy competition due to the clever work

of the basketball team in winning the championship. The outlook for the intramural boxing, hockey, and winter-sports competitions is extremely favorable for Theta Chi and permanent retention of the all-point trophy is assured with the winning of top place this year.—The fall house dance was held on November 26. The barn dance, which was attempted again this year, proved to be most successful. Several alumni were back for the party.—A student advisory board composed of men and women chosen by the heads of the various departments as the most outstanding in their major courses has been initiated in the College of Liberal Arts. Howard Wilson, '34, has been selected as the representative of the sociology department.

Elton Glover and Theodore Darling were consistent placers for the championship cross-country team this year. In addition to winning the New England Intercollegiate championship the team defeated the Army team at West Point to finish the season.—Trygve Christianson won second place in ski-jumping in the College Week competition at Lake Placid during the past vacation, thus helping N. H. U. win first place.—Edward Lincoln is out for the boxing team. Fred Walker and Howard Wilson are holding down guard positions on the basketball team.—The annual Christmas party was held on December 6. Entertainment was provided by the sophomores according to tradition, and humorous presents were distributed from the Christmas tree. Several alumni were present for the affair.—A hockey rink is contemplated for the winter season. If constructed it will be situated in the rear of the house on the tennis court and will be for the use of members.—After much preliminary work the rushing season is well under way, and by January 12 the men who will carry on the work at Zeta until 1936 will have been pledged. Among the alumni who assisted in the preliminary work was Henry B. Applin, '25, who visited overnight November 16.—Other alumni making visits were Emery Smith, '29; Alton A. Cleveland, '29; Charles M. Smith, '29; George Blanchard, '32; Robert Morrison, '32; Howard Hanley, '32; Robert L. Richards, '32; Malcolm Chase, '32; Robert Greene, '32, and Joseph Ennis, '31.

#### ALPHA ZETA PLEDGES TWELVE

*Deferred Rushing Produces Well Balanced Freshman Class — Chapter Library Adds Thirty Volumes*

(By THOMAS E. DONOGHUE)

University of Rochester, Jan. 4.—A well-balanced pledge group of twelve men was the result of deferred rushing at Alpha Zeta. Their number includes four who earned letters in football, four in baseball, and four in basketball, two were Hi-Y presidents, three class presidents, two managers of their school papers, and a track

man who showed a clean pair of spikes to most of the varsity harriers this fall. These new men are: Daniel Andrews, Jack Bartash, Carl Elmendorf, Richard Fink, Gilbert B. Forbes, Wilfred Robertson, Robert F. Walters, Albert Spaiches, George Swalbach, and Carlton Warren, all of the class of '36, with Edward J. Haynes and Ronald Prindle, of the class of '35.—Pledges Forbes, Spaiches, Swalbach, and Walters made the Dean's Honor List.—The formal pledge dance, held on December 9, was the smartest dance of the year in the opinion of the eighty-two people who attended.—Harold E. Hussong is holding down a guard position on the varsity basketball squad. He was also on the committee of the recent Soph Hop.—Thirty books have been received by the library, part of the bequest of the late William S. Silsby, who had a friendly interest in the house for several years.—Alpha Zeta steps into intramural athletic competition next week when it meets Alpha Delta Phi in handball and basketball. Interclass handball this year approached a Theta Chi elimination tournament. Six of the eight competitors were active. F. Bruce Grover and Benjamin T. Simmons finally swept the series to take the cup for the juniors.—Simmons and Earl Rubens are rounding into shape for the swimming meet with Cornell January 21, while Pledge Forbes is splashing with the freshman mermen.

