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The President's Message



Now that the surprise of my election to the Grand Chapter and complete amazement of election once again to the national presidency of "our fraternity" is beginning to wear off, this message of appreciation of the honor and humble pledge to do my best goes to every member of Theta Chi Fraternity.

Your national and regional officers are men of high purpose, their loyal cooperation is unquestioned, but these men cannot of themselves either carry on or build Theta Chi. You undergraduates are the Theta Chi of the future.

With heads held high in the heritage of the past all of us together, undergraduates and alumni, can and will go forward to a stronger and better fraternity.

Best o'luck.

Sincerely and fraternally yours,

Earl D. Rhodes

National President.

COVER—Convention chairman, Park Livingston, Illinois, '30, greets all undergraduate delegates of Theta Chi's 90th Anniversary Convention symbolically as four delegates from the four corners of the United States indicate on the map their college home. Louis T. Wilson, University of Washington, '49, whose home is in Corning, Arkansas, for twenty months was on active duty in Seattle as a member of the Navy V-12 unit. George E. Goodall, UCLA, '47, from Los Angeles, California, was with the army engineers in the Pacific area and was stationed for sometime at Luzon. He wears the Purple Heart with cluster, Bronze Star, Distinguished Unit Citation, Expert Combat Badge, ETO Ribbon with three campaign stars and one bronze arrowhead, French Croix du Guerre, Gurdon S. Buck, Maine, '47, whose home is in Naples, Maine, was in the Air Corps overseas in the European theater. W. T. Coran, Jr., Florida, '48, whose home is in Tampa, Florida, was with the infantry in Europe.

The 90th Anniversary Convention

■ The first convention since United States entered World War II in 1941; the first convention since Beta Kappa Fraternity merged with Theta Chi Fraternity; the first convention since the change from a roster of fifty-two chapters to one of seventy-one; the first convention to have a class of convention initiates; the first convention to hold a memorial service honoring approximately three hundred Theta Chis who are numbered among the men who lost their lives in World War II; the first convention at which there was an exemplification of the revised Theta Chi ritual—thus the 90th Anniversary Convention of Theta Chi Fraternity held at the Edgewater Beach Hotel in Chicago, September 4-6, made history.

Despite the fact that this, being the first convention since the victorious end of World War II, might easily have been the occasion for a jubilee type of observance, it was in reality a convention marked by earnest seriousness. With the delegates recruited largely from returned servicemen, all participants seemed to be conscious of the fact that the years immediately ahead would bring an unusually large number of very real problems. The men who must face those problems as chapter executives and national officers were eager to get as much help as possible so that the problems might be wisely and efficiently solved. The attendance at the convention sessions, including those of the School of Fraternity Practices, was consistently large. Questions were numerous, and suggestions of a constructive nature came from all quarters. As the result, this convention became perhaps the most significant Theta Chi get-together in the fraternity's history.

The setting for the convention was ideal. Offering all of the attractions that one finds in a resort hotel, yet in a city which has much itself to offer, the Edgewater Beach Hotel won enthusiastic approval from seasoned conventiongoers as well as from the great number who for the first time experienced just what a national fraternity gathering might mean.

While the attendance was not of record-breaking character, it was large than has been recorded for recent conventions and included an

unusually large number of undergraduates.

Women for the first time were made an integral part of the convention program, being mingled with the men at a number of the convention social affairs, including the greeting luncheon and the banquet. They also attended the memorial service. At times when certain program events were limited to members of the fraternity, social events were arranged for the women, who attended the convention in larger numbers than usual.

■ The convention program started off most auspiciously Thursday noon with the greeting luncheon at which conventionites were welcomed by Park Livingston, Illinois, '30, general chairman. The tables were filled with undergraduates and alumni members and numerous feminine guests, thus creating a "big family" spirit which prevailed throughout the entire convention. In expressing his pleasure of being able to greet so many Theta Chis, Mr. Livingston spoke of the transition from freshman days to commencement and the part which the fraternity chapter plays in that transition period. He stressed the fact that in order to get good from any experience one must put something worthwhile into it. The fraternity chapter, he said, puts its members on a grindstone and either polishes them or cuts them down fast. The most important thing about membership, Mr. Livingston stressed, is the feeling of being a brother.

Unusually constructive was the third School of Fraternity Practices held in conjunction with the convention. Officers of administration for this were as follows: Thomas E. Sears, Jr., president; Francis H. S. Ede, vice president; George W. Chapman, director of school and dean of men; Stuart H. Kelley, assistant director of school; Alfred E. Grant, associate director of school; Francis H. S. Ede, supervisor of clinics; James C. Stevens, superintendent of property; Duke O. Hannaford, superintendent of grounds; and Frederick W. Ladue, executive secretary. The faculty was made up of members of the Grand Chapter, members of the National Board of Trustees, regional

counselors and deputies, and other leaders.

Most impressive was the attitude shown by undergraduate chapter officers, the great majority of whom were returned servicemen. They indicated their eagerness to get from the school as much help as possible so that they might face the administration problems for the year ahead intelligently. Some of the topics presented are: National Fraternity Administration, Chapter Administration, The Objectives of Theta Chi Fraternity, Fraternity and Chapter Public Relations, The Physical and Social Aspects of the Chapter House, Rushing, Pledge Training, Budgeted Membership, The Regional Program, Music in the Life of the Chapter and Songs of Theta Chi, The Fraternity Ritual, Fraternity Scholarship and the Importance of Study, Chapter Finances, The Rattle and Chapter Publications, and Alumni Relationship.

The program was varied by the radio broadcast of a playlet entitled "Fraternity Founders" and a rushing playlet, "Hard to Crack."

As a result of careful planning and expert direction the schedule of the School was carried out on time.

In the brief commencement exercises the outstanding feature was the commencement address of L. G. Balfour, former national president of Sigma Chi Fraternity, and twice chairman of the National Interfraternity Conference. He was the first non-Theta Chi to be given the Distinguished Service Award of the fraternity.

Business of Importance

■ The first business session of the 90th anniversary convention was called to order at 2 p.m., September 5, by the active delegate from Beta Chapter, Donald K. Sampson. The Grand Chapter was conducted into the convention room by A. P. McKeown, Jr., the delegate from Gamma Delta, the youngest chapter. The gavel was turned over to National President Thomas E. Sears, Jr., and the roll call of delegates followed. After the acceptance of annual reports and the appointment of committees on convention legislation the convention recessed until 10 a.m., Saturday morning.

Despite the fact that no convention had been held since 1941, there was a limited amount of legislation presented for convention consideration. Two important actions of the convention concerned expansion and payment of national membership fee.

It was voted to delete a provision in the constitution which had limited the chapter roll to seventy-five. Another amendment makes possible the expansion of the fraternity into the Dominion of Canada. A plan to provide for the establishment of colonies at educational institutions eligible for Theta Chi charters was authorized.

A program was adopted by which the national life membership fee was increased to \$50 to be paid at the time of initiation, thus doing away with annual national dues.

The convention confirmed as members of the National Board of Trustees the following: Maxwell E. McDowell, Iota, '16, 1947; Norman C. Horner, Omega '16, 1948; Rodney T. Bonsall, Kappa, '17, 1949; Richard L. Duncan, Beta Omicron, '27, 1950; and J. Arthur Warner, Upsilon, '21, 1951.

Legislation adopted provided for the merger of the Beta Kappa endowment fund with the National Endowment Fund as early as may be permitted by the terms of the trust involved.

According to legislation passed, active and alumni members of a petitioning group are not to be required to pay the \$25 National Endowment Fund fee, but shall not become life subscribers to *The Rattle* until they have paid a \$10 fee for a life subscription and membership certificate.

■ An amendment to the constitution adopted by the convention provides that when and if the Grand Chapter shall by a three-fourths vote of its members declare an emergency to exist in the affairs of the national fraternity or of any active chapter the National Board of Trustees by a majority vote is authorized to loan such portion of the National Endowment Fund that in the wise discretion of the trustees may be deemed necessary to protect Theta Chi Fraternity and its constituent chapters.

A rising vote expressed the appreciation of the delegates for the unselfish and untiring efforts of the

convention committee and others connected with the arrangements for the convention in making possible such an enjoyable, entertaining, and successful convention. Another resolution expressed the appreciation of the convention to George W. Chapman for his effective work in preparing for the School of Fraternity Practices. Other votes of appreciation were given to George W. Chapman and Francis H. S. Ede for their services as members of the Grand Chapter; to



President George D. Stoddard

Alfred H. Aldridge, who had been compelled to resign as executive secretary as result of effects of World War II; to Frederick W. Ladue for his efforts in directing the work of the fraternity, raising the War Emergency Service Fund, and acting as both national president and executive secretary throughout the war period; and to all other brothers who have contributed in the wartime period to the welfare of the fraternity.

Earl D. Rhodes, Rensselaer, '21, who had served as national president before World War II, was again elected to that office, Thomas E. Sears, Jr. M.I.T., '32, was chosen national vice president, while Sherwood Blue, Indiana, '26, Duke O. Hannaford, California, '22, Ralph H. Griesemer, Dickinson, '32, and Sydney H. Baylor, M.I.T., '26, were elected members of the Grand Chapter. Presiding at the session of the convention at which the election of officers took place was Francis E. McIntyre, Norwich, who became the active delegate

from Alpha Chapter following his initiation at the convention on Friday night.

Banquet Traditional Success

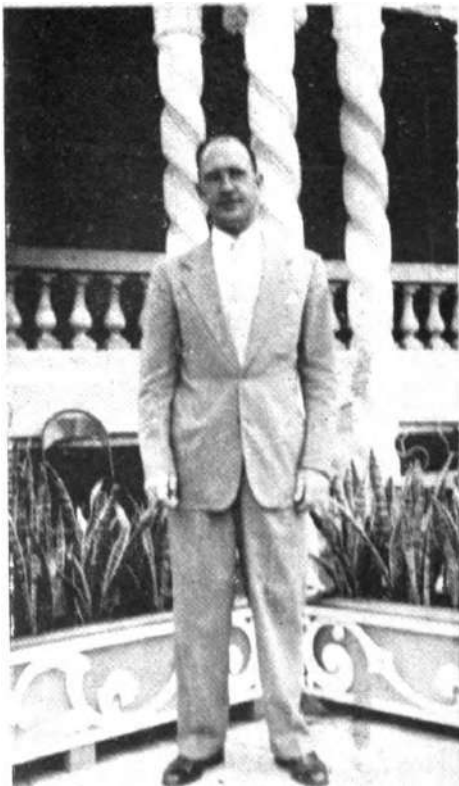
■ The traditional climax to Theta Chi conventions has always been the banquet which concludes the week-end program. The 90th Anniversary Convention was no exception to this tradition. The beautiful ballroom of the Edgewater Beach Hotel was made more attractive by decorations in the fraternity colors, military red and white. Floral decorations were of red carnations, the official fraternity flower. Filling the tables throughout the banquet hall were undergraduate and alumni members of the fraternity and numerous feminine guests. Toastmaster for the event was Maxwell E. MacDowell, Colgate, '16, who with customary wit added much to the liveliness and interest of the banquet program.

The role that education must play in the years immediately ahead was discussed by Dr. George Dinsmore Stoddard, who had recently assumed his duties as president of the University of Illinois. In the spring Dr. Stoddard had acted as chairman of United States Education Mission to Japan heading a group of twenty-seven educators called to Tokyo by General Douglas McArthur. He is at present chairman of the American Council of Education and a member of the presidential Committee on Higher Education.

In the course of his address he paid high tribute to the fraternities and sororities which have done much to solve the housing shortage in educational institutions. He said that good housing is essentially symbolic on the campus as it promotes fellowship and good nature and adds to the zest of living. He stated that the efforts of the Greek-letter organizations had been made more effective and extensive than those of university administrations.

The major portion of his address was devoted to the problems of education both in this country and in the Orient. It was broadcast over the Mutual network from station WGN.

Following his broadcast address, Dr. Stoddard informally discussed conditions which he had found in Japan and other portions of the Orient.



CONVENTION PICTORIAL. Upper left—Florida's undergraduate Attendance Trophy winners, left to right, William Lorenz, William T. Coram, Joe Murray Richards, Alan R. Carlson, J. Douglas Wells. Michigan-Ohio initiation team: first row, William Tattersall, Edward Fonto, Ohio, Jackson B. Hallett (initiate), Warner Jennings; standing, Richard Walker, Ohio, Ernie Marioni, Ohio, John W. Actenhusen, Albert Armour, Thomas Heines. Center left—Delegation from Region 3. Some of the convention's feminine guests. Lower left, Robert Mueller, Illinois, assistant to Convention Director James C. Stevens. Ten undergraduates from Beta Omicron at the University of Cincinnati, largest chapter delegation.

■ After the address of Dr. Stoddard, the Distinguished Service Award was presented to Francis H. S. Ede, retiring national vice president, while the past president's badge, a replica of the badge which was worn by Frederick Norton Freeman and Arthur Chase, the founders of the fraternity, was presented Thomas E. Sears, Jr., who had served as national president following the resignation of Frederick W. Ladue in May.

For the first time the Alumni Award became a part of Theta Chi history. Its purpose in recognizing the effective service of alumni was explained by George W. Chapman. He stated that the award permits the Grand Chapter to show appreciation and properly honor those alumni whose service to local chapters, to regions, and/or to the national fraternity has been outstanding.

Those who were honored at the banquet are: Sidney H. Baylor, M.I.T.; Ralph H. Griesemer, Dickinson; Manley W. Sahlberg, California; Duke O. Hannaford, California; James C. Stevens, Michigan; Alfred E. Grant, at large; and George W. Chapman, Penn State.

The members who were not present, but have been advised of their award are: Frank F. Homeyer, Massachusetts State; John R. Smyth, Purdue; William C. Sanctuary, Massachusetts State; William F. Frantz, Minnesota; Max R. Hughes, North Dakota; Robert L. Webster, Washington State; Francis J. Doan, Penn State; Douglas W. Polivka,



Francis H. Ede, Dickinson

Oregon; Wayne L. Myers, Akron; Roy A. Gizzell, Illinois; Perley I. Fitts, New Hampshire; G. Ballard Simmons, Florida; and James H. Wegener, Wisconsin.

■ Stuart H. Kelley, as a representative of the Grand Chapter, announced the establishment of the Appreciation Award, something quite new in fraternity history. The award consists of a miniature replica of the Theta Chi badge mounted on a simulated golden ribbon suitably in-



Theta Chi's New Alumni Award

scribed, one of the few decorations in which the fraternity badge is used in replica. As a part of his presentation National Chaplain Kelley said:

"It is designed to be given to selected women as representatives of the many women whose wholehearted efforts, whose cordial sympathy and understanding, whose unflinching interest and labor in behalf of our fraternity have played so vital a part in the history of Theta Chi and, in our long tomorrow, will continue to be so vital to our very existence as an organization. It is wholly fitting that the first recipients of the Appreciation Award should be the wives of four men whose work for the fraternity has made them fraternity widows for many a day and many a long evening in the years just past. These three are but the first of a great many women to whom we owe a grand debt of appreciation, and I am confident that both the Grand Chapter and the active chapters will be busy in the year ahead conferring this award on the many deserving women associated with our fraternity work."

The four honored were: Mrs. Frederick W. Ladue, Mrs. Francis H. S. Ede, Mrs. George W. Chapman, and Mrs. Alfred E. Grant.

There had been a lively competition for the convention Attendance Award. The University of Cincinnati chapter, Beta Omicron, which had a total attendance at the convention of 10 members lost out by a tenth of a point, the trophy going to Tau Chapter of the University of Florida.

With the singing of "It Is to Thee, Dear Old Theta Chi," Toastmaster MacDowell declared the 90th Anniversary Convention of Theta Chi Fraternity officially adjourned.

First Initiatory Class

■ A most successful regional counselors' meeting was held Thursday afternoon at which various problems of the fraternity were discussed. National Counselor James C. Stevens was in charge. It proved to be the most representative get-together of counselors in Theta Chi's history.

There was plenty of lively entertainment and good food to help make the get-together smoker on Thursday evening a success in the Michigan Room of the Edgewater Beach Hotel. Professional entertainers and the Theta Chi Glee Club added much to the spirit of friendliness which prevailed the affair.

Unusual interest marked the presentation of the recently revised Theta Chi Ritual on Friday evening by a degree team from the Alpha Gamma Chapter at the University of Michigan, assisted by members of the Alpha Tau Chapter at Ohio University. The evening's program was under the direction of Stuart H. Kelley, national chaplain.

For the first time in Theta Chi's history a group of undergraduates from various chapters made up an initiatory class who vicariously followed experiences of Jackson Hallett, Michigan, '50, as he was given the three degrees. Members of the class were Francis Edward McIntire, Norwich, '46; Harold David Whitmore, Purdue, '50; Joel Douglas



Jackson Hallett, Michigan

Wells, Florida, '50; Alan R. Carlson, Florida, '50; Philip Thomas Hansen, Ohio, '48; Phocian Speyer Rhoads, Indiana, '49; and Donald Gordon Speyer, Indiana, '49.

At the same time about twenty alumni members of Beta Kappa Fraternity took their Theta Chi obligations. This number included six alumni from the University of Illinois: Ralph C. Knoblock, '31, Randall A. Forsberg, '33, Harlan D. Warren, '38, Vernon A. Forsberg, '35, Wallace A. Nelson, '24, and Royal W. Waschau, '26, and one alumnus from Cincinnati, Allen M. Lindsley, '20. Names of the others who became Theta Chis will be published later.

Tribute to Theta Chi Dead

■ With hushed voices convention attendants, both fraternity members and visitors, entered the convention hall Saturday morning to participate in a special memorial service honoring approximately 300 Theta Chis who lost their lives in World War II. Directly in front of the speakers' platform was an illuminated scroll bearing the names of these men. It was shrouded in a Theta Chi flag until the time for its unveiling.

On either side were clusters of carnations, which had been provided by Mrs. Eugene A. Myers of Shaker Heights, Ohio, widow of Sgt. Eugene A. Myers, Allegheny, '29, one of the first members of the fraternity to lose his life. One-third of the carnations in these bouquets were white indicating the chapters that had been on Theta Chi's roll before World War I. Two-thirds of the carnations were red, representing the chapters established since that first world war. Stuart H. Kelley, national chaplain, was in charge of the ceremonies, a part of which was the reading of the long roll of names, which included men from nearly every chapter on the fraternity roster. He also paid a fitting tribute to Edwin D. Huntley, who died on Christmas Eve, 1943, while on a trip home from his service as traveling secretary.

