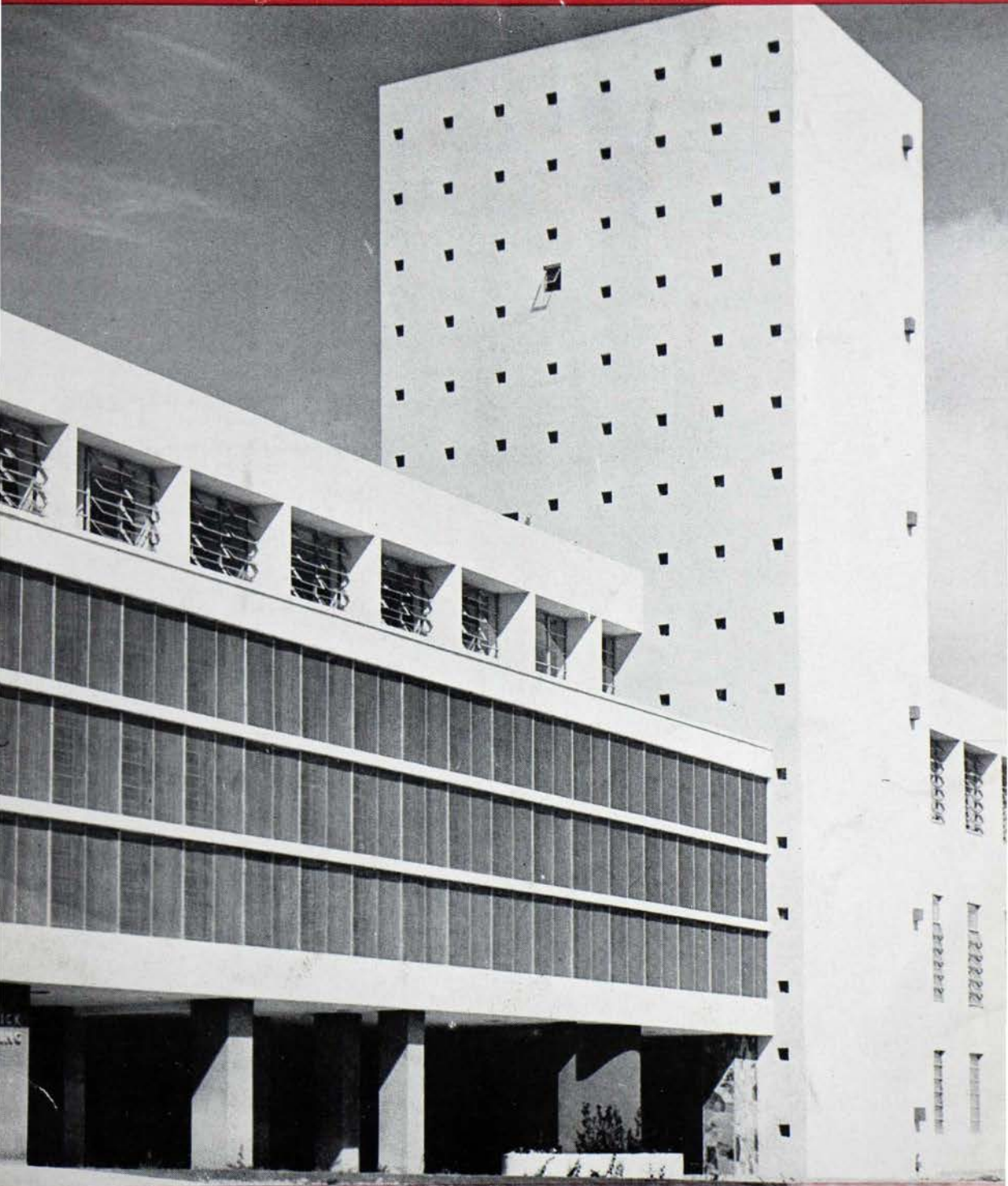


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The Merrick Building at University of Miami in Florida, newest of the modern classroom facilities in this rapidly-developing educational center. The building is the product of Architect Robert M. Little, an alumnus of Beta Delta Chapter at Miami.

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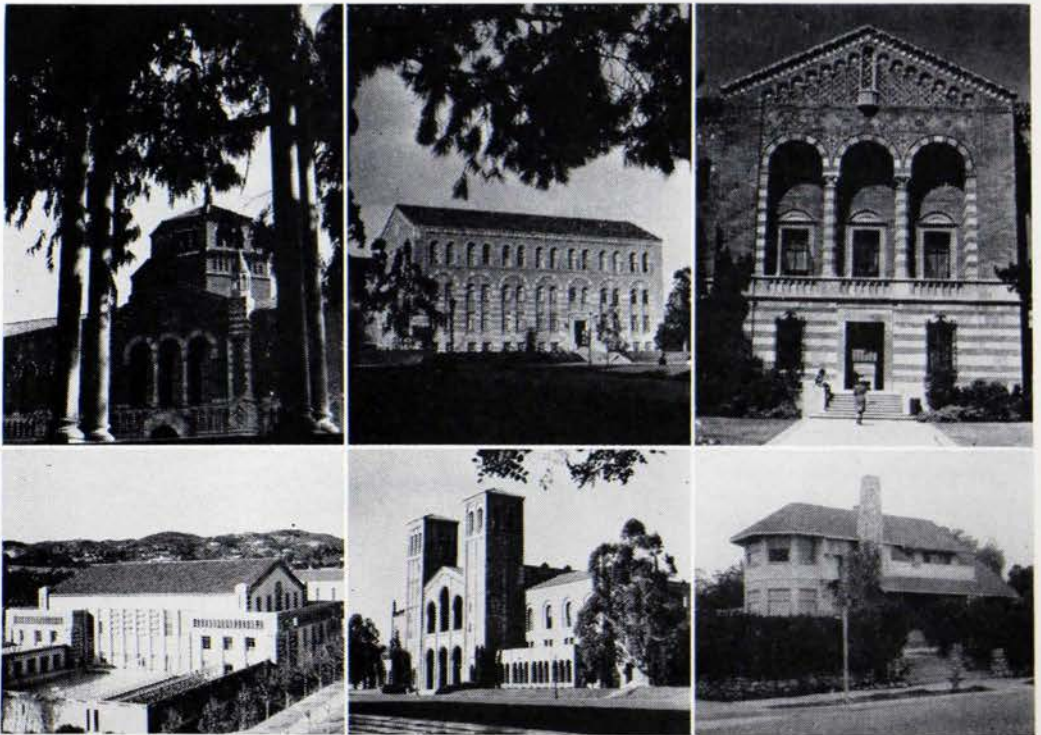
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## Welcome to U.C.L.A. and Idaho State