#### CHAPTER HOLDS TRIBUNAL

*Actives and Pledges Alike Are Offered Constructive Criticisms on Their Faults—Mothers' Club Active*

(By WILLIAM H. DUNBAR)

New York University, Jan. 4.—On December 19 this chapter held a tribunal of all the pledges. After being severely criticized upon their previous actions, they all agreed to change for the better. Later, during the meeting, several members suggested a tribunal for each brother. The idea was quickly agreed upon, and the executive committee volunteered to be tried first. Each one was tried separately and criticised; no punishment was given. Each took it in the right spirit and agreed that the criticism was constructive and that he would try to remedy his faults. The minor officers are next on the list to be tried and as no one has ever reached the stage of perfection, this procedure promises to be interesting.—The Mothers' Club is still as active as ever in their interest in the chapter. Last month they gave fifteen blankets to the house. Needless to say they were greatly appreciated.—The Violet Skull, Christian interfraternity organization, is holding a formal dinner dance on or about January 27. This chapter has always been well represented and as this affair is after the examinations; most of us are looking forward to a celebration.—One thing is

certain. John Schou enjoyed his Christmas holidays. He was appointed delegate to the congress of the National Student Federation held in New Orleans. From what we understand, he would have liked it to last a few more weeks.

#### NU PREPARES FOR INITIATION

*Chapter Hopes To Give Degree Work to Ten Pledges — All Attend Pan-Hell Dance*

(By O. P. BAIRD)

Hampden-Sydney College, Jan. 5.—Nu is preparing for the regular February initiation of the pledges of the chapter. We have ten pledges, and it looks, at the present time, as if all of them will be initiated. It is practically certain that none will be kept out of the fraternity on account of scholastic standing unless some unforeseen event takes place during the semester examinations which start January 20. This will be an unusual record, and Nu will be proud that it can initiate all of the men that it thought would equal the standard which has been set for Theta Chi men.—The chapter will attend the annual winter Pan-Hellenic Dance en-masse Friday night, January 6. The music will be furnished by the Hampden-Sydney Collegians. As has been the custom for a number of years, the pledges will go stag while the sophomores and the upper-classmen will have the dates.—Samuel McLaughlin is goating for the Monogram Club. The initiation will be held January 7. He made his letter in football.—Page Morton, '23, visited the house just before the Christmas holidays.—The brothers have returned from their homes after a rest during the holidays, and all report a fine Christmas.

#### ALPHA THETA REDECORATES

*House Corporation Renovates Entire Interior of Chapter House During Christmas Vacation Period*

(By EDWARD N. WENTWORTH)

Dartmouth College, Jan. 4.—The House Corporation of Alpha Theta held a special meeting in Hanover, the night of December 14, at which it was decided to redecorate the chapter house. Nevertheless, the members were more than surprised to come back and find things so completely changed that they couldn't find their bedrooms. Then there was the small matter of shaking two inches of sawdust off of each of the beds. We who arrived on the one o'clock had our inspection tour completed by four. — The north wall of the card room has been removed, and new stairs have been installed in the reverse position, while half of the basement is being cleaned out and prepared for use as a game room. The former game room in the library will be our new library when the alterations are complete.

New wall papers, floors, and paint will aid in the process of making the rooms much brighter to set off the new furniture selected by Mrs. Kilbourne, of Hanover, who is doing the interior decorating and planning. The greatest pleasure is that everyone seems to be satisfied so far, which is a miracle considering the diversity of ideas that everyone expressed previously. The big problem is how to get the pool table from the old game room to the new, and that's fairly weighty.—The present alterations will be completed for the Winter Carnival which starts on the tenth of next month and probably before that. At present the plans call for further work on the upstairs rooms next summer, when the third floor bedrooms will be transformed into one large dormitory and the "icebox" will become a dressing room. The front gable, which every Alpha Theta class has planned on removing, will give way to three dormer windows. Then the house will be in as good condition as a new one.