Chaplain Kelley's address, marked by deep feeling, was in har-

mony with the solemnity of the occasion. The portion of his address dedicating the scroll follows:

"Since the last convention of Theta Chi, held just five years ago, a great and terrible war has been fought and in that conflict almost 300 of our brothers have placed upon the altar of devotion to country their last great sacrifice. It is to their memory that we devote this sacred hour. In this moment we sum up the unspeakably sad and bitter two-thirds of the works of war—the blood and the tears. And in this moment of profound reflection upon the passing of so many of the brave, the strong, and the fair from our ranks let us who here remain—we, the older brothers, and you from our schools whose bright today this is and who are the sole inheritors of tomorrow—let us all firmly determine that nothing shall ever swerve us from devoting our constant effort and thought and inspiration to attaining and perpetuating a fair, honorable, and lasting peace for all mankind, that never again need such a heart-saddening roll be called.

"To serve as a continuing reminder of our departed heroes the Grand Chapter of Theta Chi has empowered me to unveil at this moment a scroll bearing the roll call just read, this scroll to be made a permanent part of the archives of our fraternity and to be hung in an honored place upon the walls of whatever home or temple shall house the heart and central authority of Theta Chi."

The Feminine Point of View

By MRS. FRANCIS H. S. EDE

■ As an introduction to the 90th Anniversary Convention, a reception was held for feminine convenites in the Berwyn Room of the hotel on Thursday evening. At this time



Gold Star Scroll Ready for Unveiling

Mrs. Kent Kidder, Mrs. Harry Steere, and their assistants discussed plans for entertaining the visitors.

At noon on Friday we were guests at a luncheon in the delightful Wedgwood Room of the Marshall Field store. At each place was a lovely corsage. While the meal was being served we saw the fashion show. Afterward, we were conducted on a tour of the store, an unusual and enjoyable experience. The variety of merchandise shown us was unbelievable. About the only thing we can think of that can't be bought at Marshall Field is a battleship, and we have the feeling that in time they'll take care of that. Our sincere thanks go to Mr. Harry Steere for making this trip possible.

On Saturday morning we were taken in private cars for a drive along the beautiful North Shore.

The crowning event, of course, was the banquet at which original and beautiful Appreciation Awards were given to Mary Chapman, Dorothy Ladue, Althea Grant, and Dorothy Ede for allowing their husbands to spend so much time away from home. We sincerely appreciated the thought. It was a nice thing to do. But we shall never forget the embarrassment we experienced while walking up to receive the award. We humbly suggest that in the future the speaker's table be moved a mile or two closer to the ladies.

And so the 90th Anniversary Convention has become a pleasant memory. We feel that we were privileged to attend it and to have had a part in the fraternity activities.

Convention Sidelights

Conventiongoers of 1923 felt at home at the Edgewater Beach Hotel because of memories of a pleasant evening spent there as part of the convention program. At the 1923 convention banquet, held at the Congress Hotel, Brig. Gen. Charles G. Dawes in his speech banged the table so hard that the Attendance Trophy was almost bounced off. This trophy, awarded to Rho Chapter of the University of Illinois, was received by James C. Bell, then chapter president, who this year attended the convention in civilian clothes after service in the U. S. Army. Maxwell E. MacDowell, toastmaster for the 1946 banquet, was one of the speakers at the 1923 banquet. Chairman of this 67th Anniversary Convention was Alfred H. Burton, Wisconsin, '17, who later served as a member of the Grand Chapter. For the first time in convention history, the initiatory ritual was exemplified, Rho Chapter being responsible for an effective

presentation. A guest speaker at the convention was President Marion L. Burton of the University of Michigan. Thirty-four chapters were represented out of the thirty-five then on the chapter roll.

The 1923 convention was regarded as somewhat of an adventure, as it was the first of the then annual affairs to be held farther west than Harrisburg, Pa. One of the best stories resulting from what was called "an experiment" concerns the special train which was bringing the conventiongoers from the East to Chicago. After the train passed Kalamazoo, delegates began flooding into the observation coach in such numbers that the curiosity of a Michigan Theta Chi was aroused. When he asked the reason he was told it was because, according to the train schedule, they were nearing Dowagiac.

"And what do you expect to see at Dowagiac?" he queried.

"Why, the Indians, of course," came the answer, thus giving testimony to the effectiveness of the use of the picture of Chief Dowagiac in the advertising of the Round Oak Stove Co., the largest manufacturing concern in this small industrial city. The easterners were disappointed to learn that the only Indians the people in Dowagiac ever saw were those who belonged to traveling Wild West Shows.

Those who attended the 1941 convention in Berkeley, California, recall the certainty with which one of the convention speakers predicted war with Japan. At that particular time his prophecy was very generally discounted, and many commented upon his suffering from a case of jitters. But it was not until five years after that prediction that Theta Chi was able to have another national convention because war which started with the unannounced attack on Pearl Harbor by the Japanese had intervened.

Conventions are becoming more and more reunions for a number of women, the wives of Theta Chi officers and leaders. The good times which they have always encourages them to return to succeeding conventions, secure in the expectation of meeting again women in whose acquaintance they had found pleasure. With one exception, the wives of all the Grand Chapter members attended the convention this year.

One of the severest tests of a speaker at the School of Fraternity Practices was to meet the competition offered next to the convention hall by a full dress rehearsal of night club performers which took on the character of a circus plus a ballet.

The management of the Edgewater Beach Hotel proved exceptionally helpful, particularly in the preparations for the exemplification of initiatory degrees, even providing a large size ship's bell.

The Alpha Gamma initiatory team from the University of Michigan chapter proved that they were excellent troopers in living up to the tradition that "the show must go on." Replacements were made necessary by the fact that men were called to service several times and then

just before time for the convention one of the principals in the team, Francis Carter Adams, was thrown from a horse he was riding and suffered a severe shoulder injury. Despite all handicaps, the team gave an admirable presentation indicating that many hours of study and practice had been given to the project. Members of Alpha Tau Chapter of Ohio gave some effective last-minute cooperation.

Despite the promise of fall weather on the calendar, one of the convention days reminded a person more of mid-summer. Even members of the Grand Chapter shed their coats, following the example of undergraduate delegates.

The L. G. Balfour Company's representative at the convention was genial Tom Galvin, Washington College, '42, one of several Theta Chi members who are a part of the Balfour organization. The display of jewelry and favors proved intriguing to many, despite all the shortages reported in the press.

Saturday at the Edgewater Beach Hotel took on the aspect of a day of weddings, as there was a total of fourteen wedding parties holding forth there on that day. Brides in their veils and orange blossoms became a familiar sight.

Scott Anderson, Alfred E. Grant, and Morgan L. McKoon, former national officers of Beta Kappa, were kept busy Friday certifying Beta Kappa alumni for initiation into Theta Chi Fraternity.

Tributes paid Frederick W. Ladue for his admirable service to the fraternity as national president and acting executive secretary throughout the wartime period were numerous. One of the most affecting was the presentation of a gift to him by the members of the Grand Chapter and the National Board of Trustees with whom he had been so closely associated throughout the trying years.

Two telegrams of cordial interfraternity greetings were addressed to the convention. One was from Sigma Chi Fraternity, which was holding a similar get-together on the same street, only five miles distant, at the Hotel Stevens. As Sigma Chi's founding was practically contemporary with Theta Chi's, it seemed appropriate that these two fraternities should be meeting at the same time in the same city for the same purpose. The other telegram came from Sigma Pi Fraternity also in convention at Grove Park Inn, Asheville, N. C. Guest speaker at Theta Chi's banquet, Dr. George D. Stoddard, new president of the University of Illinois, as an undergraduate was a member of the Sigma Pi chapter at Penn State.

Theta Chi's University of Michigan chapter played an important role in the 90th anniversary convention. Alumni who served included James C. Stevens, national counselor, convention director; W. Kent Kidder, chairman reception committee; C. Robert Swinehart, chairman, hospitality committee; and George Starr Lasher, editor of *The Rattle of Theta Chi*, who spoke twice at the School of Fraternity Practices and assisted the under-

graduate delegation from Michigan in the exemplification of the initiatory ritual. That delegation, headed by Warner Jennings, won emphatic applause and high praise for its effective presentation of the ritual.

Birthdays are no respectors of conventions, and to remind Mrs. Duke O. Hannaford of that fact an appropriate decorated birthday cake was placed before her when dessert was served at the convention banquet. Its illumination was limited to one candle.

Among Theta Chi notables at the convention was James K. Kent, Iowa State, '24, who has returned to his civilian activities as attorney of the American Smelting Company, of New York City, after serving as assistant secretary of war in preceding years.

It isn't often that the members of as large an audience as attended the convention banquet is given a blanket invitation to become guests of an individual, but J. Arthur Warner, NYU, '21, a new member of the National Board of Trustees, was courageous enough to invite those present to drop in to see him and Mrs. Warner at his home in Greenwich, Connecticut, when on their way to the 1948 convention in Boston.

One of the most helpful assistants of Convention Director Stevens was Robert Mueller, an Illinois Theta Chi, who was such an important factor in the success of the Schenectady Round-up a number of years ago. He is now a resident of Chicago.

Prized as a memento of the convention will be the attractive program, product of the L. G. Balfour organization. It bore the crest of the fraternity in colors and included a complete outline of the convention events.

"Park Livingston, '40, is one of those dynamic personalities who takes the 't' out of can't and gets things done." This quotation starts off the syndicated column of Dr. George W. Crane, released October 29. It refers to an alumnus of Rho Chapter, University of Illinois of the class of 1930, who served as chairman of the 90th anniversary convention. Dr. Crane states that at the age of 36 Park Livingston became the youngest man ever elected chairman of the Board of Trustees at the University of Illinois and that last fall when thousands of GI students were apparently doomed to disappointment in not being enrolled for college work, he opened up the Chicago Navy Pier as a mammoth school room. In the column Mr. Livingston goes on record in favor of letting boys and girls operate newspaper routes stating that he used to be a newspaper carrier himself. He also approved of the plan of Eugene Pulliman, publisher of the *Indianapolis Star*, who plans to offer scholarships to top boys and girls among his carriers.

Seated at the speakers' table were, left to right, Robert Muller, Illinois, Ralph Griesemer, Sherwood Blue, J. Arthur Warner, Harry W. Steere, Alfred E. Grant, Frederick W. Ladue, Stuart H.

Kelley, Earl D. Rhodes, President George D. Stoddard, Maxwell E. McDowell, Thomas E. Sears, Jr., James C. Stevens, Park Livingston, George Starr Lasher,



C. Robert Swinehart, Michigan

Francis H. S. Ede, Duke O. Hannaford, George W. Chapman, C. Robert Swinehart, Sidney O. Baylor, and Kent Kidder.

Those who made up the delegation that won the Attendance Trophy from Tau Chapter at Florida are: William T. Coram, Jr., Tampa; Joe Murray Richards, Fort Myers; William H. Lorenz, Clermont; J. Douglas Wells and Alan R. Carlson: undergraduates ranging in age from 21 to 25 years; and three alumni: Dr. G. Ballard Simmons of Gainesville, counselor, Region 12, Dr. Joseph M. Leaps, faculty adviser, and Dr. Fred H. Heath, vice president of the Florida State Alumni Association. The mileage traveled by the active members was approximately 1050 train miles one way per man.

Chance to Earn \$25

Twenty-five dollars will be paid for each of the two best playlets covering some phase of fraternity life which are submitted to the Executive Office of Theta Chi Fraternity before December 31, 1946. The playlets may deal with rushing, pledge training, fraternity ideals, alumni relations, or some other phase of fraternity life. The playlets are to be from fifteen to twenty-five minutes in length and must be such as can be produced with a small cast, a simple single setting, and no special costumes. The playlets are wanted by the School of Fraternity Practices for use at future meetings of the school, regional conferences, chapter units, or for other appropriate occasions.

Dies as Election Day Approaches

■ One of Theta Chi's members of Congress, William B. Barry, NYU, '27, and a candidate for re-election, died in New York, October 20, less than a month before the election date.

Following is the report of the *New York Times* in part:

William B. Barry, Democratic representative in Congress from the Fourth District, and a candidate for re-election, died in St. Vincent's Hospital, to which he was moved nine days ago from Kew Gardens General Hospital, where he had been a patient after suffering an attack of pneumonia several weeks ago. His age was 44. He leaves a widow and two children, Jane and Brian.

Representative Barry was elected to Congress from the Second District, Queens, in 1935, and retained his seat in succeeding elections despite reapportionment of his district and the efforts of so-called "interventionist" factions within and without his own party to unseat him in the early years of the recent war.

Mr. Barry held his seat and the loyalty of his constituents mainly because of his staunch advocacy in Congress of local measures deemed beneficial to the voters in his area, one of the largest in the country. He sponsored a bill providing for a county-wide two-cent postage for Queens which, opposed originally by the Postoffice Department and twice vetoed by President Roosevelt, was enacted finally into law; a law extending the amortization period on mortgages held by the Home Owners' Loan Corporation, and a measure authorizing a 15 per cent wage increase to Federal civil service employees.

When the World's Fair opened in Queens in the summer of 1939 and again in 1940, Mr. Barry was instrumental in securing federal legislation designed to give the greatest benefits possible to foreign nations participating in the exhibition.

■ Despite his favorable record on domestic affairs, Mr. Barry was one of the principal targets of liberal and left-wing elements after Pearl Harbor because of his consistent "isolationist" stand and his voting on international issues before the war.

In his 1942 campaign for re-election,

a concerted effort was made to defeat him, both within the Democratic party and by the Republicans. After Mr. Barry was renominated by the regular Democratic County organization, William F. Brunner, former president of the Board of Aldermen and Mr. Barry's predecessor in Congress from the Second District, ran against him in the Democratic primary and was beaten by a better than two-to-one vote. In the ensuing general election, Mr. Barry retained his seat by defeating William D. Rawlins, his Republican opponent.

Subsequently, reapportionment changed Mr. Barry's district from the Second to the Fourth, a move that was held likely to damage his chances for future re-election. But Mr. Barry won again in 1944.

Husky, soft-spoken, and affable, Mr. Barry owed his Congressional seat literally to the toss of a coin. Then an assistant United States attorney in Queens, he and Assemblyman Maurice Fitzgerald were deadlocked as choices for the nomination when the county committee met to select Mr. Brunner's successor early in October, 1935. Mr. Barry and Mr. Fitzgerald tossed a coin, at the suggestion of a committee member, and Mr. Barry won.

Mr. Barry was born in County Mayo, Eire, July 21, 1902, and was brought to this country at an early age. He was graduated from New York University Law School in 1929, and shortly afterward became a member of the Queens County Democratic Executive Committee. He served for two years as an assistant district attorney of Queens before his appointment to the federal prosecutor's staff.

While serving as an assistant United States Attorney, he married the former Emily B. La Mude of Bayside, Queens, also an attorney.

Another National Officer

Toibert Mac Rae, head of the Department of Music at Iowa State College, is a charter member of Alpha Mu Chapter, and is now working with the chapter in the capacity of faculty adviser. Professor MacRae is also serving as national historian of Phi Mu Alpha, national music society.

Install a Chapter "On Top of the World"

■ The unique distinction "on top of the world" belongs to Gamma Epsilon Chapter of Theta Chi Fraternity installed at Western State College, Gunnison, Colorado, October 19-20. This latest unit in Theta Chi was the Alpha Rho Chapter of Beta Kappa Fraternity, the installation of which was delayed until after the war in accordance with the Beta Kappa-Theta Chi merger agreement in 1942.

Stuart H. Kelley, national chaplain of the Grand Chapter, was chairman of the installation committee, and William E. Smith, Washington, '38, of Denver was vice chairman. Other members of the committee were Mark Mueller, Iowa State, '23; Paul Ryan, Iowa State, '23, and Ralph Williams, Wisconsin, '45.

The members of the committee started out from Denver at an early hour the morning of October 19, crossed three mountain passes ranging up above 11,000 feet, driving two hundred miles into the valley of the Gunnison River.

There, Chairman Kelley writes, "Crownsset like a jewel surrounded by the platinum sheen of the chuckling river and the emerald green of wide meadowed blue grass valley (the cattlemen call this the richest country in all Colorado, despite the gold and silver in nearby mountain ranges) with snow-capped mountains on all sides we found Gunnison and Western State College. It was Homecoming Day, and the football team was just halfway to a 26-6 victory over their powerful rivals from the Colorado School of Mines."

Immediately following the football game a reception in honor of the chapter to be installed was given by Mr. and Mrs. Ned Williams assisted by Dr. and Mrs. Carl Helmecke, the men being alumni of the chapter. Here the members of the installation committee met numerous students and faculty of Western State. Following the reception the committee was entertained at dinner by Mr. and Mrs. Richard Owen. The former has been alumnus adviser to the new chapter since its first organization as a local

and later as a unit in Beta Kappa.

■ Unique was the installation program starting with a breakfast at Keating Hall, Sunday morning, for members of the new chapter, alumni, and the installation committee in the brisk chill of the dawn, the thermometer standing at twelve degrees above zero. Thirty-three men, comprising the active group of eighteen and fifteen alumni, many from distant points, were installed. The ceremonies started at 9:30 a.m., in the I.O.O.F.



Installation Committee: (left to right) Kelley, Williams, Mueller, Ryan, Smith

Hall. At noon there was a banquet of thick tender steak to celebrate the establishment of Gamma Epsilon Chapter. Acting President Dotson of Western State College welcomed the chapter at the close of the banquet, drawing from his college experiences as a member of Sigma Nu much wise counsel for the good of all in the fraternal cause. His talk was followed by others from the new initiates, alumni, and members of the installation committee. John Puter, president of the active chapter, was an effective master of ceremonies.

At 2:30 p.m. the installation committee bade the new chapter a hasty farewell so that the members could wheel over mountain passes back to Denver before darkness made the traveling more difficult.

Theta Chi is the only national fraternity on the Western State campus at the present time. National sororities include Alpha Sigma Alpha, Delta Sigma Epsilon, Pi Kappa Sigma,

Sigma Sigma Sigma, which were established when the college was a teacher training institution.