Fraternity Places Fourth Chapter in California, Second in State of Idaho; Seventy on Roster

Granting of charters to colonies at University of California at Los Angeles and Idaho State College brings to seventy the Phi Tau roster of chapters and colonies. Actually there are 66 active chapters, four operating colonies, and five inactive chapters.

As soon as colonies meet requirements of membership, scholarship, and finance, charters will be granted to bring them into full-fledged membership in the Fraternity. It is expected that four charters will be presented during the 1950-51 school year, and plans are under way to reactivate four of the present five dormant chapters.

Friday, November 17, is the date set for the chartering of Beta Tau chapter at Bowling Green State University, in Ohio. It is anticipated that there will be a record turnout for this celebration which will mark the establishment of the tenth chap-

ter in Ohio. Phi Kappa Tau has more chapters in the State of Ohio than any other college fraternity.

Other colonies to be formally received in the not-far-distant future are at Wilmington College (Pennsylvania), Louisiana State University, and San Jose State College in California. Groups organized and operating under Phi Tau sponsorship, but not yet recognized as colonies, are at Hobart College (New York), and University of Arizona.

Equally important news with respect to the Fraternity's development is the information that plans are under way for restoration of four dormant chapters. These are Iota at Coe, Omega at Wisconsin, Alpha Iota at Pennsylvania and Alpha Xi at West Virginia. Contact the Central Office if assistance can be given toward restorations at these four fine schools.

## Beta Rho Chapter—U.C.L.A.

By GEORGE OHANIAN, U.C.L.A.

On Friday, May 12, 1950, the University of California at Los Angeles acquired its thirty-seventh fraternity on campus by the formal installation of the Beta Rho chapter of Phi Kappa Tau.

The installation banquet was held at the Mona Lisa Restaurant in exclusive Beverly Hills. Distinguished guests included: National President Roland Maxwell; National Councilor Donald Pearce; Reverend Ainsley Carlton, *California*; Field Secretary Jack Anson; Beta Rho Chapter Adviser George Jamieson; Administrative Assistant

to the Dean of Students William Davidson; Campus Fraternity Advisor John Johnson; Past Presidents of the I.F.C. of Southern California Louis Fetterly and Ralph Haney; and presidents from the various fraternities on campus.

Smooth talking George Jamieson acted as toastmaster for the affair. Before introducing the guest speakers, he gave a brief summary of the history of the U.C.L.A. colony and warmly praised their achievements. He went on to express thanks to the invaluable aid given by former Chapter

Adviser Don Bailey, who is now at Sacramento College. He also expressed gratitude to Pi chapter at U.S.C. for their part in getting the new colony established.

The inspiring main address of the evening was given by National President Roland Maxwell. He expressed sincere pleasure at the presentation of Beta Rho's charter, and acknowledged George Jamieson as outstanding among the alumni for the many hours that he devoted to the chapter. He also gave plaudits to the charter members themselves, saying that he "knew no group that had put in more work into a chapter." Outstanding was his brilliant outline of the organizational set-up of and the purposes behind the fraternity's Central Office, presenting the resume as "a kind of an audit of Phi Kappa Tau as it is today, with the idea in mind of providing further inspiration to this group so that it can continue its admirable development with unabated zeal in the years to come." President Maxwell concluded his speech by putting great emphasis on "the spirit of the fraternities," stating that "It's the greatest thing in the world."

The evening's program was climaxed by the presentation of the charter by Field Secretary Jack Anson to President Don Calvin.

#### *History of Colony*

I believe that the real inspiration for a Phi Tau chapter at U.C.L.A. came from National President Roland Maxwell, who himself is a charter member of cross-town Pi chapter at U.S.C. At any rate, early in February, 1948, Field Secretary Hap Angelo arrived at the U.C.L.A. campus to organize a colony. With the aid of Al Robeson, *Colorado*, and Jerry Klein, *Mt. Union*, he set about contacting undergraduates who would be interested in such a venture. Don Bailey was also contacted to serve as chapter adviser.

The embryo of the colony, carefully selected and subsequently initiated at Pi chapter, consisted of the following nine men; Rod Mortenson, Al Hjertstedt, Vince Zimmerer, Bob Eichel, Jack Slaybaugh, Harry Hanbury, George Ohanian, Charles Rogers and Dan Calvin. Each of these men was temporarily elected to fill some positions, from president and vice-president to corresponding secretary and

housing chairman. It was indeed strange to the group at that time to be an organization consisting only of officers, with no men as yet to govern. It was a unique position and yet wonderful in that it offered a challenge, a challenge which has been successfully met not only by these men but also by those who came in later.

Meetings were held everywhere and anywhere, from classrooms on campus to the members' homes. Traditional Monday night dinners were held at Shannon's a local drive-in restaurant. Outings, beach parties, and joint affairs with Pi chapter were given. Slowly but surely the colony began to grow. Discussion, cooperation, mutual understanding and a will to work were the basic principles, so necessary to any new group, which automatically asserted themselves and became an integral part of the colony. Before our eyes we saw the birth and gradual development of a fraternity, a group of men who had one goal and one desire and who, as a result, began to learn the meaning of the term, brotherly love.