Chapter President John Trickey, '33, is to be congratulated, for he is the originator of the plan of remodeling, and it is due to his efforts that such a speedy cumulation is in progress. Robert Loeb, '21, Tracy Higgins, '21, and Lawrence Campbell, '22, were up here for several days as the officers of the House Corporation and were highly instrumental in making the plans and organizing the work.—The annual Christmas party was held on December 15, the night before we left for home, and though many of the fellows had left early, those that remained had themselves a time quite in keeping with the spirit of the occasion. Plans for the Carnival are still embryonic, but everyone is most hopeful.

#### OMICRON BROTHER HONORED

*Edward Perlowski Captains Championship Team and Is Named on All-State Conference Teams*

(By ROLLIN P. CROSE)

University of Richmond, Dec. 20.—Omicron Chapter held its Christmas dance at the house December 20. The Christmas cheer was in evidence in the elaborate decorations.—On December 10, the chapter entertained a number of the mothers at a regular noonday luncheon.—A radio dance and social was held by the chapter on December 3. — Rollin Crose is recuperating from an appendicitis operation, while Ballou and Stoneburner are just leaving their beds after an attack of influenza.—Omicron has added its seventh pledge to the list in the person of Cotton Wright, a junior in the School of Business Administration.—Smith has been awarded his first football letter, having previously been honored in track. Edward Perlowski, who captained the first Virginia Conference Championship team for the University of Richmond in twelve years, was awarded his



third straight letter, the total now being seven, four of these being given in baseball and basketball. He was also named on the All-State and All-Conference teams for the second year in succession.—Pledge Braugh is serving as one of the freshman basketball managers.—The college will hold the interfraternity mid-winter dances in the Millhiser Gymnasium February 3 and 4.—Perlowski, a regular on the basketball team for the past two years, is again out for the team this year.—Interfraternity basketball gets under way when college opens after the holidays. The chances of Omicron having a championship squad are very bright.

#### INTRAMURAL TEAMS PRACTICING

*Beta Delta Net Squads Preparing for Strenuous Season — Study for Mid-Year Exams*

(By ERWIN L. SMITH)

Rutgers University, Jan. 4.—Beta Delta's intramural basketball teams are preparing for a strenuous season in the annual league tournaments which are now getting under way. The "B" team lost their first game to Pi Kappa Alpha, while the "A" squad has not yet played any games. — Among the many candidates who turned out for varsity debating were Edwin Kubach, '35, Philip Spitzhoff, and Richard Wiesner, both '33.—The shadow of impending mid-year exams is reflected in the increased studiousness of the members and a marked decrease in campus activities. Examinations start January 18, with the second term commencing January 30.—Plans are already being made for the annual Hell Week to be held early in February. It is no longer a week, but merely three days of initiation for the pledges.—Elmer Griswold, '35, who played as varsity center on the football team last fall, will receive his letter at the annual Varsity Club dinner.—The Junior Prom is scheduled for February 17, and the chapter will have a house party on Saturday evening. Everybody welcome!—Milton Radcliffe, '34, is out for varsity swimming, while Pledges Russ Duff and Gordon Padelford are trying out for the freshman swimming team.

#### IOTA MEMBERS ARE ACTIVE

(By WILLIAM GORDON)

Colgate University, Dec. 14.—On December 13, Iota initiated four upperclass pledges into the fraternity: Francis Goyannes, '33, Brooklyn; Charles Tuck, '34, Oswego; Lucius Kentfield, '35, New York City; and Douglas Houston, '35, Montclair, N. J.—Now that the football season has come to a close, Iota wishes to congratulate Brothers Prondecki and Ellis for the splendid parts they played as tackles on the greatest of many great football teams that Colgate has put on the playing field.