■ Undergraduates who were initiated are listed together with their extra-curricular activities: Robert O. Bruton, chapter secretary, vice president sophomore class, college band; Glenn L. Byington, football, "W" club; Melvin T. Cowperthwaite, football; Brian D. Macartney; Donald S. Wood, college band, mixed chorus; A. William Hogan, college band, mixed chorus, Jack Puter's dance orchestra; A. J. Goffredi, Lloyd B. Jones, football, basketball, "W" club.

Harry G. McCurry, Dramatics Club; Richard S. McDermott, intramural debate team, one-act play contest; Quinten L. Swopc, chapter treasurer, "W" club, election committee; Leland M. Coulter; Homer A. Salter, football, basketball, "W" club, treasurer.

Max G. Cooper, editor of college newspaper, *Top o' the World*, Press Club; John D. Puter, chapter president, Dramatics Club, interfraternity council, "W" club, college band, football game announcer, leader of Puter's dance orchestra; George W. Hardy, Ski Club; Loren O. Tomlin, dramatics club; Don Carrington, business manager *Top o' the World*, college band; McDonald M. Jones, director of publicity, Press Club.

Alumni who took Theta Chi obligations are: Dr. C. A. Helmecke, Richard J. Owen, Frank W. Winslow, Leo W. Cullum, James F. Gazzoli, Densil H. Cummins, Gunnison; Richard J. Purcell, Denver; William J. Briscoe, Cedar Edge; Delbert E. Borrelli, Montrose; John W. Earp, La Junta; and Mathew H. Deering, Parlin.

Information of Interest About WSC

■ Gunnison, 200 miles southwest of Denver, is located in a broad mountain valley at the juncture of the Gunnison and Tomichi Rivers. The valley is a huge bowl a mile and a half above sea level, with the Continental Divide as its rim.

Western State College was first



Undergraduates, Alumni, and Installation Team at Western State College at Gunnison, Colorado.

established as the State Normal School at Gunnison by the General Assembly of Colorado in April, 1901, but because of the lack of accommodations, the school did not open until September 12, 1911. Its program was two years and its function was "teacher training." In the years that followed the attendance gradually increased, and public interest grew until in 1920 the Board of Trustees authorized an extension of the program to

four years and the granting of the bachelor of arts degree. In accordance with trends in higher education throughout the country the program was again extended in 1921 to five years and the master of arts degree was authorized. The General Assembly changed its name to Western State College of Colorado March 30, 1923.

In April 1915, the college was admitted to full membership in the North Central Association of Colleges and Secondary Schools as an "institution primarily for the training of teachers." In March, 1929, it was given full membership in the "college and university" class of this association. It is now classified as a "liberal arts college with a professional school of education."

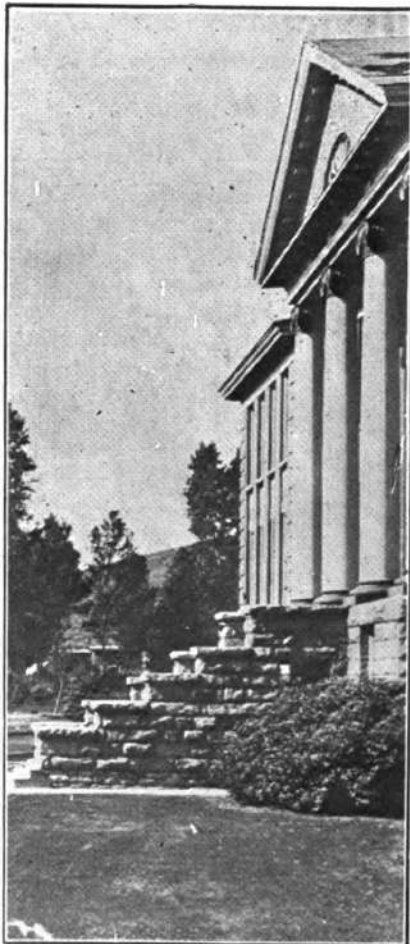
■ The campus consists of approximately 90 acres adjoining the town of Gunnison. It has been artistically landscaped and laid out with drives and walks. Located on the foothills above the Gunnison River, it commands a view of high mountain ranges on all sides. The buildings are arranged in a double quadrangle.

W Mountain, a tract of land of approximately 1,100 acres, has been set aside by the Federal Government as a playground for the students and the residents of Gunnison County. The "W," the largest college emblem in the world, 300 x 400 feet, is outlined on the mountain. Each spring, during an all-day "W" holiday, the students paint the huge emblem. This tract is three miles south of the college campus. An automobile road leads to the top of W Mountain where summer picnics are frequently held.

Western State College, situated in the heart of Colorado's vacation wonderland, has been called the "collegiate outdoor recreational capital of America." No other college or university in America has so many outdoor recreational facilities so close and so easily accessible.

An intensive all-year seasonal recreational program for students is sponsored by the College Hiking and Outing Club and the student Ski Club.

Skiing, skating, tobogganing, and ice hockey are popular winter diversions. Golf, swimming, tennis,



North Entrance Taylor Hall, Administration Building



Ouray Hall Dormitory for Men at Western State

horseback riding, bicycling, cross-country hiking, camping, mountain-climbing expeditions, sight-seeing tours, hunting, and fishing are some of the popular spring, summer, and fall pastimes.

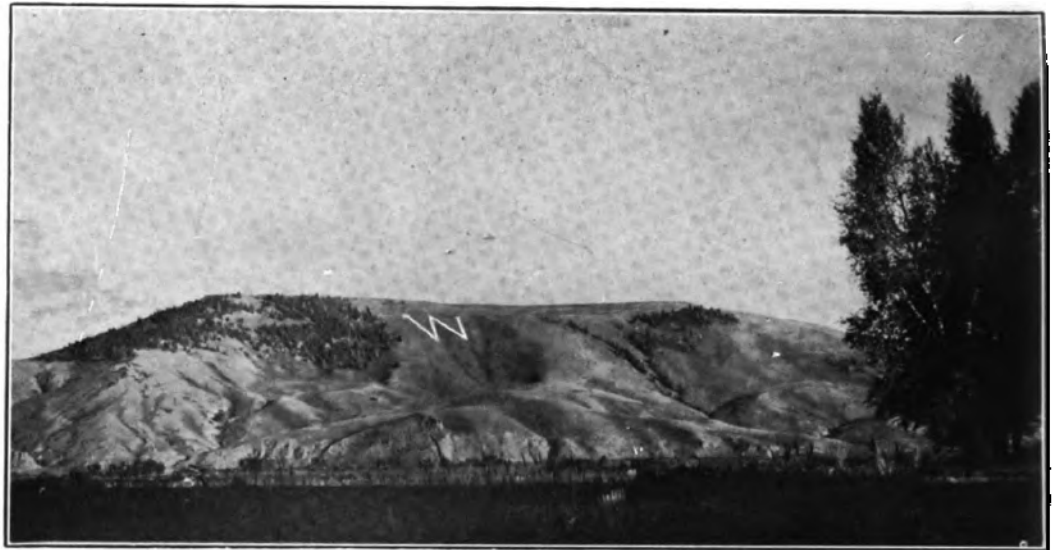
Students unable to ski or skate may take instruction in regular classes. Winter sports enthusiasts ski night or day on the campus ski course. This course, America's only lighted collegiate ski run, is about two blocks from the administration building. It is approximately 600 yards long and 30 yards wide.

■ The Gunnison County Ski Course ranks as one of the best in the nation.

Located 22 miles north of Gunnison on Cement Creek, it has facilities for the novice and the expert. The "Big Dipper," a professional run almost a mile long, has an average grade of approximately 45 per cent. The "Milky Way," designed for the beginner, enables the skier to make a gradual descent. The "Little Dipper," planned for the "average" skier, is one and one-quarter miles long and has an average grade descent of 25 per cent.

A funicular type chair tow carries skiers from the bottom of the course to the top in seven minutes. The tow, 3,000 feet long, deposits three skiers a minute at the top of the course. A chalet and shelter cabins are maintained at the course throughout the year.

A large lighted municipal ice skating rink, 300 feet long and 150 feet wide, is located across the street from the campus. The rink, maintained by



Western State "W," Largest College Emblem in the World, Measures 300 by 400 Feet With Each Leg 16 Feet in Width

the city, is used day and night for recreational skating.

An unusual tradition is a mid-summer skiing and tobogganing expedition to Irwin, picturesque ghost mining town.

Gunnison River, ranked by the *National Geographic Magazine* as the second best trout stream in North America, flows through the city of Gunnison. Student anglers fish 750 miles of trout streams in the spring, summer, and fall. Choice fishing spots are within walking distance of the campus. The annual all-college July 4th fish fry is one of the recreational features of the summer term. The entire faculty and student body attend.

Students interested in mountain climbing learn the intricate task of rope ascent and descent on the campus. They climb one 14,000-foot peak each year and make frequent ascents of other peaks. Gunnison County has two peaks over 14,000

feet, ten over 13,000 feet, and more than a hundred over 12,000 feet.

Wild game is plentiful in the Gunnison country. Colorado's largest herd of deer, 30,000 head, range the rugged mountain country. It is not uncommon in the annual hunting season for the kill to exceed 5,000.

Is General Manager Of Goodyear Aircraft

■ Russell DeYoung, Akron, '32, was recently made vice president and general manager of the Goodyear Aircraft Corporation in Akron. Throughout the war he had served as vice president in charge of production. Now he is one of three men who compose the operating committee of aircraft.

Mt. DeYoung joined the Goodyear Tire and Rubber Company in 1928, while studying under the University of Akron's cooperative engineering course. Two years after his graduation from the university he was graduated from the Goodyear production squadron as the outstanding member of his class and was the Litchfield Award winner. He was sent to study production in a new Goodyear plant at Java, where he remained two years. In 1939 he was one of ten men in the country to win the Sloane Scholarships at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, from which he received his master's degree in business engineering and administration. He became a Goodyear vice president in May, 1942.



Keating Hall Dining Room, Popular Place for Students

Four New Officers Have Posts on Grand Chapter

■ As a result of the organization of the Grand Chapter, following the 90th Anniversary Convention, Theta Chi Fraternity now has the following national officers: president, Earl D. Rhodes; vice president, Thomas E. Sears, Jr.; secretary, Sherwood Blue; treasurer, Sidney H. Baylor; counselor, Ralph H. Griesemer; historian, Duke O. Hannaford; marshal, James C. Stevens; chaplain, Stuart H. Kelley. Four of them are new members of the Grand Chapter: Rhodes, Blue, Baylor, and Griesemer.

Continuous service to Theta Chi Fraternity since his graduation from Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute in 1921 is the outstanding record of Earl D. Rhodes, for the second time national president of Theta Chi Fraternity. He was elected at the 90th Anniversary Convention and already has begun active service visiting New England Theta Chi chapters.

President Rhodes became alumnus adviser of Delta Chapter immediately after his graduation in 1921. He was active in alumni activities both for RPI and for Delta Chapter, being a factor in the successful Schenectady Round-up, instituted by Willard V. Merrihue. He became a member of the Grand Chapter in 1934 and served as secretary until his election as national president in 1937. When

he retired from that office in 1941 he was made a member of the National Board of Trustees and served in that capacity until his reelection



Earl D. Rhodes, Rensselaer

as president this fall. He was also counselor for Region 2 in 1944-1946. Throughout the war period he kept Delta Chapter alive by seeing that members were initiated and meetings held at his own home, the institute having taken over the chapter house as a housing unit.

President Rhodes was active in campus affairs as an undergraduate, serving as financial secretary of the Rensselaer Union, member of the executive committee of the student branch AIEE, assistant basketball manager, member of the varsity bowling team, and as manager of track his senior year. He was president of the Troy chapter of the RPI Eastern New York Alumni Association since 1928 as well as treasurer of the RPI Commencement Committee. He became a director of the RPI General Alumni Association last June.

He has been a member of the board of governors of the Society of Engineers of Eastern New York since 1937 and has served that organization as treasurer, vice president, and president. He is a member

of the Reserve Officers Association, the Albany Junior Chamber of Commerce, and the Albany Foreman's Club, as well as a member of the board of governors of the Troy Country Club since 1943. He belongs to Sigma Xi, the "R" Club of Rensselaer, and is an honorary alumnus of Tau Beta Pi for the class year of 1921.

After a year on the faculty of Rensselaer as instructor in the electrical department President Rhodes entered the industrial engineering field in 1922 with the National Commercial Bank and Trust Company of Albany. He was a sales manager with the Tolhurst Machine Works of Troy until 1924, when he became an overseer with the F. C. Huyck and Sons of Albany, which concern operates the well known Kenwood Mills. His advancement in this company has been steady, serving first as personnel director, then assistant superintendent and since November, 1944, as general superintendent.

■ Outstanding in the law profession, Sherwood Blue, Indiana, '26-28L, is Theta Chi's new national secretary. His election to the Grand Chapter followed consistent service to the fraternity through his chapter, Alpha Iota, at Indiana University. He is at present prosecuting attorney of Marion County, Indiana, in which county Indianapolis is located. He belongs to the Lawyers Club, the Lawyers Association of Indianapolis, and the Indianapolis, Indiana, and



Sidney H. Baylor, M.I.T.



Ralph H. Griesemer, Dickinson

American Bar Associations. He is a Mason and belongs to the Scottish Rites Shrine.

He served Alpha Iota Chapter as an undergraduate in the roles of chaplain, secretary, vice president, and president. He was also active in campus extra-curricular affairs,



Sherwood Blue, Indiana

being a staff member of the *Indiana Daily Student*, *Arbutus*, yearbook, and *Indiana Law Journal*. He was secretary and vice president of the YMCA cabinet, a major in the ROTC, and member of the Indiana University Band. He was a member of Scabbard and Blade; Garrick Club; Theta Alpha Phi, theater society; Skull and Crescent, sophomore recognition society. He belonged to Phi Delta Phi, legal fraternity, as well.

Mr. Blue has been active in the Indiana Theta Chi alumni circles and has served his chapter as alumnus adviser. He was a factor in making the national convention held in Indianapolis in 1928 a success.

■ Two products of Theta Chi's program of development of leadership under the regional plan are Sidney H. Baylor, M.I.T., '26, who served a number of years as counselor for Region 1, and Ralph H. Griesemer, Dickinson, '32, who after service as deputy regional counselor became counselor for region 3.

Sidney H. Baylor while an undergraduate served Beta Chapter as treasurer and president. He was

actively concerned with student government at M.I.T. and was a member of the M.I.T.A.A. for which he handled publicity. After graduation he was with the Doherty Training School of Denver. He then worked in the development laboratories of the Surface Combustion Corporation, which he served later in the research field as sales engineer. In April, 1933, he became identified with the Eastern Appliance Company in which concern he is now vice president.

Ralph H. Griesemer served his chapter as librarian and president and participated in football, athletic

managership, and the business side of student journalism. After securing his undergraduate degree he continued in the Dickinson School of Law taking his LLB on June 10, 1935. He established legal practice in Allentown, Pa., where he became city attorney. He has been president of the Young Democratic Club of Lehigh County and has been active in the civic theater, Boy Scouts, Masonic, civic, political, and church activities.

For his work as national counselor, he has a background of experience both as a deputy counselor and for five years as a counselor.

New Traveling Secretary on Job

■ Meet Samuel Birkbeck Doudiet, Colgate, '43, Theta Chi's new traveling secretary, who is already on his job trying to visit 71 undergraduate units this school year. Discharged as lieutenant (jg) from the Naval Reserve on June 2, 1946, he commenced his new responsibilities with a background of valuable college and fraternity experiences and the maturity which comes from meeting wartime responsibilities as an officer in the Navy.

Traveling Secretary Doudiet, who was prepared at the Polytechnic Preparatory Day School of Brooklyn, N. Y., entered Colgate University to become a chemistry major. He was active on the campus. Besides being a member and officer of Iota Chapter, he belonged to Alpha Chi Sigma, which he served as treasurer in his senior year; the Outing Club Council, for which he was treasurer in his junior and senior years; the Polytechnic Preparatory Club of which he was secretary-treasurer for three years. For four semesters he served as Iota's treasurer and thus is well prepared to give instruction to chapter treasurers throughout the fraternity.

After graduating from Colgate, he entered the United States Navy, and received a commission as ensign at Northwestern University. After training at Fort Pierce, Florida, he entered active duty in the Pacific area, August, 1944, and remained on the *USS Lloyd*, a high speed destroyer transport, until January, 1946. He has a record of making twelve landings in the Pacific area, seven of

which were first wave landings. He participated in the occupation of Jinsen, Korea. He received the Secretary of Navy Commendation Ribbon from Admiral Kinkaid, commander



Traveling Secretary Samuel B. Doudiet

of the 7th Fleet, for his record of making his first ten landings without loss of a man or a boat. After his service on the *Lloyd* he was given the duty of decommissioning ships at Green Cove Springs, Fla. His final duty was as executive officer of that ship. Traveling Secretary D. Doudiet started on a chapter visiting schedule as soon as he became an employe of Theta Chi. He interrupted this particular work to attend the 38th meeting of the National Interfraternity Conference, November 28-29.

Commencement Address Stresses Fraternity Aims

(Notable because of its forthright discussion of present day fraternity problems was the following address at the commencement exercises of Theta Chi's School of Fraternity Practices by L. G. Balfour, former national president of Sigma Chi Fraternity, twice chairman of the National Interfraternity Conference, and the first non Theta Chi to be given the Distinguished Service Award of Theta Chi Fraternity.—Editor's Note)

■ The two years preceding Pearl Harbor I served as chairman of the National Interfraternity Conference. My duty called me to many campuses in every section of the United States and Canada, and literally into thousands of fraternity houses. Everywhere there was a feeling of uncertainty and the questions were raised—what is it all about? What are they fighting for? Why should we be involved? I had visions that few if any of these boys and girls would don uniforms. I recalled how many Canadians, especially in the Quebec area, and many of our own, had twenty odd years before taken to the hills under similar conditions. There was a feeling that America, the America of our forefathers, was finished—that our youth had become soft and flabby and that the fraternity and our whole educational system had failed.

Then came Pearl Harbor, and overnight all this was changed. America found itself. American and Canadian youth proved its worth. These same boys and girls were the first to answer the call to duty, and fraternity men and women led the way. Read with pride where every fraternity group, including Theta Chi, dedicated its time and material assets to vital war work—and in a far greater percentage than any other American group—and how for years the charity, the research, and the philanthropic programs of the Greek letter fraternities and sororities set a record for achievement.