This flurry of activity continued through the fall of 1948 and spring of 1949. By this time, we had acquired the following men: Don Fogle, Jim McCormick, Gabe Sirriani, John Walden, Bob Woolsey and Ray Marbach.

The first official elections determined Charles Rogers as president, Vince Zimmerer as vice-president, Bob Eichel as secretary and Al Hjertstedt as treasurer.

#### *Anson Visits U.C.L.A.*

With the departure of Hap Angelo to a law school, we had a new field secretary assigned to the West Coast in the person of Jack Anson. From the very beginning Jack was genial and helpful and on every one of his visits he praised our efforts and aided us where he could.

The second chapter election resulted with the following officers: Vince Zimmerer, president; Charles Rogers, vice-president; John Walden, secretary; and Al Hjertstedt, treasurer. The admirable efforts of the officers mentioned above, together with the unflinching cooperation of all the chapter members undoubtedly played a great part in the growth and success of the chapter.

By this time Don Bailey, whose sage advice was most helpful, had left U.C.L.A.



Presentation of the Beta Rho charter at UCLA. L to R are Chapter Adviser George Jamieson, President Don Calvin, Field Secretary Jack Anson, and National President Roland Maxwell.

for a position at Sacramento State College. The important position as chapter adviser was then filled by capable and efficient George Jamieson, who is affiliated with the Extension Division of U.C.L.A. I'd like to say at this point that the service George rendered us is beyond a doubt one which played a great part in our formation and "solidification." He not only advised us on chapter policy and rushing techniques but also helped smooth out the many little problems with which we were confronted. His office was always open to any Phi Tau who sought his advice, and we certainly did take advantage of the opportunity. So on behalf of the chapter I'd like to extend to him our heart-felt thanks for all he has done for us.

In the spring of 1949, we purchased the house at 403 San Vicente Boulevard in Santa Monica, which was located by Housing Chairman George Ohanian. This acquisition was the culmination of a year's search for a suitable chapter house, and was received with open arms. The actual business transaction of the purchase was achieved by Domain Chief Bundy Colwell,

Adviser George Jamieson and President Roland Maxwell.

The furnishing of the house turned out to be quite another matter. We began with absolutely nothing. The first step we took towards remedying this situation was really two-fold: an almost complete redecoration of the house by the members themselves, and a furniture drive. This drive consisted of contributions of old pieces, again mostly from members. (And some of it was really old. A sofa we received I could swear saw its better days during the late Victorian age.) But the drive was quite successful. We even had a piano donated to us by a local theatre whose manager was persuaded by artful Vince Zimmerer that he really had no need for it. Before long, with such determination as this, the house became quite habitable. I might add in passing that in these "pioneer" days the aid of two women was outstanding. The selection of suitable drapery material and the smart blending of color schemes was due in great measure to the distinctive taste of Mrs. Charles Rogers, while Mrs. Rodney Mortenson did her bit in wielding a paint brush.

Thanks go not only to them but also to the wives and mothers of the other members, whose material aid was greatly appreciated by all.

#### *Chapter Improves*

By this time the 1949-1950 school year had rolled around, which brought along with it the present set of officers: Dan Calvin, president; Bob Rithner, vice-president; Jack Slaybaugh, secretary; and Ray Marbach, house manager-treasurer. New initiates included John Hasty, Pat Glenn, Dick Shelton, Ben Shelton, Jim Daw, Ken Baird, Ronnie Orr, George McClean, Ed McKinney, Joe Errico, Joe Hitzman, and transferees Eugene Haddad and George Borgman. The current pledge class, to be initiated in the near future, consists of Ronnie Gilliam, Dave Cadena, Bill Dobson, Eugene Edmonds, Dick Johnson, Don Lierow and Ken Millikin.

But all the while that the chapter had been expanding and bettering itself, the social aspects were by no means forgotten. The members were always presented with a well-rounded social program, consisting of exchanges, dances, and beach parties.

Reception on campus, a seat in the IFC, and the meeting of University regulations were matters met and successfully dealt with in due course of time. And now that we have received our charter, designating us as the Beta Rho Chapter of Phi Kappa Tau, we look back with pride at our accomplishments. The nucleus of nine men had mushroomed out into an efficient, well-functioning organization of thirty-nine. We had purchased and furnished a house. We had achieved recognition on campus, and had satisfactorily fulfilled all that was required of us as a neophyte group. But I think that our greatest pride lay in the fact that we succeeded in doing that which we originally set out to do, and this through our own efforts, our own ingenuity, and our own cooperation. And it is this experience of cooperation which taught us the true meaning of fraternalism and which, as we now proudly take our place amidst the Phi Kappa Tau roster, binds us forever as brothers.

#### *History of U.C.L.A.*

By 1880, Los Angeles had a population of 11,000 and was growing at a great rate.

But the area was totally without higher educational facilities, so that upon the destruction by fire of the State Normal School at San Jose, the clamor for a normal school in Los Angeles reached a peak. Finally the state legislature conceded the need for a school in Southern California and in 1881 passed a bill providing for a branch normal school in Los Angeles.

This school, built on a five-acre tract at Fifth and Grand Streets, was the farm from which UCLA was born.

The new campus buildings were completed in 1914. In these expanded facilities, President Millspaugh pursued his ambition to establish a graduate teacher's college in Southern California to compare with that of Columbia University.

Shortly afterward, however, failing health forced him to yield his post to Dr. Ernest C. Moore, former Superintendent of Los Angeles City Schools, who had abandoned a promising position at Harvard to return to California.

Dr. Moore, in his capacity as president of the Normal School and subsequently as director of the Southern Branch at UCLA, is responsible at least as much as any other man for the high academic standing and amazing growth of UCLA.

After a two-year struggle to win approval of the Board of Regents of the University of California, a plan was finally approved in 1919 providing for the University of California, Southern Branch.