Prondecki and Ellis started every game of the season, and consistently turned in good performances. As a matter of fact, it was Ellis' blocking of a kick in the Brown game that turned a doubtful victory into an overwhelming one. Both men received All-American mention.—In an intramural way, this chapter has been making a fine record. In basketball the underclass outfit has won four games and lost none. All their victories have been by assuring margins. The upperclass team has been less successful. They have won two games and lost two. Both defeats have been by one point. The relay team has lost but one race out of four on the board track. In swimming, the relay team lost but one out of four by disqualification. — In varsity swimming Burr Towl, Burton Kellogg, and Robert Lockwood are showing great form. Both Towl and Lockwood have broken the pool record in the 100-yard free style. The record was set last year by Lester Lockwood, Robert's brother and last year's captain.—Pledge Quinn is playing fine basketball with the freshman aggregation. What he lacks in height and weight, he more than makes up for in speed, dexterity, and basket eye.—Thursday night the chapter will hold its annual Christmas banquet. It takes no prophetic gifts to foretell that Mrs. Osborne, house mother, will serve a fine menu. The entertainment will be supplied by the freshman delegation.—Sometime in February the chapter will hold a one night dance in place of the usual two night Winter Carnival. The social chairman is Harvey Waite.—In closing, Iota acknowledges the Christmas greetings of the other chapters. If we may do so again, we wish you all a Merry Christmas via these pages.

#### TAU INITIATES THREE

(By WILLIAM E. EVERITT)

University of Florida, Jan. 9.—With examinations coming on, the activities of Tau Chapter have been considerably lessened, but they will soon be resumed again. It is hoped that with the start of the second term several of the brothers who were not able to return in September will again be with us.—Three pledges were initiated into the chapter: Charles Head, Plant City; Robert McMullen, Tampa; Austin Race, Winter Haven. We were also fortunate in pledging Charles Rogers, of Jacksonville, and Charles Stoltz, of Hicksville, N. Y. — During the Christmas holidays, Frank Heath married a charming Gainesville girl. He is the first active of Tau Chapter to be married this year.—John Gomez was instrumental in arranging for a dance in Jacksonville during the holidays for the benefit of Theta Chi and prospective pledges. The affair was a great success; he is to be commended for his work.—Intramural athletics are not progressing well this year for us. We were eliminated in both touch football

and basketball, after putting up a good but losing fight. We hope to be able to recuperate our standing in the spring sports.

### READY FOR SECOND TERM

(By WM. A. SHUMATE)

University of Oregon, Jan. 2.—Now that the second term is about to start most of the members and a few of the pledges are back and ready to start another lap. All grades are not in, but most of the pledges are eligible for initiation. All of the pledges now have activities. Pledge Nelson received his numerals in freshman football, and we expect the same from Pledge Paddock in track.—The Alpha Sigma Mothers' Club is now well organized and is aiding greatly in developing the chapter library.

### ELECT NEW OFFICERS

University of Nebraska, Jan. 4.—Due to the fact that Alpha Upsilon's president, Erwin L. Selk, will not be in school next semester he resigned recently and a special election was held. The new officers of the chapter for the remainder of the term are: President, John M. Barker, '33; vice president, Jack R. Beard, '33; secretary, William E. Daughtery, '34; treasurer, George L. Smutny, '33; historian, W. Derald Gerke, '34; first guard, Jack R. Beard, '33; librarian, and assistant treasurer, W. Derald Gerke, '34.

## Rattling Round In College Sports

By  
Charles Denmore  
Alpha Tau, '32

Donald E. Arthur, president of Phi Chapter, has just returned from a playing trip with the North Dakota basketball squad. Arthur, a selection of the Theta Chi Western team last season played against the University of Illinois, St Louis University, and the University of Iowa. His work in the two latter games helped to put the Bisons ahead. He made seven baskets in the Iowa encounter. He was an all-conference forward last season.

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Five consecutive campus championships in an intramural sport is the record of the Theta Chi water polo players at Michigan. They won the fifth title by surviving the elimination matches and then defeating Psi Upsilon squad in the final encounter. Strangely enough for intramural activities, the team is composed entirely of upper-classmen. The swimming team of the same group completed a long list of victories to win the first place trophy. Psi Upsilon was also the other finalist in this competition. Five events were on the program—three 25-yard dashes in various styles, diving, and a relay.