There were represented the brains, the teamwork, and the training, with a loyalty and determination to give their all. They proved again as has been often claimed that "fraternities are the nurseries of ideals, high traditions, and enduring loyalties." And loyalty to a group who share like ideals is the very essence of human personality. They again proved the value of the Greek letter system and with it consummated the greatest brotherhood under God.

■ Now they have come back to us, determined that never again shall fraternities be mere social organizations—mere drinking or undergraduate sewing groups. Fraternities of the future must be utilitarian organizations. They must be service groups. And as such they will guide the future of America. And what a golden opportunity awaits them.

There never has been a time in the history of fraternities when they have received the whole-hearted support from college authorities they are receiving in this postwar period. I believe this time in history may well become known as the "Era of the Rediscovery of the Individual." The rights of the individual are being stressed as never before. One of these rights is to be treated as an individual and to have his or her individual capacities developed to the utmost. There is a widespread demand that the educational program shall adjust itself to this change of attitude, and that the whole student body shall be educated mentally, morally, and socially.

And that new concept of education has given the fraternities their greatest opportunity, for the classroom can do little for the student morally or socially. And where on the campus is there a more favorable atmosphere for developing the moral and social qualities of the individual than in the chapter house of a fraternity or sorority, where young students live among friends who are deeply interested in each other and in good repute of the group, where students learn the lesson of give and take, of subordinating self to the group, and of working with and for others?

■ Here is our opportunity. We have the entire setting for success, and it is altogether in harmony with our idealism and our basic objectives. Many of us have done excellent work along these lines. The devotion of

alumni throughout the country and in every walk of life testifies to the values that they received from fraternity life. Yet we have just begun to plumb the depths of our opportunity, and the great task lying before us in these postwar years is to extend this work of ours until it takes its rightful place as second not even to the mental and vocational training furnished by the college. The colleges are giving us their cooperation at this time because they realize that the new trend in education lies in the field of the fraternities. Hence it is to their interest to cooperate with them closely and to help to develop them to the maximum of their capacity.

Our part is to grasp the extended hand, to forget if necessary our particular interests, and to merge them with the greater interests of the institutions at which we have chapters so that we may in fact become integral parts of a great movement to make better American men and women, of stronger character of greater social expertness and dedications, who may play an even greater role in the life of our country. Of only one thing must we be careful: to carry on this great work of ours, to fulfill our manifest destiny always in harmony with the social traditions and the moral standards of the institutions where we have chapters. The college fraternity is basically the most democratic slice of American life. It should never be hard to convince our public of that fact.

Unfortunately the wave of democracy which is passing over the country is being misappropriated by some of the radical elements, who are throwing dust in the eyes of the public, and in the name of democracy are laying claims to privileges to which they are not entitled. College youth is generous and idealistic and very democratic, and its general impulses allow it to be misled at times by illogical propagandists who often lack scruples. That means that we must furnish our undergraduates with wise leadership, especially since all the colleges are not doing this. We all believe in democracy, in tolerance, and in the dignity of personal worth which leaves no room for discrimination on the basis of accidents of birth or belief. But what does this really have to do with our fraternities, whose foundation stone is congeniality and common interests and whose right to exist is based on the elemental

right of men and women to select their own companionship.

We cannot all become members of our college teams, of our editorial staffs, of the various clubs and organizations on the campus; we cannot all become president of our class. Here, as in everything in life, even as in the matter of salvation, many are called, but not everyone is chosen. And surely, we are not going to say that Christ himself was not democratic when he said this.

■ And so, let us refuse to allow this issue to become confused; but let us not aggravate it by being unnecessarily inconsiderate, by exaggerating the significance and importance of fraternity membership. Let's consider it, not evidence of social preferment, but only dedication to service, service to our college, our fellow students, and to our fraternity members; dedication to a life of usefulness and unselfishness. And that is the highest form of democracy.

And if we present a solid front of our membership and the experience which it represents, and if we give to our undergraduate members all the guidance on which we can draw, these radical movements will leave us unscathed, because they are aimed at the inexperienced.

Perhaps the most common charge brought against the fraternities is the fact that they are undemocratic. Certainly we have had some bad publicity on that score the past year. Unfortunately, few people know what undemocratic means, and in their use of the expression have perverted it sadly.

What they really are challenging, however, is our right to select our own members, and this they base on the wierd assumption that any student in a given educational institution should have the right, and therefore expect the opportunity to join your fraternity or mine, and that the disappointment resulting from their failure to achieve this is our responsibility and not theirs. Translated into simpler language, this means that you and I are not democratic if we do not stand on the street corner and invite into our homes any stranger who passes by and looks enviously at the comfort and charm that these homes suggest. And yet this is manifestly an absurd idea. Recently a Bowdoin College professor, speaking to a student body, urged that a group of

colleges should join hands and insist that the fraternities should remove all discriminatory restrictions of membership, and yet these colleges themselves have not extended membership on their faculties to the Negro race.

A few years ago one of the greatest scientists of our day died after a life of great usefulness to the common man. If he had been a white man he would have been honored by many institutions; since he was black only a single institution, and that his *alma mater*, showed any evidence of his having achieved anything of value to his country and to his countrymen. And this gives us a good slant on the character of the criticism to which the fraternities are being subjected. But, even so, is there anything that we can do to meet the criticism short of surrendering our unchallengeable right to select our own companionship in groups that must be congenial if they are to be constructively effective? There are a number of things we can do.

■ In the first place, until our colleges give their students better perspective and prepare them better for realistic living and teach them that throughout life they will find men associating in groups to which they may not be eligible because of taste, circumstances, residence, occupation or politics, we can minimize any public accentuation of the importance of membership in our fraternities, and so minimize the disappointment of those who think they must join merely to prove to themselves their own worth. For that is the crux of their whole discontent.

Then there is something we can do on the constructive side. We can plan deliberately to extend beyond our chapter houses the spirit of service to our fellows which is the corner stone of fraternity idealism and is the basic meaning of fraternity. Our fraternities on a given campus can, as a group, assume leadership in any movement designed to make student life more pleasant and stimulating for the individual. We can take the lead in recognizing and honoring merit among nonfraternity students, not by extending membership, but by lending support, thus removing the conviction that a student must be a fraternity member to achieve certain honors and distinctions.

We can open our houses occasionally to those on the campus who are

working for the same things that we are striving for, in a spirit of common interest and good fellowship. In other words, we can create the strong impression that our fraternities are, to be sure, groups associated because of personal congeniality, but above that, are men and women vitally interested in their college and the well-being of their fellow students, and ready always to contribute their best to these ends. When any group is a vital force for the things that the whole community desires, few questions are asked about how that group is formed. And that seems to me the answer to present day criticism.

■ So as I see it, we have two problems during the years just ahead: to develop to the full our potentialities as a great social and moral force in student life; and to build up on every campus strong groups of alumni who will furnish the sympathetic and wise leadership which is implicit in the idea of brotherhood and sisterhood. If we can do that we can easily ignore all opposition, and all attacks from the dissatisfied elements in the college community. I think it was Emerson who said that you cannot banish darkness, you can only surround it with light. And so we, if we concentrate on all that is positive and possible in fraternity life, shall reap such a glorious reward in the satisfaction of our members and the college communities in which they are located, that no one will give heed to detractors.

These suggestions are practical in a present critical world, but let us not forget our greatest asset, the romance and character of our history. It may not be visible, as are our beautiful houses, our vast memberships, and our huge endowment funds, but it is not temporal; it is eternal.

The founders of your fraternity and my fraternity emphasized character above everything else. They had this in mind when they selected your name, your motto, and your insignia. They proved it when they wrote your ritual and moved to perpetuate your fraternity. To those of us who have passed through the sacred portals, to those of us who really know our ritual, the word character stands out forever like a mountain peak along the horizon of our memory, and so long as we continue to build men and women of character, so long shall we endure.

Georgia Tech's Dean Field Retires

■ Dean of men for a quarter of a century at Georgia Institute of Technology, Floyd Field has been an outstanding figure in the National Association of Deans and Advisers of Men and in the National Interfraternity Conference. His retirement in June was made the occasion for a number of tributes which indicated the high place which he held among his associates and among local and national organizations. *The Technology Annual* for 1946 was dedicated to him. He and six other members of the faculty who retired at the same time were guests of honor at a dinner of the Georgia Tech faculty at which they were presented with gold T's.

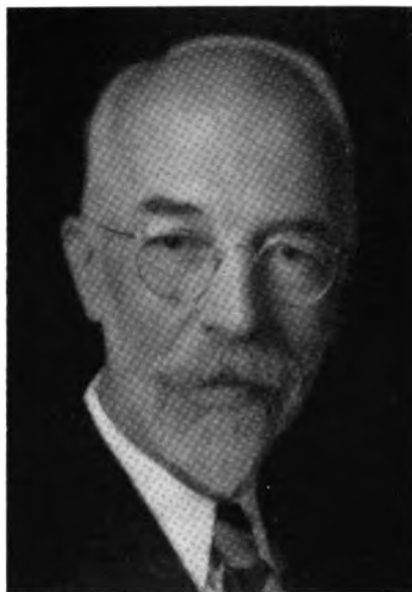
The Tech chapter of Phi Eta Sigma, freshman honor society, gave him a large autograph album filled with messages of affection and esteem. His own staff gave him a pen and pencil set, and the Civitan Club made him a life member with all dues paid. He had served as international vice president of that organization and in 1939 had given the theme address, which was later published in its magazine, at its national convention. The Executive Committee of the National Interfraternity Conference and interfraternity journals have paid him tributes, recognizing the service he has rendered the fraternity cause.

Dean Field was the honor guest at the national convention of Phi Eta Sigma in November. He plans to drive with his daughter to the Pacific Coast in the spring in order to be present at the 50th anniversary of his graduation from Willamette College at Salem, Oregon, where G. Herbert Smith, executive secretary of Beta Theta Phi, is now president.

Traveling has always been one of Dean Field's hobbies. With members of his family he has driven through every state in the union except Nevada. He has also driven through Canada. Another hobby of his is carpentry. The big white frame house which he and his family have occupied for a number of years in Atlanta, Georgia, was built by Dean Field and his sons shortly after World War I. Since his retirement he is finding additional work to do around his home, including the building of a wire fence around the 124 by 285 foot lot, setting iron posts in con-

crete, and using 17 tons of Stone Mountain granite to put up a wall around his front lawn.

■ Dean Field always insists that he was not appointed a dean, but that he was made a dean on his own insistence. He had been the head of



Dean Floyd Field, Georgia Tech

the Department of Mathematics at Georgia Tech for nearly fifteen years when he became conscious of the fact that no one was paying any particular attention to the students outside the classroom. As he had worked for years in church and Sunday School activities, he realized the need of someone in an educational institution who would be really interested in the lives of the students. When he approached the president of Georgia Tech and asked if he could not be appointed to do this work the president replied that he was too hard-boiled for such a job, but the president had to admit that he had never heard a student claim that Dean Field had been unfair.

In the spring of 1921 Professor Field presented a plan to the executive committee of the Tech Board of Control to establish the position of dean of men. They approved it, and when he applied for the job of dean, they accepted his proposal upon the condition that he would remain head of the Department of Mathematics with its sixteen teachers and serve in both capacities at no increase in

salary. That didn't discourage Dean Field, however. He accepted the challenge and developed the work with no funds and with very little help until 1934 when he became director of personnel and was given an assistant and a secretary. He was relieved of the directorship of his department, but continued to teach ten hours of mathematics.

Dean Field was one of a committee of three from the National Association of Deans of Men who devised the method of reporting fraternity scholarship averages which has been used by the National Association of Registrars and the National Interfraternity Conference ever since.

■ *The Technique*, weekly newspaper, published by students at Georgia School of Technology, started its lead story on June 15 with the following statement: "Georgia Tech will suffer its greatest loss of the present decade when Floyd F. Field, beloved dean of students, retires officially as a member of the faculty July 1, after a career of forty years on Georgia Tech's faculty, twenty-six of which were served in capacity of dean of men, a title later changed to dean of students. Dean Field has been very active in campus affairs and has contributed a large part toward advancing Georgia Tech as the leading technological school of the South."

The issue featured a large engraving of the dean as well as several feature stories telling of his hobbies of travel and his activities in the carpentry line. The feature editorial of that issue was entitled "We Know, Dean Field" in which the writer tells of the contribution that Dean Field has made to the campus and to the fraternities on the campus.

Initiated by Alpha Nu Chapter, Dean Field has always been keenly interested in Theta Chi Fraternity. He was a speaker at one of the convention banquets and was active in the regional conferences. He was also a moving force in the interfraternity movement in the South.

President Visits Chapter

National President Earl D. Rhodes has been visiting chapters in the New England area at Dartmouth, Norwich, and Middlebury. He was present at the official reopening of Alpha Chapter, Vermont. For several years during the war there were no undergraduate Theta Chis at Norwich.

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Tradition Is Shattered By Governor-elect Gibson

■ Governor of the State of Vermont will be Ernest W. Gibson, Norwich, '23, as the result of his nomination in August by Vermont Republicans and his election by a 4 to 1 majority in November. Previous to his nomination he had not held a state office. Governor-elect Gibson, who is 45 years of age, shattered Vermont tradition by defeating Mortimer R. Proctor in August, as it has never been the custom in that stronghold of Republicanism to deny a chief executive a second term. Branding this unusual political feat as evidence of political revolution and an important victory for the progressive cause, Vest Orton of Weston, Vermont, writes in part as follows in the *New York Herald-Tribune*:

"Republican Uprising in Vermont
Two Exceptional Candidates Make
Political History in Green
Mountain State

"To the *New York Herald-Tribune*:

"I am not a patriotic historian, and thus blind to the world of reality outside my home state of Vermont, but in reading newspapers and news periodicals these last few months I am shocked that no mention has been made of the political revolution in the Green Mountain State. For what happened here at the August primary was so astonishing that it amounts, I believe, to one of the most important victories for the progressive cause in the country today.

"Long noted as the impregnable refuge of the status quoers and the seedbed of traditional conservatism, Vermont naturally has held fast to the straight G. O. P. line since that party was founded. The first discernible rent in the fabric of reaction took place some years back, when the present Senator George D. Aiken was elected Vermont's governor. He split the Republicans in the state into two camps and thereafter one was known in Vermont either as an 'Aiken Republican,' which meant slightly left of center, or just a run-of-the-mill Republican, which meant what it has always meant.

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"When Aiken was promoted to the United States Senate, the Old Guard

moved back to power. They brought to the governor's chair in 1944 Mortimer Proctor, last scion of that notable Vermont family which has exercised major power in the state since the Civil War. As owners of the far-flung Vermont Marble Com-



Ernest W. Gibson, Norwich

pany, largest marble operators in the world and second largest enterprise in Vermont, and enjoying the firm prestige of a long line of Proctor governors and United States senators, it was taken for granted that young Mortimer could have about what he wanted. He was somewhat more progressive than his forebears and a well liked fellow.

"In addition to these advantages, tradition has it that a Vermont governor who serves his first two-year term without committing a major crime can have the Republican nomination for another term if he wants it. He has usually wanted it. This time Mortimer Proctor wanted it.

"Here is where, 'comes the revolution.' Young, energetic, progressive, and aggressive Ernest Gibson, of Brattleboro, returned with a distinguished and in fact outstanding war record with Major General Wing's 43rd Division. Colonel (he had entered the Army as a captain) Gibson had gone through the entire Pacific

campaign from Guadalcanal to Rendova where he was wounded and returned to the United States with the important task of deputy director of military intelligence.

"Son of a former United States senator who died in office, Colonel Gibson had served briefly in the United States Senate as an appointee of Governor Aiken to fill out his father's term. A whole year before Pearl Harbor Gibson was pleading for preparedness and selective service, and his memorable speech on the subject was described by the majority leader, Alben Barkley, as one of the ablest he had ever heard in the Senate. Later Gibson had succeeded the late William Allen White as national chairman of the Committee to Defend America by Aiding the Allies.

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"When Gibson entered the August primary fight against Governor Proctor he was given only a ghost's chance, not only because Proctor was a Proctor and the reigning governor and thus the favorite of the state machine, but because Colonel Gibson had started his campaign by criticizing Proctor for doing nothing. In Vermont it is *lèse majesté* to accuse a public servant of inaction, because most Vermonters prefer the safe fellow who doesn't stir things up. Gibson also made what was deemed a cardinal error by criticizing the Vermont tradition of denying men high office who had not started twenty years before in town and county politics and worked their way up. Colonel Gibson had never held an elective office in Vermont. In spite of these handicaps Colonel Gibson, to the surprise of his own followers and to the utter consternation of the G. O. P., won the Republican nomination over Proctor by 8,005 votes."

Four Theta Chis To Sit In the 80th Congress

■ Theta Chi's representation in the 80th Congress, which convenes the first of the year, will not be as large as that which served in the present Congress as there will be missing one stalwart, William Barry, NYU, '25, whose death occurred a few months before the election, and Dudley G. Roe, Washington College, '01, who lost out in the first district of Maryland by a few hundred votes.

Theta Chi's Republican represen-

tation has been increased by the election from the seventh district of California of John J. Allen, California, '20, whose victory was decidedly aided by concentrated efforts on the part of Mu alumni and other Theta Chis in Oakland and vicinity. One of his party mates will be Carl T. Curtis, Kansas Wesleyan, '25, who was selected to represent the first

district in Nebraska.

As Eugene J. Koegh, NYU, '27, was again reelected from the New York ninth district by a plurality of 10,000, Theta Chi's delegation to Congress will split fifty-fifty between the political parties, as another Democrat is Senator Warren G. Magnuson, Washington, '27, who was not up for election last November.

Another Father-Sons Service Combination

■ Theta Chi boasts a second service family made up of the father and two sons. Lt. Comdr. John W. Brown, Delaware, '23, who entered the Coast Guard, March, 1943, as director of the USCG Auxiliary in the Fourth Naval District is the father of two sons, Capt. John W. Brown, Jr., Rutgers, '44, who before his return July 10 from overseas, was director of the trade and commerce branch of the Office of Military Government at Berlin, Germany, and Lt. David W. Brown, Rutgers, '45x, who recently returned from Okinawa where he was with the 363rd Harbor Craft Company, having gone overseas in June, 1946. He was stationed at Naha Harbor.