As a university, the Southern Branch grew at an amazing rate. From 1000 students in 1919, the school mushroomed to over 5000 in four years. Despite its youth, the Vermont campus became the scene of a spirited college life that is all but inconceivable on the Westwood campus.

#### *Westwood Site Selected*

It was in 1925 that the Regents decided to build a new, larger university in the Los Angeles area. For years it had been obvious that the plant at Vermont Avenue wasn't large enough, and with property values climbing as the neighborhood grew, the only recourse was to move to a new campus.

Seventeen sites in all were offered for the university's consideration, ranging from San Diego (which would give four thousand acres) to as far north as Santa Bar-



bara. Choice was narrowed down to Burbank, Fullerton, Palos Verdes, Westwood and Pasadena.

Westwood was chosen because of its more central location in Southern California, and also because on its barren slopes a university and a city could be jointly planned and built with ample room for expansion. Three hundred and eighty-two acres were purchased, ranging in price from \$2,000 to \$7,500 per acre.

To celebrate the transaction, a dedication of some sort was felt to be necessary. There was nothing on those broad hills that lent itself to such a ceremony, so a seventy-five ton hunk of granite was hauled the many miles from Riverside especially for this occasion. On October 25, 1926, the founders of U.C.L.A. gathered at this "Founders' Rock," and dedicated the new campus.

To begin with, four buildings, Royce Hall, the Library, and the Physics and Chemistry buildings were approved by the Regents, and in 1928 construction was finally begun. As to the architecture involved, always a controversial subject, it was decided by the architects and the Regents that the California Spanish style, the most obvious choice, was impractical for the requirements of a university. What finally evolved was "an adapted Lombardian type of Italian Renaissance architecture with a flavoring of 15th and 16th century Spain and its Moorish motives." Hence, Royce Hall is based on San Ambrogio Church in Milan, except that it is three or four times as large. Royce has more floor space than all the Vermont Avenue campus buildings combined.

#### *U.C.L.A. Moves in 1929*

During the summer of 1929 the actual moving of the university was accomplished. Here also, students played a major part in transporting the books, desks, and chairs from the old to the new building in organized caravans.

U.C.L.A. was formally dedicated on March 28, 1930, with some of the world's foremost universities represented—Oxford, Cambridge, Aberdeen, London, Heidelberg, Leipsig, Perugia, Rome, Upsala, Edinburgh, and the Sorbonne. The main ceremony was a formal academic procession in Royce Hall, after which the new university was presented to the State by the Board of Regents.

Among the most fabulous of the long series of gifts is Kerckhoff Hall. It was built for the students of U.C.L.A. by Mrs. William G. Kerckhoff, widow of one of Southern California's business pioneers, to fulfill one of Mr. Kerckhoff's last wishes—that of providing the students with a student union building.

Expansion was the keynote at U.C.L.A. in the thirties, as now. A Graduate School was set up in 1935, and had enrolled 324 students in less than a year. The other major addition to the list of colleges was the College of Business Administration, also established in 1935, which has since grown into second largest on campus. To provide for the expanding student body, the Mechanical Arts, and Life Science Buildings were constructed.

The superb William Andrews Clark Memorial Library was bequeathed to the University in 1934, and continues today as one of its chief assets. The Clark collection is composed chiefly of English literature of the 17th, 18th, and 19th centuries, with a particularly fine representation of the writings of the period, 1650-1750. It now numbers upwards of 40,000 volumes of rare books and manuscripts, including one of the greatest collections of Oscar Wilde. The Clark Library is situated in a four-acre park of gardens and lawns on West Adams Boulevard.

The student body had grown to around 9,000 students by the time the war began, but shrank to two-thirds that total during the war. In these circumstances, little was accomplished in the war years toward improvement or expansion. The School of Engineering came into being in 1943 under the pressure of war needs, but that was the last major addition until the recent inception of the Law School.

#### *14,000 Now Enrolled*

Since the war, of course, the tremendous university-wide expansion program has been inaugurated, to the tune of something close to a hundred million dollars. U.C.L.A.'s share of this huge sum (more than a third) has already brought about a rash of construction that is the greatest since the original University buildings were erected in 1929-30.

Of course, the major reason for all this

building and shifting and planning has been the tremendous increase in the number of students attending U.C.L.A. Right now the total is a few hundred above 14,000, fifty percent over the pre-war mark. It is expected that in ten or twelve years fully 26,000 students will swarm into the campus every day. Preposterous? The administration doesn't think so. It's plans are based on just such a figure. U.C.L.A. is undoubtedly going to be one of the largest universities in the nation, or the world, for that matter. It may be that future Bruins shall have the right to claim theirs among

the world's great universities, provided all this breadth and complexity can be kept in balance with present scholastic standards. Certainly, few institutions anywhere will rival U.C.L.A. in actual facilities of instruction and research. But whether greatness, involving as it does less tangible attributes than the number of laboratories or the acres of floor-space, shall in fact be realized in U.C.L.A. must be the consideration of those who are responsible for present plans and future developments. May their skill and determination parallel their energy and their vision.

## Beta Sigma Chapter—Idaho State

By BERNARD BENGAL, *Colorado and Idaho State*

A beautiful and impressive ceremony was witnessed by members, alumni and guests of the Idaho State Colony of Phi Kappa Tau on May 20, 1950 as National President Roland Maxwell presented the sixty-sixth charter of the fraternity to Ted Kinney, colony president, at installation ceremonies.

Beta Sigma chapter had its formal birth in the Pioneer Room of the Hotel Bannock following almost a year of constant strides in fraternal life.

Following the invocation by Parvin

Witte, an alumnus of Nebraska Wesleyan, Field Secretary Jack Anson, acting as toastmaster, introduced guests and speakers at the banquet.

Dr. Carl MacIntosh, president of Idaho State College, and Ray Bennett, representing the Interfraternity Council, officially and warmly welcomed Phi Kappa Tau to the Pocatello campus. President Maxwell discussed the many aspects of fraternity life and reviewed numerous merits of Phi Kappa Tau as he related the story of the fraternity.