John D. Bennett, '33, outstanding brother in the soccer game, has completed his last season as right fullback on the Cornell varsity team. Brother Bennett, who is house president at Lambda Chapter, lost but one minute of play in three years of varsity competition. His perfect record was spoiled during the 1931 season.



JOHN D. BENNETT

Theta Chi is represented on the Iowa State wrestling team this year by Harry Brown. This Alpha Mu grappler is working with Coach Hugo Otopalik, Olympic wrestling mentor, and has been rapidly getting into shape. He starved himself down to the 145-pound class and celebrated the achievement with a good meal. Mat teams of that school have made quite a name for themselves in recent years.

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Two freshmen of Lambda bid to maintain the chapter's name in prominence with the Cornell soccer team. Pledges James Bottcher, Elmira, N. Y., and John Hayes, Rockville Center, L. I., have earned numerals in that sport. Both played every minute of every game with the frosh, and give promise of capturing varsity berths next year. The former is a goalie, while the latter plays in the line.

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Alpha Tau's pledge basketball quintet was the only fraternity team to finish the first half of the Ohio University cage race without a defeat. Seven games were won in succession, and the group seems on its way to a championship. Most of the contests were won by decisive margins.

### Supreme Court Appointment

Another fraternity man was added to the large number in high public offices when the recent appointment to the United States Supreme Court was given to Benjamin N. Cardozo, a member of Zeta Beta Tau.



## ALUMNI CHAPTER DIRECTORY

**Albany Alumni Chapter.** President, Robert E. Danker, home 776 Central Ave., phone 6-2139, business, 40 Maiden Lane, phone 3-4250; secretary, Lee Johnston, home 78 Winthrop Ave., phone 2-5312. First Tuesday of October, December, February, April, and June, meetings 6:15 p. m., at the University Club. First, third and fifth Tuesday of each month luncheon at 12:15 at the University Club except for July, August, and September.

**Atlanta Alumni Chapter.** President, Emory Jenks, Pacific Mutual Insurance Co., Palmer Building, Walnut, 3220; secretary, E. G. Nabell, 213 Nabell Ave., East Point, Georgia. Every Friday, 12:15 p. m., tea room, Davison-Paxton Co.

**Boston Alumni Chapter.** President, Prof. J. R. Jack, Mass. Inst. Tech., Cambridge, Mass., telephone Uni-6900. Third Thursday of each month, October to May inclusive, at 6:30 p. m., Walker Memorial, Mass. Inst. Technology, Cambridge, Mass.

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**Detroit Alumni Chapter.** President, Lloyd R. Vivian, 6532 E. Six Mile Road, telephone Whittier 7300; secretary, L. E. St. John, 730 Fisher Bldg., telephone Empire 1016. Dinner, second Monday of each month at 6:30 p. m., Palmetto Hotel.

**Fargo Alumni Chapter.** President, C. A. Williams, 1106 10th St., N., Fargo, N. Dak., telephone 5136; secretary and treasurer, George Dixon, 507 10th Ave., S., Fargo, telephone 2323J. Weekly luncheons, Monday 12:15 at chapter house, 1307 13th St., N.

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**Miami (Florida) Alumni Chapter.** President, Stanley Granger, 530 N. E. 66th St., Miami. Monthly meetings during the tourist season.

**Milwaukee Alumni Chapter.** President, Rudolph C. Zimmerman, 917 W. Juneau Ave., Milwaukee, Wis.; secretary and treasurer, Edward W. Timm, Jr., 3406 N. Frederick Ave., Milwaukee, Wis.

**Northern New Jersey Alumni Chapter.** President, Dr. Nelson Wesley Lockwood, 161 Prospect St., East Orange, N. J., telephone Orange 3-0470; secretary, Harry Latimer, 376 Prospect St., East Orange, N. J., telephone Nassau 4-4015R. Second Monday of each month, excepting July and August, Moderne Room,

Hotel Palmer, East Orange, N. J., at 8:30 p. m., dollar dinner at 7 p. m. by reservation.