Capt. John W. Brown, Jr., went overseas with the 63rd division as an infantry officer in the 155th regiment. He saw action in France and Germany; as a result, he wears the Bronze Star with oak leaf cluster,

the Combat Infantry Badge, and the Purple Heart.

All three of the Browns are attending universities. John W. Brown, who is manager of the insulation de-



Lt. David W. Brown

partment of the Elliott-Lewis Company, Inc., 2514 North Broad St., Philadelphia, is attending the University of Pennsylvania, doing work on a doctor's degree in education. John W. Brown, Jr., is registered in the Harvard Graduate School of Business Administration, and David is attending Rutgers University, completing his undergraduate work.

At the same time Comdr. Brown was a member of Alpha Xi Chapter another Brown also belonged. This was Major Harvey N. Brown, '21, who is at present staff judge advocate of the Africa-Middle East Theater, stationed in Cairo, Egypt. Although they were not related, the fact that they were fraternity brothers caused some confusion as a result of which



Capt. John W. Brown, Jr.

Commander Brown was nicknamed "Dark Brown" and the major, "Light Brown."

Sammy Kaye Seeks Poems For His Radio Serenade

■ Over \$1250 in cash prizes is being offered in a national amateur poetry contest by Sammy Kaye, Ohio, '32, leader of the nationally known "swing and sway" orchestra. First prize will be \$500, second prize \$200, and third prize \$100. In addition, there will be twenty prizes of \$25 each. The contest started October 1, and will close February 27, 1947, anniversary of the birth of Henry Wadsworth Longfellow, American poet. The winning poems will be read by Sammy Kaye in his Sunday serenade program heard over the coast to coast network of ABC each Sunday at 1:30 p.m., EST, and will be published in the 1947 edition of the Sunday Serenade Book of Poetry. The first prize winning poem will be published in *Pageant* magazine.

Judges will be Kate Smith, radio singer; Ted Malone, American poetry collector; and Vernon Pope, editor of *Pageant*. Sammy writes that he is particularly interested in receiving entries from college and high school students and that he is hoping through the contest to uncover some youthful poets who may be inspired to continue in this field. The poems are to be of a romantic nature.



Lt. Comdr. John W. Brown

Rotarian Governor Dies, Chapter's First Pledge

■ In the death of Arthur F. Frazee, Michigan, '12, the Rotary Internationale lost its governor of the 151st district and Alpha Gamma Chapter of the University of Michigan lost the first man that had been pledged to that organization in its first year as a local. He was an outstanding business man of Dowagiac, Michigan, being sales manager of the Dowagiac Steel Corporation, after service with the Rudy Furnace Company of Dowagiac and the Chrysler Air-Temp Division in Dayton, Ohio. Following his graduation from the University of Michigan, he was superintendent of schools first at Lawrence and then at Dowagiac.

He was a thirty-second degree Mason. He had been actively interested in the Rotary Internationale for a number of years and had entered into his new responsibilities the first of July with great enthusiasm. Death came September 3, following an operation.

Bucknell Plans for Theta Chi Chapter

■ Looking forward to the time at which a chapter of Theta Chi will be officially established at Bucknell College, thirty-five young men pledged their loyalty to the fraternity at a meeting held at the farm home of Raldo Shipman near Lewisburg, Pa., October 26, the date of the Homecoming celebration in honor of the 100th anniversary of Bucknell College.

At the annual homecoming meeting of the Bucknell Theta Chi Alumni Association held in the forenoon Phil C. Campbell of Danville, Pennsylvania, was reelected president; Raldo Shipman of Sunbury, Pa., vice president and treasurer; and Eugene S. Biddle of Ashland, Pa., secretary; and as directors John W. Fisher, Williamsport; Gardner Loughery, Englewood, N. J.; Walter B. Shaw, Harrisburg; Ernest Shaffer, Silver Springs, Md.; Edgar W. Lore and Lawrence R. Bond, Union, N. J.

Later in the day the Alumni Board purchased the Nogel property at 101 South Third Street for \$21,000, to serve as home for the Theta Chi chapter which will be installed as the successor to the former Beta Kappa chapter on that campus. The

house is a spacious brick home which will house thirty-five members. Possession will be taken on or about February 1.

Following the ceremonies conducted by Beta Omega Chapter of Susquehanna University, the undergraduates elected John Worsford, president; Charles Zeiders, vice president; Leonard Amscheck, secretary; and Victor Shvedoff, treasurer.

At the banquet held in the Orange Room of the Hotel Lewisburger, Saturday night, President Campbell served as toastmaster and briefly

sketched the history of Theta Chi Fraternity. Other speakers at the banquet were National Counselor Ralph Griesemer of Allentown, Pa., and Regional Counselor Francis H. S. Ede. Alumni were present from New York, Brooklyn, Englewood, N. J., Pittsburgh, Washington, D. C., Wilkes-barre, Reading, Newark, Allentown, Lewisburg, Ashland, and Danville. Mr. and Mrs. Campbell presented the undergraduate group with a large fraternity flag, six by nine feet, which will be used when the chapter becomes a Theta Chi unit.

Veterans Are Numerous Among Theta Chis

Name of School	1946-47 Registrants	Number of Male Students	Veteran Returnees	Veteran Initiates	Size of Chapter	Veteran Pledges	Number Pledges
Akron	3,200	1,900	48	12	51	5	5
Alabama Poly.	6,300	5,100	32	25	85	19	24
California	22,000	15,000	30	10	38	10	16
UCLA	14,000	8,000	18	0	19	14	17
Case	2,100	2,100	10	7	18	16	16
Cincinnati	13,000	10,000	27	8	46	14	18
Cornell	9,000	7,500	13	0	17	1	1
Delaware	1,679	1,296	47		50	7	7
Dickinson	825	625	11	3	13	8	10
Florida	6,250		24	11	28	30	49
Florida Southern					50		
Fresno State	2,919	1,850	35	10			
Georgia Tech.			23		28	8	14
Illinois	18,000	14,000	32	7	65	19	25
Illinois Wesleyan	1,081	658	14	8	64	21	28
Iowa State	9,023	7,223	28	4	26	22	25
Lehigh	1,800	1,800	9	0	17	7	8
Maryland	6,750	5,425	30	28	71	6	6
M.I.T.	5,200	5,200	60	5	70	1	1
Massachusetts State	2,100	1,500	30	7	43	8	9
Michigan State	13,800	8,000	24	14	33	8	10
Michigan	18,000	13,000	45	6	50	6	7
Minnesota	26,380	18,466	23	5	30	16	21
Monmouth	775	426	35	19	39	4	6
Montana State	3,260	2,341	12	18	43	22	35
New Hampshire	3,300		29		29	13	19
North Dakota State	2,335	1,852	27	24	44	6	7
Ohio	5,920	4,473	28	17	64	20	25
Ohio State	25,000	18,500	1	5	31	15	16
Oregon	5,600	3,600	25	7	33	10	12
Oregon State	7,000	4,500	30		40	25	28
Penn State	10,397	9,017	42	10	62	2	5
Purdue	11,140	9,172	52	15	76	3	9
Rensselaer	3,450	3,400	50	10	65	6	20
Rochester	1,867	1,217	16	5	34	6	6
Rhode Island State	1,900	1,400	33	0	16	19	24
Rutgers	4,800	3,000	35	10	63	9	12
Stanford	7,051	5,143	21	0	14	10	10
Susquehanna	511	309	22	15	28	1	1
Syracuse	11,500		20	5	19	4	6
Virginia	4,245	4,045	6	8	15	1	2
Washington College	450	300	21	5	24	7	7
Washington State	5,738	3,810	30	4	37	20	33
Washington	15,500		60	32	106	19	29
Wisconsin	18,672	13,478	36	4	14		20
Worcester	850	850	10	36	52	0	0

Editorially Speaking

No one who sat in the business session of the 90th anniversary convention of Theta Chi Fraternity or attended one of the meetings of the School of Fraternity Practices could help but feel that the immediate future of

Mature Leadership Is Fraternity Asset

the fraternity is secure. Delegates from the chapters in every section of the country were very largely men who had become mature in their thinking and judgment because of serious years and wartime experiences.

In most cases they had been chosen because they had impressed their chapter mates with their capacity for leadership and their appreciation of what a fraternity can and should mean. They were earnest in the presentation of their own ideas, attentive to the instruction given by men seasoned in fraternity activities, and serious as to their responsibility and the responsibility of their chapters in building wisely so that the future of the fraternity may be secure. To most of them the convention was the first real appreciation of what a great national organization might be.

Because they had found fraternity of value in their own lives, these delegates wanted to make that experience more widespread. As a result, they rescinded the limitations on the size of Theta Chi's chapter roll and made possible expansion of the fraternity into the Dominion of Canada. This action is in harmony with the best thinking along fraternity lines today. If the influence of a national fraternity is desirable on one college campus, it is similarly desirable on all campuses of institutions where the number of students make it necessary to have group organizations in order that the students may live closely, meet together problems of living, and build close friendships of a permanent character.

Fraternity spirit is not affected adversely by large chapter rolls, but fraternity spirit may easily be lost or weakened by chapters that are so large that the real value of the fraternity to the individual is lost. In these present days of huge college enrollments there is a great temptation to pledge and initiate more men than can function desirably as a fraternity chapter.

While in the past it has seemed to many that there are fundamental differences between youth who are reared in the United States, and those who claim Canada as a home, those differences have at least partially disappeared, as through education and association the men have become alike in their spirit and their capacity for friendship. World War II brought the youth of Canada and of this country more closely together.

Evidence that the convention delegates have an appreciation of Theta Chi as a national fraternity was shown when they voted to increase the national membership fee to \$50, which is to be paid when men are initiated. That such provision is sound can be shown by the success which has marked its introduction into a steadily growing number of national fraternities.

Contrary to much legislation, this benefits all. Also it is more equitable than any other plan. When an individual is initiated he is initiated into the national fraternity not merely into a fraternity chapter. The benefits

which he receives from that initiation are the same whether he remains on a college campus for one year or for four. It is right, therefore, that he should pay the same price for that membership as any other individual.

The payment of the full membership fee at the time of initiation means the abolishing of annual national dues, thus saving the individual chapters and the national office a great deal of bookkeeping and friction, occasionally aroused because of failure on the part of chapter officers to remit national dues regularly and completely. This legislation will make it possible for the Grand Chapter to function more easily and more intelligently, for it will be able to estimate much more accurately the amount of revenue which it will have to maintain the services of the national fraternity. As the individual who remains in college for four years will pay in less money under this plan than he has been paying under the old order, he too will profit. Thus it is evident that here is one piece of legislation that works for the good of all.

As the result of the election of officers at the 90th Anniversary Convention, Theta Chi, is assured of thoroughly seasoned leadership in the difficult two years ahead. The fine record that Earl D. Rhodes made as national president and his service

Good Work Done Wins Well Deserved Praise

on the National Board of Trustees assure the fraternity of earnest, wise leadership in that important office. He will have the intelligent cooperation of Frederick W. Ladue, who practically since his initiation has lived fraternity officially.

Through the regional plan the new members of the Grand Chapter have given proof of their capacity for leadership in fraternity activities. They will bring to the Grand Chapter a knowledge of the functioning of undergraduate units and therefore should be better equipped to face the problems ahead.

It would be difficult to appraise completely the fine service which has been given Theta Chi Fraternity by the men who through constitutional limitation were not eligible for reelection. In the always difficult role of treasurer, George W. Chapman has proved thoroughly efficient, but his service to the fraternity as a whole greatly exceeds the contribution made in that office alone. In his direction of the School of Fraternity Practices, his tremendous energy given to such important projects as the Handbook of Theta Chi Fraternity and the preparation of the manual of Theta Chi Fraternity, which will be published soon, he has proved his loyalty to his organization and his intelligent interest in undergraduate members and activities.

Francis H. S. Ede has also given evidence of fine loyalty and willingness to work for the best interest of individual chapters and the fraternity as a whole. It is always difficult for two organizations of similar character to merge without a noticeable loss of interest in the resultant organization. To Alfred E. Grant goes a great deal of credit for the fact that a steadily increasing number of Beta Kappas have taken their obligations to Theta Chi, feeling that they will have under this new name the

same opportunities, the same privileges, and the same spirit of brotherhood that marked their early membership. He showed from the first a fine attitude of cooperation and thoroughgoing loyalty to the fraternity of which he had become a part. Despite the fact that these men are no longer members of the Grand Chapter, there is every right to believe that they will continue to serve the fraternity in effective ways.

It was right for the convention also to indicate its appreciation of Col. A. H. Aldridge, whose efforts in developing the work of the Executive Office have been valuable. Everyone regrets that his service in the Army took such a heavy toll on his strength and vitality that he is no longer able to carry on any business activities.

Also it was right for the convention to recognize the heavy debt that the fraternity owes to Frederick W. Ladue for his thoroughgoing efforts to maintain the Executive Office and advance the interests of the fraternity through the wartime period.

Resolutions passed at the convention expressing appreciation to these three men were not mere gestures, but a recognition of the debt which Theta Chi owes to these

men because of their effective contributions to the fraternity as a whole.

Just what does it mean to return to a campus after several years of military service and feel the friendliness of one's own fraternity chapter. Here is what Earl Congdon, one of Theta Chi's twenty-one veterans to return to finish at Middlebury College:

The Returned Veteran And His Fraternity

"The veterans return with a more deep-seated and realistic belief in brotherhood than we had before the War, if that is possible—it was pretty strong then, too. But, just as the experience of fraternity life previous to the War was often drawn upon in the service, so has the camaraderie of an extended service life furnished a bountiful source from which to draw for the present fraternal living. So, we believe in these things and know they exist in our fraternity more than anywhere else; since the war we have sacrificed to get it going again, we are sacrificing now, and will continue to do so in the future, if for no better reason than to keep alive the memories of those five of our brothers who contributed so much to our lives, and to the life of our chapter at Middlebury."

Theta Chi's 100th Is Now in Planning Stage

At the pre-convention meeting of the Grand Chapter of Theta Chi Fraternity, held September 3, it was voted because of the lack of adequate data upon which to base decisions to postpone the awards of the Scholarship Trophy, usually given to the chapter which rates highest in scholarship throughout the fraternity; the Sidney Ann Gilpin Lewis Trophy, which honors the chapter that makes the most marked improvement in the period between conventions; and the Reginald Collev Trophy, which honors the outstanding undergraduate in the fraternity of the preceding year.

George W. Chapman was appointed chairman of a committee to define the aims and scope of the 100th anniversary celebration of the Theta Chi, which will take place in 1956. Other members of the committee are Frederick W. Ladue, Stuart H. Kelley, and George Starr Lasher. The possibility of publishing a history of Theta Chi Fraternity at the time of the centennial was discussed.

An invitation from Boston alumni to hold the 1948 convention in Boston or vicinity was read, and the retiring Grand Chapter voted to recommend to the incoming Grand Chapter the acceptance of the invitation. This the new grand chapter did.

Executive Secretary Ladue was

authorized to secure before October 31 from each active chapter living in a house a fire inspection report made by a representative of its insurance carrier covering all fire risks and hazards to life and property, as well as specific information in regard to adequacy of fire exits and improvements needed to eliminate all hazards.

Grand Chapter Approves Official Alumni Key

In response to many suggestions and requests received over a long period of time, and in conformity with a custom of many other national fraternities, the Grand Chapter of Theta Chi Fraternity has approved and established an official alumni key such as shown in the accompanying cut.



This key is made of 10-K yellow gold and is double faced, the Theta being uppermost on one side, while the Chi is uppermost on the other. L. G. Balfour terms it the most attractive alumni key that he has ever manufactured. It is distinctively Theta Chi.

The key is intended to be worn by all alumni as a distinguishing fraternity insignia or a recognition key. There are no restrictions governing

its wearing, other than that it is for use of alumni only.

The first display of this attractive piece of fraternity jewelry was made at the Chicago convention where it met with universal approval. Many alumni in attendance took advantage of the opportunity to order the keys.

Judging from the enthusiasm that the alumni key evoked it will be widely worn by alumni. It is expected that it will be a popular gift for parents, wives, and friends to bestow upon alumni or graduating seniors at Christmas or on any other appropriate occasion. Some chapters are already considering the key as a parting gift to their senior members.

The key is priced at \$9.00, which includes the government tax of 20%. The key can be ordered by anyone from the Balfour representative or direct by mail from L. G. Balfour Company, Attleboro, Mass.

Coach at Bates College

Edward Petro, '41, former Rhode Island State College basketball and football captain, has been named varsity basketball coach and assistant football mentor at Bates College. Petro, formerly a lieutenant in the U. S. Navy, coached basketball briefly at Berea College, and, as a civilian, enjoyed much success as a football and cage mentor at Stonington (Conn.) High School. Very popular in college, Petro earned his entire education costs and took an active part in undergraduate activities.

Theta Chi's Gold Star List Lengthens

■ Belated reports and the change in service records from "missing in action" to officially reported as dead continue to add gold stars to Theta Chi's long list.

Melville B. Eaton, Massachusetts State, '42, was reported lost on a ship sunk in the North Atlantic by a German submarine in the spring of 1942. The Navy Department declared him officially dead in March, 1946. He was a private in the United States Marine Corps.

Pfc Ernest Fillmore Jessee, Hampden-Sydney, '43, A.A.F. was killed in a vehicle accident in France on April 6, 1946. Graduating from the University of Virginia in December, 1944, he became an engineer at the Fisher Body plant of General Motors, Inc., in Flint, Michigan, working in the tank division. In September, 1945, he was drafted, and in December, 1945, was sent overseas with a replacement division of the Air Corps. He is survived by his wife and little son, who was three months old at the time of his death. Pfc Jessee had never seen his son.

Lt. Edward Josland Frew, Middlebury, '42, AAF, was killed in action while on a bombing mission over Germany in March, 1945.

Lt. Ransford W. Kellogg, Massachusetts State ex-'45, AAF, pilot of a liberator bomber, was lost in a plane crash June 17, 1945, while flying over the Atlantic, on his way home after flying 23 missions from England over continental enemy territory.

■ Mrs. Edward W. Tolin of East St. Louis, Ill., this spring received the following letter from the Navy Department:

"Your son, Lt. (jg) Edward William Tolin, [North Dakota State] has been carried on the official records of the Navy Department in the status of missing in action as of 29 January, 1944. Your son's plane, in a flight of 31 planes attached to Fighting Squadron Ten, took off from the USS *Enterprise* on the early morning of 29 January, 1944, to attack enemy installations on Taroa Island, Maloelap Atoll. The weather at the time of the mission was unfavorable with heavy rain squalls, and the visibility was poor. Although your son's plane

is known to have catapulted safely, it was not heard from following its take-off.