The installation, followed by a formal dance in the beautiful Wedgewood Room, culminated a long list of achievements by the Idaho State Colony.

The colony had its beginning when two transfer students—Bernard Bengal from Psi at the University of Colorado, and Culbertson Martin from Beta Eta at the University of New Mexico—met on October 10, 1949, to discuss plans for colonization at Idaho State.

At the first organizational meeting held in the Men's Lounge of the Student Union Building, seven men were pledged. Immediately the group entered all school activities, fielding teams in all intramural sports. A full social schedule was started combined with numerous rush parties. Phi Tau led the way in inaugurating exchange tea-dances and joint sorority-fraternity parties.

By the first of December a group of twelve pledges were ready for initiation.



Farris Hall, Men's Dorm at Idaho State

The party traveled by cars to the campuses of the University of Idaho and Washington State College where the men were formally initiated into Phi Kappa Tau.

After Christmas holidays and semester examinations, the colony buzzed with activity. More rush parties were held, new men were initiated as they qualified for membership, and the date of installation rapidly approached as qualifications were met.

By March the membership totaled 33 members and pledges. Working in close harmony with the college officials and the national headquarters, installation dates were set and final plans prepared.

The campus of Idaho State covering 360 acres is situated on the southern edge of the city of Pocatello, which has a population of about 30,000. With an enrollment of 1,670 students, the college has three other fraternities: Phi Sigma Kappa, Tau Kappa Epsilon and Xi Theta Tau, a local and four sororities: Sigma Kappa, Alpha Chi Omega, Alpha Omicron Pi and Gamma Phi Beta.

Up to this time there are no fraternity or sorority houses on the campus, but a fraternity row has been planned on the campus where houses may be built. Phi Kappa Tau has established a house fund in eager anticipation of being the first fraternity to build on campus.

#### *History of Idaho State College*

The history of Idaho State College begins with the establishment of the former Academy of Idaho which was authorized by the State Legislature in 1901. The first term of school began in September, 1902



Gravelly Hall, Womens Dormitory

with an enrollment of forty students and a faculty of four. The grounds for the Academy, and an area of ten acres, were donated by the city of Pocatello. Funds were available at this time for one building only, but within the next three years four additional buildings were erected, and the enrollment had increased to 186 students. During this period, however, the Academy provided only a secondary school education for those Idaho students living in remote areas not served by adequate high schools.

By 1915 the legislature changed the name of the institution to The Idaho Technical Institute and authorized the school to offer courses through not more than two years of college work. Under this provision the school operated until 1920 when a two year course in pharmacy was added. In 1927 the state legislature took action which placed the institution under the jurisdiction of the University of Idaho, authorizing a program of instruction as nearly equivalent to the first two years at the University as practicable. Again the name of the school was changed, this time to the Southern Branch of the University of Idaho. Three years later the College of Pharmacy inaugurated a four year course as recommended by the American Association of Colleges of Pharmacy and began to award the degree of Bachelor of Science in Pharmacy.



President Maxwell signs the Beta Sigma charter



Swanson Hall, Business Administration

It was not until 1947 that the legislature voted the school an independent, four year degree-granting institution, Idaho State College. Since the college was first established, the grounds have increased from 10 to 350 acres. Numerous buildings have been added to the campus, the most recent built shortly before World War II. Under construction at the present time are a Liberal Arts building and a new gymnasium.

Last year Idaho State College was admitted to the Rocky Mountain Athletic Conference which now places them in athletic competition with four year accredited schools in Colorado, Montana and Idaho. During both World War I and World War II the college served the government by giving specialized training to army and navy personnel.

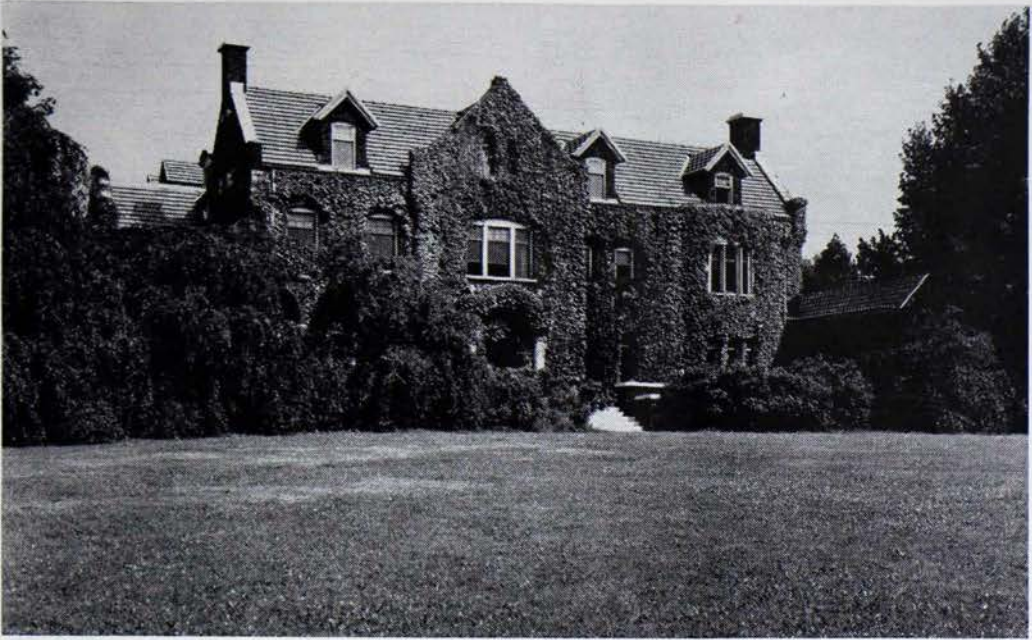
Now a fully accredited college, Idaho State has a growing enrollment of students from many states and several foreign countries.