**Oakland-Berkeley Alumni Chapter.** President, Anthony F. Moiteret, 658 Santa Ray Ave., Oakland, Calif.; vice president, George Posey, 685 Walla Vista Ave., Oakland, Calif.; secretary, Sutton W. Carlson, 527 E. 20th St., Oakland, Calif.; treasurer, William McAuley, 430 41st St., Oakland, Calif. One night each month at Mu Chapter house, 2462 Le Conte Ave., Berkeley, Calif.

**Omaha Alumni Chapter.** President, Stuart H. Kelley, Northwestern Bell Telephone Bldg., telephone Atlantic 6000; secretary, Elmer C. Gruenig, Henry L. Doherty & Co., 19th and Douglas, telephone Kenwood 5701. First Tuesday of each month, 6:15 p. m., Elks Club.

**Philadelphia Alumni Chapter.** President, Oliver G. Swan, 1712 Ludlow St., telephone Spruce 0571; secretary, James Wallace Gillies, 1201 Chestnut St., telephone Rittenhouse 7040. First Monday each month, Central Y. M. C. A., at 6:30 p. m.

**Rochester, New York, Theta Chi Club of Rochester.** President, Carl D. Ott, 10 Gibbs St., telephone Stone 1192; secretary, Joseph A. Ikerman, 345 Lake Ave., telephone Glenwood 6632-R. Meetings: October, December, February, April.

**San Francisco Alumni Chapter.** President, Arthur W. Hill, Russ Building, telephone Garfield 6460; secretary-treasurer, Bert Lamb, 665 Market Street, telephone Sutter 5600. Luncheon meetings each Wednesday at 12:15 p. m., Masonic Club, Palace Hotel. Business meetings and special events on a selected Friday evening each month.

**Schenectady Alumni Chapter.** President Harry L. Palmer, 139 N. Toll St., Scotia, N. Y., telephone 2-4019M; secretary, W. V. Merrihue, 866 Dean St., Schenectady, N. Y., telephone 4-2579. Dinner and business meeting first week in each month. Call above for date and location.

**Seattle Alumni Chapter.** President, Clarence H. Worlds, telephone Capitol 2266; secretary, Jack D. Stevens, telephone Capitol 2820. Dinner and business meeting first Tuesday of each month, 6:30 p. m., at Fig'n Whistle.

**Twin City Alumni Chapter, Minneapolis.** President, Leslie C. Park, 330 Baker Bldg., telephone Main 8055; secretary, Rolf Fosseen, 616 Andrus Bldg., telephone Geneva 8045. Friday luncheons, 12:15, Dyckman Hotel; meetings at Theta Chi chapter house, 315 16th Ave., S. E., Minneapolis, second Tuesdays at 8:15 p. m.

**Washington Alumni Chapter.** President, Zachary T. Wobensmith, 2nd, 2440 20th St., N. W., telephone Columbia 5980; secretary, Charles O. Tingley, 1501 Hamilton St., N. W., telephone Georgia 7464. Second Tuesday of each month, dinner at 6:30 p. m., at Olmstead Grill, 1336 G. St., N. W.

**Worcester Alumni Chapter.** President, Carl H. Meyer, 3 Coombs Rd., Worcester, Mass., telephone Worcester 3-8492; secretary, John A. Morse, 47 Hamilton St., Braintree, Mass., telephone Braintree 1297R. Luncheon at Epsilon Chapter house, 85 Salisbury St., each Wednesday at 12:15 p. m.

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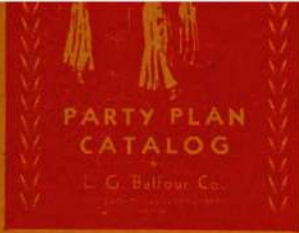
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