T/4 John Frederick Mellor, Florida, ex-'45, FA., AUS., was killed on Luzon, July 6, 1945. He enlisted in the service in February, 1943, and took his training at Camp Pendleton, Virginia Beach, Virginia, in the Coast Artillery. In December 1943, he transferred to the Field Artillery at Fort Bragg, N. C., and shipped overseas in October, 1944. John F. Mellor had been awarded the Good Conduct, American Theatre, Philippine Liberation battle star, two battle stars in Asiatic Pacific, and the Victory ribbon. In April, 1946, his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Fred H. Mellor of Fort Myers, Florida, were presented the Bronze Star awarded posthumously. The presentation was made personally by Major Parham of Tampa, Florida. Both father and son belonged to Tau Chapter, Fred H. Mellor, '21, and John F. Mellor, '45.

Lt. John Joseph La Castro, Rhode Island State, '39, U. S. Air Corps, has been officially declared "killed in action" by the War Department. He was first reported missing in action on March 24, 1944, while on a mission over Yugoslavia.

Sgt. Walter Henry Wetherill, Norwich, ex-'44, of the 106th Infantry Division was wounded twice during the battle of the Bulge, was captured, and died in a hospital on December, 1944. He was the wearer of the Purple Heart award.

1st Lt. Samuel Slater Durfee, Norwich, ex-'45, AAF, was killed instantly in Otero County, New Mexico, while flying a P-51 on April 9, 1946. He had been overseas about 22 months, being a member of the 12th Air Force in Italy, with the 57th Fighter Group. While in Italy, Lieutenant Durfee was a veteran of 85 combat missions. He was awarded the DFC, 4 Air Medals, 4 Distinguished Unit Citations, and two battle stars. Lieutenant Durfee had planned to make the U. S. Air Corps his career.

Lt. Donald Ralph Torrey, Maine, ex-'45, AAF, killed in action over France in April, 1944.

Lt. (jg) Thomas Cabot Johnson, Maine, '36, a fighter pilot on the air

craft carrier *Hornet* was recently officially declared "killed in action" by the Navy Department. He was reported missing in action in the Battle of Santa Cruz, New Guinea, since October 26, 1942. Lieutenant Johnson had been awarded the Navy Silver Star, a Presidential Unit Citation, and five service stars.

Kermit Hillman Neal, Marine ex-'46, 2/c USNR, was killed in action in the England to France invasion on D-Day, June 6, 1944. He had been assigned to an LST command.

Five Theta Chi Alumni Meet the Call of Death

■ John Earnest Henry Simpson, Jr., Oregon State, '17, of Crescenta, Calif., died October 4 of a heart attack at his home. He was born, May 19, 1894, at Council Bluffs, Iowa, and was the 14th initiate of Sigma Chapter. He was an engineer with the Equipment Engineering Company. He is survived by his wife and a 14-months-old daughter.

Ralph Henry Campbell, Oregon State, '21, 2075 Center St., Salem, Oregon, died in June following a heart attack. A one-time assistant attorney general for Oregon, he was for several years the legal adviser of the State Industrial Accident Commission. He was chairman of the Salem school board, a member of the Chamber of Commerce, and a veteran of World War I. He was once on the legal staff of the *Oregon Voter*. Born July 28, 1899, at Amity, Oregon, he was the 43rd initiate of Sigma on April 1, 1918. He was graduated from Salem High School and Willamette University Law School.

Clair R. Christopherson, Oregon, '35, died at a Portland hospital July 19, 1946, of carcinoma, following a short illness. Born in Vancouver, Washington, March 18, 1914, following graduation from the university, he was a statistician for the *Portland Oregonian* for seven years. He was in the Army three years, stationed at Fort Lewis, and for the past two and one-half years was an accountant with Sawtell, Goldrainer, and Co. Survivors include his wife, and two children.

Gerald F. Bartle, Stanford, '21, died April 6 after a long and courageous fight against leukemia.

Reports on "State of the Chapter"

Alpha Functioning Again

By Robert H. Harrington

■ Alpha Chapter at Norwich opened officially for the year 1946-47, September 12. At the first meeting, the following officers were elected: p., Alan T. Lochard; 1st v.p., John W. Day; 2nd v.p., Howard L. Bacon; s., Leonard F. Wing, Jr.; t., Gerald E. Collins; m., Robert L. Stevenson; c., John M. Burhoe.

The following members who were in service have returned to the university: class of 1943—Charles J. Christoph, S/Sgt., Asiatic-Pacific Theater; Thomas P. Mayo, major Air Corps, wears Air Medal, Pre-Pearl Harbor ribbon, and the ETO ribbon with one battle star;

Class of 1944—Howard L. Bacon, Sgt., Signal Corps, stationed in Calcutta, India; Paul O. Bancroft, 1st Lt., wears the Combat Infantryman's Badge and the ETO ribbon with one battle star; Vernon D. Bell, Cpl., Air Corps, ETO, wears two battle stars; John M. Burhoe, 1st Lt., Engineers, ETO ribbon with five battle stars; George A. Campbell, 1st Lt., Cavalry, Silver Star for leading attack through the German town of Polsum, Purple Heart, ETO ribbon with three battle stars; Gerald E. Collins, Capt., Cavalry, ETO ribbon with three battle stars; John W. Day, 1st Lt., Cavalry, ETO ribbon with two battle stars; Charles A. Deakin, 1st Lt., Cavalry; Frank Dierauf, 1st Lt., Silver Star for knocking out a German machine-gun nest and establishing a bridgehead across a river, Purple Heart with oak-leaf cluster, ETO ribbon with invasion arrowhead and three battle stars; Harry S. Dunham, Capt., Signal Corps; Burt B. Fall, T/Sgt., Bronze Star, Combat Infantryman's Badge, Purple Heart, ETO ribbon with 3 battle stars; John F. Hammell, 1st Lt., Cavalry, Bronze Star, ETO ribbon with three battle stars; Robert H. Harrington, 2nd Lt., Bronze Star and oak-leaf cluster, ETO ribbon with three battle stars; Edward M. Keith, 1st Lt., Cavalry, Asiatic-Pacific theater; Alan T. Lochard, 1st Lt., Cavalry, Army Commendation ribbon, Asiatic-Pacific theater ribbon with two battle stars; Vincent A. McLeod, T.M. 2/c Navy, stationed at Dutch Harbor in the Aleutians; Robert L. Stevenson, 2nd Lt., Air Corps, B-25 flight instructor; William B. Super, 1st Lt., Engineers, ETO ribbon and one battle star.

Class of 1945—Dudley S. Bell, S/Sgt.; David C. Huffman, T/5, ETO ribbon with two battle stars; Richard L. Keenan, Pvt.; Leonard F. Wing, Jr., 1st Lt., Silver Star for leading attack against a German stronghold under fire, Purple Heart, the Combat Infantryman's Badge, ETO ribbon with one battle star.

Class of 1946—John R. Finn, Sgt., Inf., Purple Heart and oak-leaf cluster, ETO ribbon with three battle stars; Arthur McDowell, Sgt., ETO ribbon with one battle star; Francis McIntire, 2nd Lt., Air Corps.

Beta Loses Campus Leaders

By John Christoffer

■ In September, 1945, there were 40 men in Beta Chapter at M.I.T. Five new men were initiated, and ten of the brothers were graduated. Because of the return of men from the services, the chapter boasted a membership of 39 at the close of the year.

The graduates of 1946 and their records are as follows: Russell K. Dostal, general manager of *Technique*, editorial boards of *The Tech* and *The Technology Engineering News*, Gridion, Institute Committee, Interfraternity Council; Robert P. Fried, general manager Combined Musical Clubs, Alpha Chi Sigma, Senior Week Committee; Weston W. Goodnow, president Tau Beta Phi, crew, Interfraternity Council; William F. Herberg, Jr., Alpha Chi Sigma, editorial board *The Tech*; Robert F. Hoffman, Tau Beta Phi, crew, Interfraternity Council; Daniel M. Kelly, executive board of *The Journal* at Georgetown U.; William J. Rapoport, Alpha Chi Sigma, crew, Straight "T"; Clyde Snyder, managing editor *Technology Engineering News*; Arnold Whitaker, staff *Technique and Voo Doo*; Robert G. Wilson, Alpha Chi Sigma, crew.

Returning brothers this fall found that the house had undergone a general cleaning and painting and that plans had been completed for the construction of new fire escapes.

Beta Chapter last year made a fair record in Beaver Key Competition. It won second place in the track meet, defeated all the fraternity teams in baseball, reached the finals in football and volleyball, and made a good showing in the swimming meet. There are also several members of the varsity teams in the House. Benjamin G. Dann, Jr., won his letter in swimming, George F. Dunmire won a letter on the rifle team, while James B. Burrows was on the lacrosse team. Sumner Scherr was the manager of the squash team in addition to being one of its outstanding members.

William Whalen was treasurer of the Class of '48, and Donald Eaton was on the Junior Prom Committee. On the staff of *Technique* are John F. Christopher, advertising manager, William W. Tewell, and Ralph E. Pickett.

Delta Rents an Annex

By William C. Northup

■ Though Delta's chapter house at Rensselaer has been occupied by members since the early days of 1946, not until this fall, when veteran members came back to finish, did it really come alive. Now, with officers in all classes, strong membership in clubs and organizations, the editor in chief of the yearbook, interfraternity sports, dances, picnics, etc., the chapter house has resumed its place as one of the

leading fraternities on the campus. So many of the old members have returned to continue their studies, it was necessary to take over half of an apartment house as an annex. The weekly meetings produce a roll-call of about sixty men.

At the first official meeting held in September, the following top officers were elected: G. B. Thurstone, p., Harry Rutter, v.p., Roger Pardon, s., LeRoy Fox, t. This meeting was also attended by Earl D. Rhodes, national president and alumni adviser to Delta Chapter. Rushing officially started several days later, and after nine weeks of careful weeding, the chapter had twenty new pledges from the freshman class.

The sturdy old house at 57 Second St., Troy, N. Y., took a terrible beating from the Navy V-5 unit it housed from July, 1943, to July, 1944. A major overhaul is still going on under the capable leadership of House Manager Norton. The pool and ping-pong tables are again in action, and the bowling alleys in the cellar are gradually being restored as the pledges and members clear up the debris.

Eta Has New House Mother

■ Eta Chapter, the first fraternity chapter on the campus of Rhode Island State College to have a house mother, continued its tradition this fall by receiving the services of Mrs. Jesse Harding. Mrs. Harriet Taft, the first house mother of Eta Chapter, served from 1927 until her death in 1943. The house closed in June, 1943, and the chapter was inactive during the war.

Mrs. Harding, a native of Melrose, Mass., has three children, who are all married. Her hobby is hooking rugs. She has made curtains and table mats for the chapter house.

Joseph Rock, president of Eta, was a regular guard on the 1942 squad; he returned from three years in the Army to take up his old position on the 1946 squad. At a recent Honors Day, he won the Hood Award as an outstanding agricultural student.

Hurbert O'Rourke, one of the many brothers who have returned to the house since the close of the war, is a veteran of three years of Coast Guard service. He played outstanding football as regular center on this year's team.

Robert Curtis, a veteran of three years in the Marines, is one of the outstanding young men recently pledged by this chapter. He was a regular back on the 1946 squad.

32 Fill Theta's House

■ This year Theta at Massachusetts State has a house filled to capacity with 32 members, and a few more brothers eat regularly in its dining hall. The war years were kind as the house is still in very good condition, needing only slight repairs.

Last semester the chapter pledged and

initiated seven men, five of whom were veterans. Rushing of freshmen has been postponed until February of next year by the Interfraternity Council, but upperclass men may be rushed earlier, a quota of ten being set for each fraternity.

Members are participating in football, soccer, and swimming. One is on the Senate, Ray Fuller.

Lambda Back in House

By Lucius W. Johnson, Jr.

■ Cornell University postponed its opening this fall to allow time for completion of several veterans' housing projects. Classes started October 14. Rush-



Mu Chapter Initiates, University of California

ing by fraternities followed. Lambda Chapter elected officers as follows: p., John D. Keenan; v.p., Egbert Bagg, IV; s., Lucius W. Johnson, Jr.; t., Wallace B. Rogers; m., William A. Thompson, IV; c., William C. Wilson; h., Frederick H. Reuter; l., Robert Johnson; f.g., Donald M. Gibbs; s.g., Daniel R. Hartmann; a.t., Charles H. Hoens, Jr.

Living in the chapter house are several likely-looking nonfraternity men because of the appeal from the university to help out in the housing shortage.

Initiates 9, Pledges 14

■ Mu Chapter at the University of California opened the house on September 11 by the initiation program of nine neophytes. The formal initiation was held on September 15. Rushing began the following day, and in the following week fourteen men were pledged.

The nine new initiates in the picture are, left to right: George Nielsen, George Dolim, Richard DeWolf, Jack Griffin, Warren Kitchen, Donald Grinsfelder, Donald Hamlin, Richard Ingraham, Alfred Runner.

Vacant offices were filled by election of Alfred Runner as chaplain and George Nielsen as historian.

The social calendar was put in the hands of Howard Clary, with the main event of the season being the revival of the annual Apache Dance to be held at the chapter house, October 26.

Xi Chapter Bounces Back

By O. M. McMillion

■ Xi Chapter is back in action at the University of Virginia. With the coming of peace the boys have hung up their uniforms, put on their civies, and with

their books under their arms are running into classes, still sleepy, just as the last bell rings.

Most active in the reorganization of the chapter have been L. C. James, John Baker, Ashby Allen, Hovey Dabney, Harrison Brown, Lindsey P. Henderson, Jr., and Roy Sanderson. The chapter was reorganized February of this year, but worked under a handicap with no house from which to operate. Nevertheless, in the first rushing season in February eight veterans were pledged. Three more men were pledged in the summer.

On August 31, Xi regained possession of its house. The brothers, because of the labor shortage, pitched in to give the house a face-lifting so that it would be presentable to prospective rushees. It was a common sight to see some of the brothers in old clothes, spattered with paint, swinging paint brushes, scrubbing floors, polishing furniture, and doing other jobs connected with house cleaning.

Officers were recently installed. The president and vice president are veterans, Hovey Dabney and Mat Ryan. John Campbell is secretary, and Ashby Allen is treasurer.

Heads Interfraternity Council

By George V. Neuber, III

■ Pi Chapter, Dickinson, reopened October 7, with a roster of 13 actives and 10 pledges, of whom 18 live in the chapter house.

Thanks to the alumni the house had been redecorated and put in first class condition.

Four Theta Chis were members of the Red Devil gridiron squad: Steve Padjen, Walter V. Kohler, Walter L. From, and Ben G. Helsel. John B. Armstrong is head manager. Padjen was honored by being appointed game captain for the opener with Lehigh on October 5, the first Dickinson gridiron battle since 1942.

Chapter President Austin H. Armitstead, was elected president of Interfraternity Council on October 15. He is also a member of Skull and Key, junior recognition society.

On Homecoming Day, November 16, the football game with Western Maryland was followed by a ham and egg supper at the house and a dance in the evening.

38 Actives, 25 Pledges

By Russel C. Fielding

■ After being closed for three years, Rho Chapter at Illinois opened in September with 38 actives and 25 pledges. With the house completely repainted and plans made for active participation in campus social, scholastic, and intramural affairs, Rho looks forward to a busy year.

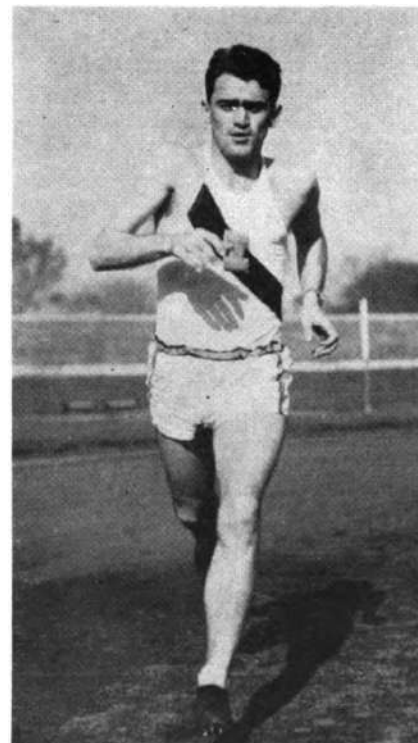
Officers elected at the first chapter meeting are George Ritter, p.; R. B. McCarthy, v.j.; Richard Rueckert, s.; Russel C. Fielding, t.; and William Larsen, m. Returning Rhomen active in college



Bill Franks, Illinois, '46

athletics are William Franks, varsity tackle, and Robert Rehberg, captain of the 1946-47 track team. Franks, a sophomore, was one of Coach Ray Eliot's mainstays, and, with two more years of college competition still ahead, can look forward to a great football career.

■ Hopes for a winning track team at the University of Illinois were given a boost when Rehberg, who ran so well for Illinois as a sophomore in 1942, returned to the campus after three and one-half years in the army, a part of which were served in combat on Leyte and at Okinawa. He last ran for Illinois in June, 1942, in the national collegiate 880, where



Capt. Robert Rehberg, Illinois '46

he placed third. He ran a few races while in service, one over the five-mile course of Diamond Head, Hawaii, which he describes as a huge rock. The race was run up and down over asphalt roads.

Although Rehberg has had one year of competition at Illinois he is eligible for three more.

He is the Big Ten half-mile outdoor champion and also holds the university outdoor records in the half-mile and mile. He is also a member of the University of Illinois relay team that holds the Big Ten mile-relay record.

At present, Rho's softball team is undefeated in its league and moves into the university intramural finals to participate in the final elimination tournament. Rho soccer and basketball teams are practicing for coming competition in intramural games.

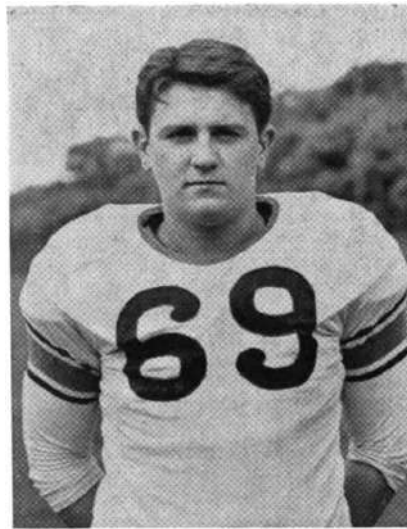
The first social event of the chapter's season will be the annual pledge dance followed by the Winter Formal.