*Beta Sigma Charter Members*

Charter members of Beta Sigma chapter are Edward H. Amundsen, Pocatello; Lloyd H. Baisch, Twin Falls; Richard G. Bartlett, Pocatello; Bernard F. Bengal, Blackfoot; Richard R. Black, Pocatello; John L. Bloxham, Pocatello; Eugene A. Boesiger, Shoshone; Ted L. Burgon, Pocatello; Eugene H. Evans, Raymond; Lawrence M. Harms-ton, Kuna; James J. Johnson, Pocatello; Ted W. Kinney, Blackfoot; Arthur Lepore, Midvale; John E. MacNamara, Boise; Culbertson F. Martin, Jr., Soda Springs; Nile H. Miner, Driggs; Millard F. Palmer, Boise; Robert B. Parrott, Pocatello; Lynn E. Saterstrom, Hazelton; Ted C. Shonk, Boise; and John L. Wallace, Soda Springs.



Members and Pledges of Epsilon Resident Council in the Chapter's Thirty-Fifth Anniversary Year



Beautiful home of Epsilon chapter at Mount Union

## Epsilon Celebrates Thirty-Fifth Anniversary

By ROBERT B. FRESHLEY, *Mount Union*

Over 200 Alumni Return to Mount Union to Take Part in Reunion;  
Maxwell and Ebright Speak at Banquet

Epsilon chapter at Mount Union College celebrated its thirty-fifth anniversary the weekend of March 18-19, 1950. Over 200 alumni returned to Alliance for the occasion. National Officers attending included President Roland Maxwell, Secretary Richard J. Young, Founder William H. Shideler, and Field Secretary Jack Anson. The highlight of the weekend was the anniversary banquet held March 18 at the Alliance Country Club. Three hundred persons attended to hear President Maxwell give the main address. He spoke of the advantages of fraternity life and listed as one of the most important tasks, the constant emphasis on the ideals which are basic to Phi Kappa Tau. Don H. Ebright, *Ohio State*, Republican candidate for governor of Ohio, spoke of the need for a yardstick of values in the confusing world of today. Dr. Shideler and Secretary Young spoke briefly and congratulated Epsilon on its 35th Birthday.

Attorney George Gentithes of Warren, acted as toastmaster for the banquet which began with greetings by Jack Skidmore, Resident Council president. Introduction of guests followed with P. F. Good, *Ohio*; Mrs. Charles B. Ketcham, wife of President Ketcham of Mount Union; Dean of the College and Mrs. William C. Wesley; Frances Freese, Dean of Women; Jack Anson, Field Secretary; Judge George N. Graham, *Ohio*, of Stark County Common Pleas Court; Professor and Mrs. O. H. Engle, honorary member of Class of 1926; and G. O. Putland, president of the Graduate Council. A. L. Dundon, introduced Ebright; and R. K. Bowers, one of the nine of the thirteen local founders present, and a past national secretary. Russell Fouse, of Akron, spoke briefly as the spokesman of Epsilon's founders. The founders were introduced as a group. Entertainment was provided by the Phi Tau Quartet composed of Wayne Muleheim, Bill Pinsch-



Notables at the Mount Union celebration were, seated, L to R, National Secretary Richard J. Young, National President Roland Maxwell, Don H. Ebright, Honored Founder W. H. Shideler, and George Gentithes. Standing are G. O. Putland and Arthur L. Dundon.

midt, Kenyon French, and John Morgan.

Following the banquet, the honor pledge of the Fall Pledge Class, Lloyd B. Swan, was initiated at the ceremony in the Chapter Ballroom. He received his pin from his father, Lloyd Swan, Class of 1925.

The two day celebration which began Saturday with a buffet lunch and open house at the Chapter House, was concluded with an All-College Tea sponsored in conjunction with the Epsilon Mothers Club on Sunday, March 19. Approximately 225 persons attended, including representatives of Mount Union College faculty, sororities, alumni and friends.

### On Discrimination

From a *New York Times* editorial, March 10—"An American citizen as such has the right to join any kind of society, club or organization he desires provided he and his associates are not using or advocating unlawful means toward an objective."

### Intramural Insurance

At Iowa State the 29 fraternities have adopted an insurance program which provides a maximum benefit of \$250 for injuries received in intramural activities and \$400 in the event of death. Payments to the Iowa State College Fraternity Health Fund will be based on an assessment of fifty cents a man in each chapter.

### Bad Debt Protection

A fraternity at Illinois assesses every man \$10 at the beginning of the fall semester, which is held in a fund to take care of any accounts receivable from members at the end of the year. If there is anything left over from this fund, it is returned to the members. Thus, instead of one man, usually the treasurer, nagging the delinquents, every member in the chapter keeps after the fellow who is slow about paying his bills.

# North Central Regional Conference Brings Thirteen Chapters to Purdue

By ROBERT P. JONES AND CHARLES R. LIEWALD, *Purdue*

Many Phi Taus from chapters at Indiana, Illinois, Louisville, Michigan, Michigan State, Mount Union, Kent State, Akron, Ohio, Ohio State, Transylvania, Purdue, and Bowling Green Colony arrived at the Lambda chapter house, West Lafayette, Indiana, for the third annual North Central Regional Conference May 19-21, 1950. Because of the fine spirit of mutual help which prevailed many excellent ideas for successful chapter operation were exchanged by chapter representatives.

Tom Athey, national field secretary, was the first to arrive. Tom ironed out a few problems and helped arrange the program for the conference, since it was the first time Lambda has been a host to a regional conference.

In the opening session Victor Veneman, Adviser to Fraternities from the Purdue Office of Student Affairs, talked on fraternity public relations. At the same meeting, Tom Athey conducted a forum on pledge training. Then there was an open discussion on rushing.

After dinner, the visiting Phi Taus went on a "tour" of the campus and got a

"birds eye view" of the many interesting things that Purdue has to offer.

Saturday morning, Alvin H. Huth, Wisconsin, noted certified public accountant in Indiana, explained the various methods of financing fraternities and also stressed the importance of running a fraternity house on business-like basis. Mr. Huth offered personally to help the chapters who have individual problems. Gordon Graham, a past president of Lambda and present president of the Graduate Council, spoke on alumni relations.

At the closing session Saturday afternoon, general discussion on social functions, extra-curricular activities, and another on pledge training ensued. A final talk from Tom Athey on chapter tone and leadership brought the conference to a close.

That evening, a banquet for all the conjugated Phi Taus was held at the Club Avalon of Lafayette, Indiana.

To top off a fine meal, Gordon Graham, toastmaster of the evening, introduced several distinguished guests who offered a few after dinner comments—these being



Chapter representatives at the Midwest Regional Conference held at Purdue in May

out of the ordinary for after dinner speeches for they were short and to the point.

Among the speakers were Victor Vene-man; R. K. Bowers, *Mount Union*, past national secretary of Phi Kappa Tau; Richard C. Lennox, *Purdue*, who designed our national office building at Oxford, Ohio. Tom Athey elaborated on his past field secretarial work with Phi Taus. One speech that will long be remembered was given by Dr. George E. Davis, Director of The Office of Student Affairs at *Purdue*. Dr. Davis cast a great deal of light upon the

trend of college morals and religion, and by popular demand, he recited several writings from the works of James Whitcomb Riley. Dr. Davis was a personal friend of the Hoosier Poet.

Yes . . . it can be said the 1950 Regional Conference was a great success. We sincerely hope that each representative from the respective chapters learned something new from another brother that will serve to better and develop his own chapter.

If that can be accomplished, The Phi Kappa Tau Fraternity will continue to grow.

## Little House Receives National Recognition

A residence designed by Robert M. Little, *Miami (Florida)*, has been chosen the prizewinner in a recent American Institute of Architects national competition. Architect Little, of Miami Beach and Fort Lauderdale, was named the winner by a group of nationally known and recognized experts.

Almost breath-taking in its freedom of scope and design, the house is an outstanding example of the methods being used by progressive architects to take full advantage of sun and air in planning a home of maximum comfort and livability in a semi-tropical climate.

The house is built at Harbor Ranch, Fort Lauderdale, Florida. The show-place residence has as its basic principle the making—through extensive use of glass—of the interior into a setting and a frame for the out-of-doors.

One of the chief exponents of the modern school of thought, Robert M. Little is convinced that in the not too-distant-future modern architecture will completely replace the older, more conventional, less livable type of building.

He gives this explanation of the present phase of architectural development:

"A good many of our modern designs must be developed without a precedent to go on. We are, in fact, making precedent with some of our building now, particularly in South Florida where new techniques are more readily accepted because they are so well suited to a sunny climate.

"We are going through a sort of renaissance period. But youth—and youthful

freedom of expression—will win out with modern design."

Little, whose designs are today a well known part of the modern development of this area, came to Miami from Pennsylvania in 1925. He studied architecture at the Beaux Arts school in Philadelphia.

### Taylor Is Man of the Year

Robert H. Taylor, *Kentucky*, recently was named "Young Man of the Year" by the Covington-Kenton County Junior Chamber of Commerce for the young man between 21 and 35 who has contributed most for the betterment of the community. Young Taylor, now a national bank examiner, was a member of Adolph Rupp's champion Kentucky basketball team for three years. His award came as a result of work with youth in the northern Kentucky area. He entered the war as a private, and was discharged with the rank of captain after meritorious service with the Intelligence Corps.

### Two to One Prefer Greeks

"*Time Magazine* in the September 12 edition reports on a nation-wide survey by Pollster Elmo Roper and an advisory board of educators: Americans want their children to go to college and 60 per cent want their daughters to go to coed schools and 58 per cent favor same for sons. By two to one, U. S. parents prefer schools where their children will have a chance to join fraternities and sororities."



## Ernest H. Volwiler Heads American Chemical Society

Following is an article which appeared in a recent issue of the *American Chemical Society News*. Ernest H. Volwiler is a Miami alumnus, and a member of Alpha chapter.

**ERNEST H. VOLWILER**, new president of the ACS, is known to his professional associates as a serious-minded man, a hard-working executive who is no respecter of hours for himself. His record speaks of achievement, for not only has he produced important research results, but he has been successful as an executive in a company where research has been a factor in success and progress; he is now executive vice president of Abbott Laboratories of North Chicago, Ill., the business record of which is very convincing. But those who know him personally and more intimately say that there is another Ernest Volwiler, a genial man with a delightful sense of humor, and enjoyment of relaxation; who shows himself outside working hours.

Ernest Volwiler was not a boy who grew up in an atmosphere of science or who nursed a junior chemistry set in his basement. His first vocation was school teaching. Even when he started graduate study, the urge to teach still stirred. Before he had received his Ph.D. his interest had changed to lead him into research in industry. He got his first teaching experience before college, after a summer session at Miami University, following graduation from high school in Okeana, Ohio. He taught one year at Reily Township public school in 1910-11.

In 1911 he entered Miami, at Oxford, Ohio, to work for his A.B. degree. In his studies at Miami, he met John C. Hessler, head of the chemistry department of James Milliken University and later president of that school. He found Dr. Hessler, who was a visiting professor at Miami, an inspiring teacher. This influence, combined with that of a laboratory instructor, George Oberfell, now a vice president of the Phillips Petroleum Co., led him to decide to become a chemist.