Third in Scholarship

■ The forty members of Sigma Chapter at Oregon State are quite proud of the fact that the academic record for spring term placed the chapter third highest among the men's house organizations on the campus. Among the new additions in the house this fall is a skunk mascot, which quickly acquired the name of "Petunia."

Tau Has New House

■ Tau Chapter is off to a "bang up" start in its reactivation at Florida. Since the return of several members last February, the chapter has made an all out attempt to return to its pre-war status. At the beginning of the September session Tau had only six members. Since then it



Lou Karras, Purdue, '46

has grown to twenty-three, plus a large pledge class. A new brick home has been bought and the same furnished in effective color schemes. Social functions include swimming parties, picnics, and summer frolics.

June graduates were: Ted Peter Galatis, LLB, past president Phi Alpha Delta, IFC, chapter president in 1944; Edwin Fly, White Friars, Cavaliers; James F. Richardson, president Baptist Student Union, University Honor Court, Alpha Phi Omega; Joe C. Adkins, chapter president, student instructor in psychology; Jacob D. Carlton, Sgt. 28th Inf. Div., 21 months service, eight months in ETO, POW six months, three battle stars; Thomas J. Fleming, Pfc., U. S. M., 35 months service, 15 months in Asiatic-Pacific theater, three battle stars; John Rawls, Capt., Air Corps, operations officer, stationed in Brazil, four years service, 25 months overseas; Douglas Wells,

USNR, EMT 2/c, 33 months service, 21 months overseas.

Tau Chapter began its first meeting in October with an election of officers resulting as follows: p., W. T. Coram, Jr.; v.p., Joe M. Richards; s., Albert Bass; t., William Lorenz; a.t., Charles Colter; m., Eugene Kitching; h., George Holbrook; l., Lewis Bohannon; c., John Clemons; g., Fate Helms. George Holbrook is Interfraternity Council representative and Alan R. Carlson, publicity chairman.

October 7 a supper was served at the home of Dean G. Ballard Simmons, highlighting Rush Week; Wednesday 43 men were pledged. Pledge officers are: pres., Jack Ladoux; vice pres., Joe Pepples; sec., J. D. Carlton; social ch., Perry Ramsey; manager intramurals, Rodman Porter.

The chapter won the first intramural activity of the season, the horseshoe pitching tournament, with three teams: Richard Stokes and Carl Chafin; John Rawles and Norman Ustler; Carl Passiglia and Reginald Lewis.

Several alumni chapters have recently been reorganized in the state. October 14 the Jacksonville chapter was reactivated, while plans are underway at Miami, Tallahassee, Pensacola, Tampa, and Orlando.

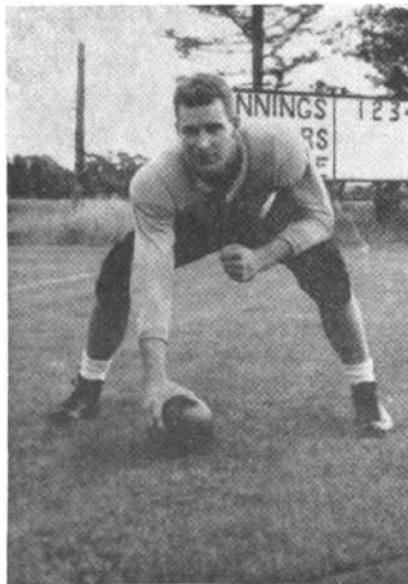
Tau men relandscaped in the front of the house, planting numerous shrubs and tiny trees as decorations for Homecoming, October 17-19. On Saturday a banquet for alumni, actives, and pledges was enjoyed. After an evening of entertainment and renewing old friendships breakfast was served at midnight.

Phi Wins Homecoming Cup

By E. G. Dreblow

■ Due to the polio epidemic classes were delayed until October 7 at North Dakota State. This also delayed most of the functions of Phi Chapter.

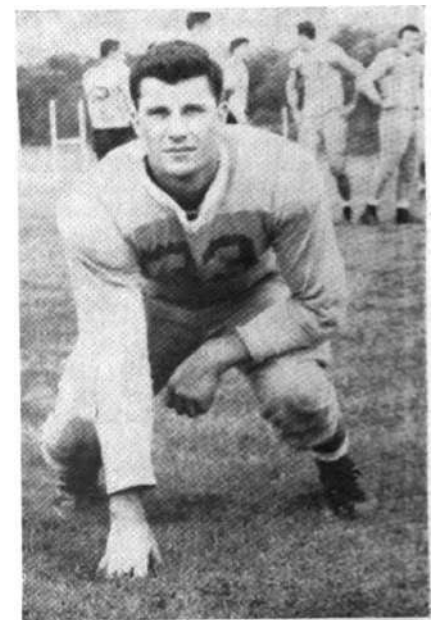
In the first meeting of the year an election was held in order to fill the



Herbert O. Rouke, Rhode Island State



Robert Curtis, Rhode Island State



Joe Rock, Rhode Island State

vacancy created when Daley King transferred to the University of North Dakota and also to fill other vacancies. Bruce Bjornstad, '47, was elected president and Paul Brostrom, '48, vice president. Donald Schaezel, '47, will be house manager.

Homecoming was held at North Dakota State on October 7 with Phi Chapter winning the house decoration trophy. The theme used was Bison renaissance. The committee constructed a theater marquee over the front entrance of the house, labeled "Bison."

82 Chi Veterans Return

■ With the opening of school in September, Chi Chapter at Alabama Polytechnic had eighty-two members return from the service, and one transfer student, Lewis Richardson from Florida Southern, joined the ranks. Nine were initiated bringing the active membership to a total of 92. Of the fifteen-man pledge class, five were pre-war pledges at Chi, and eleven were pledged in September, making the chapter strength 108.

Between the summer and fall quarters House Manager Joe Cook increased the facilities of the house to take care of sixty men in contrast with a pre-war forty. Also the living room and dining room were painted, and more floor lamps were bought.

The Theta Chi track team, under the able leadership of champion Fred Carley, is back running with several additions to its roster. It is rumored around the cinder circles that T. C. A. C. (Theta Chi Athletic Club) can outdo the varsity thinclads any time, and just to be sporting Coach Carley has promised to unlimber his "big guns" for a meet soon.

Pledges this year are: Glen Boyd, William Howes, president, Dean Hansen, William Leslie, Joe Christian, Jack Scott, William Walker, William Overton, secretary, James Gunter, James Clements, Frank Segó, Edward Nurse, vice president, James Bartley, and Tom Nonnemacher.

New additions to the honor societies are: Charles Love, Phi Psi; James Keith Curtis, Chi Epsilon; Leonard Irwin and Yndalecio Elizondo, Pi Tau Sigma.

Chi held initiation October 20 for nine men: Curtis Gibson, '47; Robert Bowen,

'47; Ferral Williamson, '47; Francis Johnson, '48; Kenneth Curtis, '48; C. H. Emmert, '48; William Morris, '49; Gaston Hester, '49; and Curtis Silvernail, '49.

Homecoming decorations of Chi Chapter, Alabama Polytechnic Institute, on October 5 featured a Furman football player with the seat of his pants missing, being chased into the open mouth of a giant Auburn tiger by a smaller tiger winking and holding the missing portion of the football player's pants in his half-smiling mouth. To add realism to the scene, a special recording of a roaring tiger was played over a public address system. The slogan, "Eat 'Em Up, Tigers," glittered in the lights.

Starts with New House

By Harry M. Hanson

■ Having been restricted throughout the wartime period by manpower shortage, stringent housing facilities, and an unfortunate fracas with the university, Psi Chapter is getting off to an active start at Wisconsin in the first back-to-normal school year since 1942. Not to be outdone by the doubling of pre-war enrollment by the University of Wisconsin, Psi Chapter has purchased a new house capable of housing twice the number of men that was possible in former days.

The new building occupies the most favorable position possible with respect to campus life. Located at the end of famed Langdon Street, the chapter is now closer to the university and all centers of college life than any other fraternity on campus. With nearly one hundred percent of the members returned from service to fill the house entirely with actives and pledges, and aided by this advantageous location, Psi looks forward to rushing and social functions throughout the year with the



CHI CHAPTER'S champion interfraternity track and field squad. Left to right, bottom row, Thomas Carnes, high jump; Fred Carley, manager; Joe Scott, discus; top row, Alton McLeod, pole-vault; Samuel MacIntire, high and low hurdles, and relay; William Curlee, 100-yard dash, low hurdles, and relay; James A. Maddox, 2-mile; Thomas Tabor, broad jump, and 100-yard dash.

greatest optimism.

The chapter house itself is admirably suited for this purpose. Purchased last spring and having undergone considerable remodeling by the members during the summer months, there is plenty of room for the normal fraternity functions and also to allow the cook to live continuously in the house.

The exterior of the new house underwent extensive decorating in order to give it an attractive appeal in proportion to its favored location on the campus. A new paint job and a neat job of trimming, all done by the members, plus considerable beautification of the hedge and surrounding law have made the Theta Chi house attractive.

Omega's Sport Stars Back

■ After two semesters of good hard work, the brothers and pledges of Omega Chapter at Penn State repaired and painted the fraternity house, transforming it from the shambles the Army left it in to one of the finest houses on campus.

Omega is going strong, with over 90 per cent of its old members back including such notables as ex-Lt. Gerald Karver, who is again carrying Penn State's hopes for national track and cross country honors; ex-Maj. Robert Harder, 1942 intercollegiate fencing champion; the mighty grappler, Bruce Blauch.

Omega is represented in almost every major activity on campus.

Many Returnees Are Back

■ Back in its attractive home, which is freshly decorated and boasts considerable new furniture and furnishings, Alpha Gamma at Michigan started the year with a record number of returnees who filled the house to capacity.

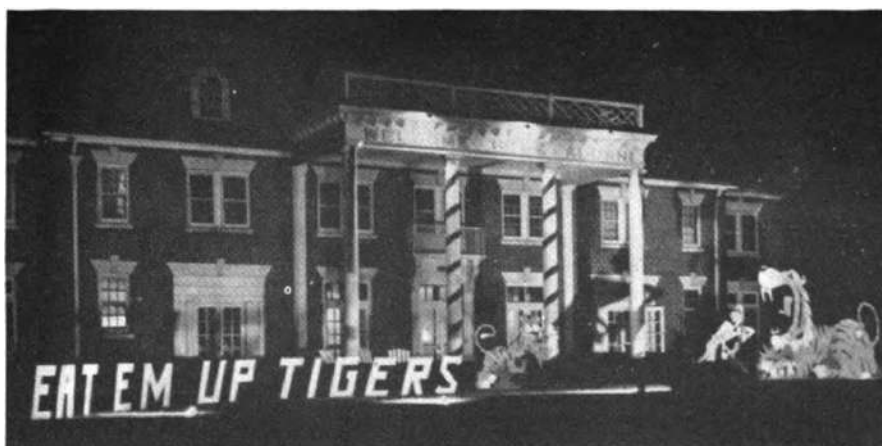


Photo by Lewis Arnold
1946 Homecoming Decorations of Chi Chapter, Alabama Polytechnic Institute

Four men were initiated this fall: Frank West, Detroit; Frank Millhouse, St. Joseph; Richard Noll, Benton Harbor; and Daniel Ricker, Kent, Ohio.

The list of new pledges follows: Carter Beach, Coloma; James Black, Wyandotte; Donald Dorrance, Manchester; Frederick Schott, Pontiac; Philip Stirdivant, Grand Rapids; Clifford Steggall, Bay City; Robert Sykora, St. Joseph; James Somers, Flint; Meryl Englander, Charles Jackson, Kenneth Jensen, Detroit; Douglas Swift, Joseph Goetz, Ann Arbor.

Clifford Benson had to leave school because of illness, and Donald Boor, who gave up his post on the varsity football team, was elected to take over the chapter presidency.



Members and Pledges Alpha Mu Chapter with Housemother

Installs Deep Freeze Unit

By Mark Ogden

■ This past summer the fellows attending Purdue's summer school designed and constructed a deep freeze unit in the basement of the Alpha Delta chapter house. L. T. Miller, '24, purchased the equipment and sent a man from his company to help install it. The actual building was directed by Bruce Thompson and Gene Grosh, senior engineers.

Even during the meat shortage the chapter had very good food all the time; the locker, both zero and forty degree compartments, were full. Ray Schwab is steward and is doing an excellent job. He was also steward back in 1941-42 when it was not quite so hard to secure food. As a food purchasing agent, the chapter has Will Bair, who has had much experience with meat and other foods.

Robert Russell, Purdue, '49, was elected from a field of forty contestants for the title of "Kampus Kilroy" in a contest sponsored by *Debris*, the Purdue yearbook. He will be featured as a representative of the returned veteran on the campus. Qualifications for the candidate were that he be a veteran, popular, photogenic, and that he had returned to the Purdue campus to continue his education.

An outstanding record for a freshman on the varsity football team was made by Lou Karras, one of Alpha Delta's

pledges at Purdue University. He played in all the games this season, being recognized as one of the most valuable of the varsity players. He was second heaviest player on the team, tipping the scales at 229 pounds, despite the fact that he is a 19-year-old freshman. He was selected for the all conference team for three years and for the all-state Indiana eleven while playing for Gary (Indiana) High school.

Work Develops Spirit

By William A. Perkins

■ Alpha Epsilon Chapter reopened this fall, after being inactive for three years. In June, 1943, all fraternities at Stanford were taken over by the university and operated as dormitories. Although the house was returned in June of this year, the chapter was not permitted to operate it as a fraternity chapter house until September.

And what an experience! Of 21 veterans returning to Alpha Epsilon, thirteen members living in the house proved to be a lucky number—to which may be added already ten pledges, all veterans. Under Stanford rushing rules, official rushing doesn't begin until the winter quarters; so a chapter can not rush freshmen until that time. However, since the present total registration at Stanford is 7,051 including 5,143 men students, the critical housing shortage forced the University to place fifteen non-fraternity men in the house. Such is the case with all fraternities on the Stanford campus, until such time as each house has sufficient membership to utilize all its own living accommodations. By the winter quarter, Alpha Epsilon will have only members living in.

In the summer the house underwent interior decorating and face-lifting on a grand scale. Both exterior and interior were completely repainted, the work being done mostly by professional painters and carpenters, but in part by the brothers themselves. All pitched right in, scrubbed, sanded, and varnished—and then enjoyed the praise the house received from those who "never saw it look better!" We're convinced that every chapter should try such cooperative endeavor on the part of the brothers, not so much for economy as for the feeling of solidarity and good comradeship that such work engenders.

Elections have placed the following men as chapter officers: Alfred Miossi, p.; Edward Scoyen, v.p.; James Torrence, s.; Robert McDonald, t.

Pledge 25 at Iowa State

■ The fall of 1945 saw only two pre-war members living in the Alpha Mu chapter house at Iowa State along with some outside men. In the war years the "Castle on Ash" was occupied by Iowa State College coeds after their regular dorms were taken over by the Navy.

Richard Vandeweerd and William Bestmann, the early discharges, were followed, in the winter quarter, by nine more brothers. By the spring quarter Alpha Mu with 21 members was strong enough to resume the normal functions of an active chapter of Theta Chi Fraternity, even though about fifty percent of the pre-war active chapter and pledge class were either still in the service, or were not yet ready to resume their college work. This fall returnees were greeted by a neatly decorated and greatly improved college home.

Even though a sizeable number of the actives were married and living outside, the house was nevertheless filled to capacity. For the first time in four years an extensive rushing campaign was conducted, resulting in a pledge class of 25 prospective Theta Chis.

In the group picture of the actives and pledges of Alpha Mu Chapter are left to right: bottom row—Nisula, historian; Harman, pledge; Patterson, pledge; Coyle, pledge; Lane, pledge; Richards, pledge; Wunder, pledge; Erickson, pledge; Axtell, pledge; second row—Professor Mashek, faculty; Schlabach, treasurer; Boyer, secretary; Poulter, president; Mrs. Bowser, house mother; Bauman, vice president; Perdue, marshall; Plumer, librarian; Goltry, chaplain; third row—Vande Weerd, social chairman; Anderson, pledge president; Schmidt, pledge; Paalson, Roberts, Phillips, Walters, pledge; Kumm, pledge; Recknor, pledge; Kulaas, pledge; Adams, Ford, Lock, pledge; fourth row—Ratliff, pledge; Pfitzenmaier, Augustson, house manager; Dawson, pledge; Glassburner, faculty; Peterson, Tully, Guy, pledge; Lyman, pledge; McPheeters, pledge; Garrett, pledge; Jaeger, pledge; La France.



Robert (Kampus Kilroy) Bussell

Postwar Pledging Success

By Robert Smith

■ The first full scale rush week since the beginning of the war turned out to be one of the most successful ever held by Alpha Nu Chapter at Georgia Tech. Fourteen men now wear the pledge pin of Theta Chi.

This was the first rush season since the start of the war that rush functions were permitted off the campus. The most successful was a hay ride, which included a weiner roast, a series of mass stunts, and the return to the house for dancing.

The pledges are: Thomas F. Williams, Leo C. Swicord, Everett E. Prichard, Waycross; Clinton Lifsey, Rome; Thomas E. North, Macon; Marcus W. Buttrill, Decatur; Edward Butler, Cordele; and Charles H. Mull, Blue Ridge, the last a hold-over from his pre-service days.

Out of state pledges include: Edmund E. Novotny, Chappaqua, N. Y.; Paul A. Chubb, Elizabeth, N. J.; Radford C. Adams, Radford, Va. Donald E. Lee, Orange Park, Fla. and Claud E. Kellert, Topelo, Miss.

Eight of the pledges are veterans, five having served in the Army, two in the Navy and one in the Coast Guard.

Robert Small, pledge marshal, is directing the pledges' beautification plan for the fraternity house.

Alpha Nu Chapter returned to prewar strength with the return of 23 veterans last year, making a total of 28 actives. Improvements on the new house bought in May were completed before the start of the fall quarter. A house dance was planned to be held after each home football game with a buffet supper and a big dance after the Auburn game, which a large number of the Chi chapter were expected to attend.

27 Pledges Plan Dance

■ Alpha Omicron at Washington State this fall with 36 men reopened its doors to brotherhood after almost three years of campus inactivity. Last spring 25 members and pledges formed the nucleus. Returning members arrived early, and calamine and naint flew thick and fast as study rooms began gleaming, while downstairs in the living room, library, and dining room, decorators gave new life to the war-torn walls and ceiling.

The chapter's 27 new pledges are hard at work on their annual dance, which will carry the theme "Prisoner of Love."

The house is crowded with 52 men, but so is every place on the campus.

Alpha Rho Has 30 Pledges

By Peter W. Melitz

■ This promises to be one of the biggest years in the history of the Alpha Rho chapter at the University of Washington! The pre-season warm-up was the renovation of the house. The Alumni Association got estimates, awarded the contract, and decided as to color scheme. However, it was the Mothers' Club that added the

feminine frills of curtains, coverings for the chairs, and drapes, that give the house a home-like atmosphere.

The "rush program" through the efforts of the rushing chairman, Louis Wilson, was carried out with efficiency and netted 20 pledges. At the pledge dinner, held the first week of school, pins were bestowed upon the newcomers in the presence of a record crowd of actives and alumni. This made a total of 30 pledges as there were ten holdovers.

For the first time in five years, the old "big brother" ritual was reenacted with the neighboring Gamma Phi Beta Sorority this fall. All the pledges of the house next-door were promenaded before the critical eyes of the Theta Chis, asked a few questions, and then allowed to make their choice of members of Alpha Rho as escorts. Cameras clicked, lights flashed, and much noise followed the pairs as they went off to the doors of the girls' home across the way. This was the beginning of the year in which the escort is to be the guardian of a girl through her pledge period.

A big event on the week-end of October 12-13 was the renewal of the football game between Alpha Rho and Alpha Omicron Chapter at Washington State. This chapter journeyed en masse to W. S. C. to witness the Homecoming game played between State and the U. of W. Alpha Rho's president, William Leek, '46, has been named chairman of the Varsity Ball, the biggest formal dance of the year.

Charles Jackson, '46, is now at M. I. T. as assistant crew coach. He was a member of the highly rated U. of W. crew which won international recognition.

Alpha Rho has already held the first fireside of the year, the Bowery Brawl, November 16, and the Theta Chi Alumni dinner dance, October 26.

Initiate Five Year Pledge

■ Alpha Sigma at the University of Oregon reopened its doors on September 8 after summer vacation with 30 active members present. Some had been absent since 1941. One man, Wallace Hunter, ex-'44, holds the record for being pledged the longest in the chapter. He was pledged in September, 1941, and entered military service shortly thereafter, before being initiated. He returned to the campus in the spring of 1946 and resumed his role as a pledge. Only on September 30, 1946, was he initiated after a pledgship of approximately five years!

With him were initiated, Roger Mockford, '49, and Thomas Wright, '47.

In rush week, held from September 10 to 13, the chapter pledged 12 men, all of the class of 1950. A few more men will be pledged to bring the chapter up to its capacity of 52. Of the 12 men pledged, 10 are veterans.

3rd Homecoming Trophy

By William Hochstuhl

■ Alpha Tau opened the fall semester of 1946 with the largest active membership in the history of the Ohio University chapter. Eighty-six men, including twenty-four pledges, represent Theta Chi on the campus. Many of these are continuing their studies interrupted by World War II.

The fall semester began with the initiation of three men, Edward Redgate, Richard Kirby, and Robert Reinhart. Two of these had had their original plans for initiation interrupted by the war. The active chapter took advantage of the large male enrollment at Ohio University by pledging 24 men, all veterans with one exception.

Socially Alpha Tau has been active and successful with various types of dances and parties.

At Homecoming week-end the men of Alpha Tau were rewarded for hard and long work by winning the house decorations contest. Co-chairmen of the committee in charge were Jack and Thomas Sigman. This marks the third straight contest in which Theta Chi has captured the honors. This year Father Time was characterized mowing down Homecoming football opponents in previous years. Above Father Time was a large replica of the cover of Time magazine bearing the picture of Coach Peden of the football team.

Homecoming week-end was a great success because of the visit of many alumni and their guests.

Attention is now focused on December 14, the date of Alpha Tau's winter formal.

Service Men Head Chapter

■ Alpha Chi Chapter at Syracuse called a special election of officers on October 1 to officially inaugurate the reopening of the chapter after three years of inactivity. Seventeen brothers who left to enter the services in the spring of 1943 were on hand to resume active status. All brothers and pledges returned a week before regis-



Alpha Tau's Winning Homecoming Decoration at Ohio University

tration to paint and redecorate the fraternity house.

Elected to office were: p., Barber L. Waters, '47; v.p., Charles Starwald, '49; s., Daniel J. Golan, '48; and t., Donald E. Hitchcock, '48.

President Waters, initiated in March, 1941, became secretary before he was called to active duty, spending 16 months on German soil.

The Bronze Medal was awarded him for action west of the Roer River in the Rhineland campaign. Returning to civilian life last January, he finished his sixth semester at Syracuse last summer, receiving a straight "A" average.

Starwald served in the Army Air Corps, resuming his studies in the spring of this year. Prior to his enlistment, Starwald played basketball and football for the university. This winter he is participating in varsity diving.

Daniel Golan is active in various campus organizations. A participant in intramural sports, he acted as intramural manager for several months before his election to the secretaryship. Slated to enter West Point in 1941, Golan was refused admittance because of a minor physical defect.

Donald Hitchcock, initiated in October, 1940, left for service in the Army Air Corps in February, 1942. A radio operator and gunner, Hitchcock saw extended duty in the Pacific Theater. Both before and after his enlistment, he was active in radio, having worked as announcer over various New York state stations. He resumed his studies this summer.

At its annual meeting Edward Benham, '33, was elected president of the Alumni Association which is undertaking a program to refinance the chapter house. The special finance committee consists of Ray Lawrence, Eldon W. Stutzman, and John A. Norton. The house was reopened last fall under the direction of Roy Barto, '44, and the building was operated as a rooming house.

\$4000 Ready for Repairs

■ Beta Alpha at UCLA obtained possession of its house in the summer. It

was completely redecorated and ready for the opening of the semester. The rushing program had been worked out under the leadership of Douglas Jenkins.

Between March, 1943, and July, 1946, the house was occupied by the army and the Alpha Tau Omega chapter. As a result, the house indebtedness had been reduced, and there was a cash reserve to take care of repairs and replacements, costing \$4,000.

No House, but Many Parties

By Townsend J. Sausville

■ Since Beta Delta's chapter membership has increased so much at Rutgers and it has been impossible to procure a house, the chapter decided that a heavy social schedule is necessary. It was also decided to allot at least 50 per cent of the budget as a direct contribution to the housing fund. The chapter will have its own bus to out-of-town football games and a reserved section at all home games. In addition, a series of socials and dances will insure a successful season.

Eavon Wells, newly elected president, an ex-combat gunner of the Eighth Air Force, is doing an able job in chapter leadership.

43 Pledge 55 at Montana

■ Beta Epsilon Chapter opened for Montana State's rush week, September 23, with all members present, 43. They secured the largest pledge delegation in the history of the chapter, 55.

Four of the brothers were tapped as new members of Bearpaws on May 23, 1946. Bearpaws is a leadership society affiliated with the order of Intercollegiate Knights. Men are selected for Bearpaws on the basis of high scholastic standing and participation in numerous school activities. Of the 25 present members six are Theta Chis. The president of the chapter, Richard Miller, is also the Chief Grizzly, president of the society.

Miller was elected for store board and



Richard Miller, Montana State

tapped last May for Silent Sentinel, senior men's society, composed of the outstanding men on the campus.

Beta Epsilon Chapter led the scholastic index of all fraternities in the spring quarter of 1946 with an average grade of 1.350.

Record Alumni Attendance

■ Beta Eta Chapter at Washington College can boast of men in all organizations on the campus, including a dance band, which plays for college dances as well as dances off the campus. It was organized by Edward Bray.

Last February the chapter moved back into its chapter house, which had been leased to a sorority during the war. New furniture was purchased.

Over 200 Theta Chi alumni, present for Washington College's post-war reunion, October 13-14, were able to see Frank Gibe, hard-charging guard, and Lou Yerkes, a Beta Eta pledge who was a member of the Little All-American Team in 1941, perform for the maroon and black gridders.

After the game, openhouse was held at the chapter house with the Beta Eta dance band under Eddie Bray supplying the music. A brief time was set aside for the dedication of a plaque in memory of the seven Beta Eta dead of World War II. Under the leadership of Vice President Barnes, the decoration committee, Dulin, Case, and Payne, won the trophy for the best-decorated house on the campus. At 6:30 a banquet was held for the alumni, followed by a formal dance for both alumni and undergraduates. The reunion was closed Sunday morning at 10 a.m. with a memorial service held in memory of the 27 war dead of Washington College.

In its recent election of officers, Beta Eta filled seven of its eleven offices with veterans, President Gilbert D. Conant was elected chapter president in 1943, but the Navy called him. After serving three years as a Naval Air Corps pilot, Conant returned last February to his studies. Vice President Jack Barnes saw three years of duty with the U. S. Navy, two in the



President Robert Dahl instructs North Dakota Members in Theta Chi History

South Pacific area. Secretary John Hitchcock served with the Army Air Corps Weather Wing in this country and 26 months in the Caribbean area. Robert Grove, son of the famous Lefty Grove, who is chaplain, served with the Army Ground Forces, landed in Europe on "D" Day, served in Europe until VE Day. Others are William Dulin, a former Navy man, marshal; Reece Corey, guard; and John Russell, librarian.

Other pre-war members returning to the campus this fall are Robert Grove, Frank Gibe, William Mullinaux, William Warther, William Crim, Clifford Case, Edward Athey, Robert Mallonee, and Turner Hastings.

Dr. Joseph McLain, serving as assistant professor in the chemistry department, has also been appointed as the chapter faculty representative. He also was in service.

Rushing this fall, resulting in the pledging of eight men, all of whom were interested in Theta Chi before the war, but went into the armed forces before they could be taken into the chapter. They are: Clifford Broakson, Wilber Barnes, James Hadaway, Louis Smith, Thomas Streckfus, Louis Blizzard, Lambert Coakly, and Albert Lewis.

Top Scholarship in School's History

■ To win the Interfraternity Scholarship Trophy at the University of Akron, Beta Lambda made an average of 2.942, the highest average made by any fraternity or sorority in the 25 years such records have been kept by the university registrar. The average for the second-place fraternity was nearly one-half point lower, a 2.553, and the all-fraternity average was 2.219.

Shown in the accompanying picture in-

specting the trophy are, left to right, Robert Jackson, Warren Deist, Elmer Reighard, chapter president who, with one other returnee last year, rebuilt the chapter membership to 26 actives and 10 pledges.

Presenting a paper on "Jet Propulsion," James Masters won two American Society of Mechanical Engineers regional awards totaling \$55. He won a \$25 first prize in the Akron-Canton regional ASME meeting held at the University of Akron on May 21. Three days later, at Sanbury, Pennsylvania, he again read his paper before the Student Branch ASME convention and was awarded a second place and \$30.

While scholastic honors went to the entire chapter, several brothers gathered individual honors. Topping all fraternity pledges in scholarship was Pledge Robert Jackson who led the campus neophytes with a straight "A" average for the fall semester. An engineering major, he carried 16 credit hours. According to Dean of Students Donafred H. Gardner, this was the first time any student had carried as many as 16 hours and received "A's" in all subjects. Jackson is president of the local chapter of Phi Eta Sigma, national freshman scholastic honor society.

For participation in extra-curricular activities, Warren Deist was presented an A-Key, highest student activity award at the Uni-



Scholarship Trophy

versity of Akron, at an All-University Honors Convocation. He received the award for having been editor of *The Buchtelite*, student newspaper, member of Student Council, a freshman counselor, and scholastic achievement.

Final exams over, brothers of Beta Lambda Chapter at the University of Akron heeded the call of King Jeff and "hit the road" with the chapter's first "Hobo Arts Brawl" since 1942. Highlighting the evening was the selection of a hobo king and queen and the chapter's "best bum." Honors went to (left to right) Pledge Roy Hunt, king; Zeta Tau



Beta Lambda's Chapter Leaders Chat With Lyndell Morgan at First Hobo Arts Brawl Since 1942



King Jeff and His Queen, Pledge Roy Hunt and Zeta Tau Alpha Jean Monier, and Stanley Somerville, "best bum"

Alpha's Jean Monier, queen; and Pledge-master Stanley Somerville, "best bum." Somerville won his title on his natural ability to grow the heaviest beard in the three days preceding the event.

For Hobo Arts Brawl all furniture was moved out of the house, and brothers sat on the floor. Gathered for a brief conversation were Waldemar Kennett (left), Robert Waggoner (back to camera), Lyndell Morgan, and Kennett Morgan, chapter president. An annual affair since 1936, this year's "Brawl" was planned by Waggoner and Richard Gsellman.

Spend \$4,000 on Furnishings

■ Beta Mu at Middlebury College re-occupied its house this fall after vacating it to the co-eds for three years. Because the major part of the furniture had been sold when the house closed in 1943, a sum of approximately \$4000 was spent for refurnishings. Credit for doing the major portion of this work goes to Charles T. Meilleur, '47, who spent a large part of his summer vacation getting the materials needed for reopening.

There are now 34 active members at Beta Mu, the majority veterans returning to finish an interrupted education. The new chapter president is Frederic Van de Water, '47, an ex-Marine; the vice president, Lawrence A. Glazier, '47, an ex-Air Corps officer; the secretary, Everett K. Hicks, '47, an ex-Navy man; and the treasurer, Milon H. Cluff, '48, an ex-Army man.

Prospects for rushing are good this year as Middlebury, like most colleges, has a record enrollment. Formal pledging takes place after Thanksgiving.

Beta Rho Pledges 29

By Ray Dillinger

■ Beta Rho Chapter officially gained full control of its chapter house at 915 N. Main St., Bloomington, Illinois on August 1, 1946.

Rush week at Illinois Wesleyan got into full swing September 12 with formal pledging held September 18 for 29 men: Joseph Boyd, Lewiston; Glen Ellis, Heyworth; Walter Rubins, Jr., Highland Park; Casey Gorski, George Antzack, Alfred Brosky, George Frederick, Walter Krause, Jr., and Albert Frey, Chicago; Charles Ames, Polo; Richard Arends, Melvin; Curt Bromley, Georgetown; Charles Sloan, Salem; Loren Jump, Melvin Erdmen, George Ludwig, and Carson Zander, Bloomington; Robert Myers, Tremont; Howard Simpson, Springfield; Wayne Hendrix, Marshall; Jack Garrett, Gary, Ind.; Tom Moberly, McLean; Eldon Craig, Alfred Butts, Pontiac; Robert Harris, Normal; Marvin Oglesby, Walter Pusey, Decatur; Richard Hegner, Fox River Grove; and Clifford Raguse, Kankakee.

Mrs. Welch, the housemother, has taken quite an interest in forming a Mothers' Club. Several meetings of the local mothers have been held, and on Sunday, October 13, there was a tea for the mothers.

Homecoming was held October 25-27 with John Malban as co-chairman.

Two new buildings are now in the process of being built on the campus. The cornerstone of the new Student Union

Building climaxed the Homecoming events. The other building, a new girls' dorm, is just getting underway.

Furnish House for Capacity

By Charles B. Lindner

■ Beta Sigma Chapter was active in the summer semester at Lehigh University, having 22 men in the chapter house, besides three local pledges.

To accommodate the large number of veterans returning for the fall semester this chapter purchased surplus government equipment to utilize all the available space needed for 31 men.

Plans were made to reorganize the chapter newsletter, *The Beta Sigma Bull*, which is mimeographed and distributed to all the alumni.

New desks, dining room tables, and living room furniture were purchased.

The members refinished the floors, painted, and did other constructive work to improve the chapter house.

"Mary Lou," the chapter's popular cook, who has been like a house-mother to the brothers, is now on her eleventh year at this chapter. She is one of the contributing factors that helped to keep the house open throughout the war.

The traditional Lehigh-Lafayette game on November 23 brought a large number of the alumni to Bethlehem, as did the University's Houseparty the previous weekend.

The following are Beta Sigma's new officers: Raymond H. Miller, p.; Nicholas Derewianka, v.p.; Roger Funk, t.; Russell C. Nelson, s.; Benjamin B. Quinn, m.; Samuel M. Purdy, c.

Pedro Valmir Montenegro, a transfer student from Alabama's Alpha Phi Chapter, is taking graduate work here, and is associated with the combustion engineering division of the Bethlehem Steel Co.

Successful Year Expected

■ After an eventful summer, Beta Omicron at Susquehanna was ready for an increasingly successful school year. Having had eight brothers in the house all summer who cooked their own meals, washed their own dishes, and swept their own floors, Theta Chi is happy to have the capable Mrs. A. J. Gelnett to rustle the skillet for them this fall. The dozen new beds and mattresses purchased less than a month ago plus the three showers recently installed do much to make for comfortable living. The house was enlarged by an additional study room and improvement was made in the recreation cellar lest "all work and no play make Jack a dull boy." With these innovations, an increasingly active school year is being planned.

Homecoming Day at the college was November 2. Merle Hoover, an alumnus of this chapter, is back on campus as a member of the faculty and Mr. Strathmeyer an alumnus of Beta Theta Chapter, is also a faculty addition.

Chapter Initiates Bursar

By Richard Gruenwald

■ Active membership in Gamma Delta at Florida Southern reached 50 on Octo-

ber 10, when twelve undergraduates and one alumnus, Alton Kindred, bursar of Florida Southern College, were initiated. The twelve are: Peter Smith, Lakeland; Charles Voss, Wauchulla; J. E. Barton, Ft. Ogden; Richard B. McKeown, Brooksville; Leon Mills, Ocala; William B. Klien, Forest Hills, N. Y.; Roderic R. Dugger, Jr., Pierce; John Herbet Dekle, Jr., Newport News, Va.; Walter Harvey Tucker, Jr., Bradenton; William Touchton, Winter Haven; William Stosberg, Clermont; and Harry Roberts, Lake City.

Steve Voss was elected vice president, after Louis Richardson resigned and transferred to Alabama Polytechnic. William Casteen was elected librarian.

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