Dr. Ernest H. Volwiler, Miami

After receiving his degree at Miami in 1914 he continued his schooling at the University of Illinois. There he received the Ph.D. degree in 1918, the first to receive that degree under Roger Adams. Dr. Volwiler had intended to enter the Chemical Warfare Service, then to teach in a university after the war. As the war was nearly over and the activities of the Chemical Warfare Service were slowing down, he was encouraged by Professor Adams, then a consultant to Abbott Laboratories, to step in and help with the serious situation in the drug industry left by the collapse of the German supply. As a result he went into drug production with Abbott. This proved attractive and a year later he entered the research laboratory there. By 1920 he had become chief chemist and in 1930 was made director of research. This was followed by a vice presidency, in charge of research and development, in 1933, and in 1946 he became executive vice president of the company.

In his research work, Dr. Volwiler's interest has centered particularly on anesthetic substances and sedative and hypnotic

drugs. He has contributed importantly in the development of butyn sulfate and butesin, local anesthetics; Neonal and Nembutal, barbiturates; and Pentothal sodium, a thiobarbiturate of value as a quick-acting general anesthetic with a short recovery period. In addition, he has made important contributions in antisyphilitic drugs, vitamins, hormones, sulfonamides, anticoagulants, and antibiotics.

#### *Edited Chemical Bulletin*

An active interest in the professional aspects of chemistry is seen in his record and he has taken a strong part in editorial pursuits in the chemical world. This interest began in college and was continued later when he was editor of the *Chemical Bulletin*, publication of the Chicago Section of the ACS. He has served on the editorial board of the *Illinois Chemist*, a University of Illinois publication, and from 1945 to 1948 was an associate editor of *Chemical Reviews*. He is author or coauthor of nearly 60 papers and technical articles.

Dr. Volwiler's active service to the American Chemical Society has been extensive, in addition to his editorial contributions. He was chairman of the Chicago Section, 1924-25, and a member of its board of directors, 1922-40. He served as chairman of the Division of Medicinal Chemistry, 1924-25, and has been an ACS councilor continuously since 1926. Since 1944, when he became a director-at-large, he has been moving in the higher ranks of the national organization and was chosen President-Elect in 1949.

Dr. Volwiler did an outstanding piece of work for the War Department in 1945, when he went into Germany immediately behind the conquering troops to investigate chemical and pharmaceutical plants to learn of conditions and progress that had been made during the war. He executed successfully work planned for three men and, in addition, voluntarily joined a project under the Surgeon General and completed investigation of medical institutes within his area.

Dr. Volwiler has been the recipient of a number of honors, including the Modern Pioneers Award, 1940; the Honor Scroll of the Chicago chapter of the American Institute of Chemists, 1947; and honorary

D.Sc. degrees from Miami University, 1946, and Northwestern University, 1949.

#### *Lectures at Northwestern*

Obviously a busy man, he has not allowed his executive duties to take him completely out of contact with chemistry, as he is still a lecturer in chemistry in Northwestern University Medical School. The serious-minded Dr. Volwiler, aside from his work, is a member of the board of trustees of Highland Park Presbyterian Church and of Highland Park Hospital. The carefree man likes to play golf well enough, but not too well, hunts, but does not care seriously if he doesn't shoot anything, and has occasionally joined the fishing club, known to many organic chemists, which includes C. S. Marvel, R. L. Shriner, A. C. Cope, C. S. Hamilton, and others. He is an amateur photographer of considerable reputation, who likes color photography especially and specializes in pictures of covered bridges and capitol buildings.

Dr. and Mrs. Volwiler live in Highland Park, Ill.; they have two married daughters, a son who is a senior in Miami, and two grandchildren. Mrs. Volwiler will tell you that he is an ideal husband and father, loves strawberry pancakes with whipped cream, and is a rather poor helper in the kitchen. But she will add with a smile: "well, one man can't have everything."

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#### College Men, Not Boys

According to an editorial appearing in the *Indianapolis Star* the Indiana University chapter of Alpha Tau Omega Fraternity has provided further evidence that a mature sense of responsibility distinguishes today's college generation from some of its predecessors.

The A.T.O. chapter utilized its recent pre-initiation "Hell Week" to perform good deeds for the community. The fraternity pledges were put to work for the Monroe County Welfare Department. During the week they painted a nursery school, chopped wood, repaired roofs, shoveled snow and did other useful welfare work. Alpha Tau Omega has set an example for other fraternity chapters to follow.

## Travels by the Field Secretaries

### Jack Travels the West

By JACK ANSON

JIM ROSE, an Alpha undergraduate dashed me across the state line into Indiana one morning in April following an outstanding Graduate Council reunion at Alpha and there I boarded a train for Oklahoma and a visit with Beta Kappa at Stillwater.

Beta Kappa, at that time less than a year old, has its feet on the ground and has taken its place among the fraternities on the campus.

Growing pains have almost passed and under the leadership of Clayton Dobson, new president, the chapter is expected to continue to develop and add more and more each year to the benefits of its members.

Dick Black, the treasurer at Idaho State's colony, met my midnight train and arranged for me to meet the members of the colony who were in Pocatello over Easter holidays. Meeting with these members was highly beneficial and final plans were made for the coming installation of the chapter. Ted Kinney, the new president, and Gus Bengal, past president, made special trips to Pocatello for my visit.

Easter morning I departed for Spokane, Washington, where Dick Wallace, Washington State, domain chief in the northwest, met me at the station and together we called on Ernie Price, Cornell, a past national counselor and domain chief.

#### Washington State Tops

Stopping at Pullman with Alpha Kappa at Washington State, I found the same effi-



Jack Anson

### Jack Called Back to Army

JACK ANSON has been recalled by the Army, and is scheduled to report to Fort Riley, Kansas, late in September. His orders for return to active duty were delivered just as this issue of *The Laurel* was going to press.

Jack is a veteran of World War II. He served 33 months, and saw considerable service in combat in the European Theatre. He is a master sergeant, Signal Corps. When released from service in 1946 he returned to Colgate University to complete college course. He was classified in the inactive reserves when called back by the Army.

Jack started his travels as a field secretary with Phi Kappa Tau in September, 1947. He was one of the Fraternity's finest officers, and his return to the Army will leave a vacancy difficult to fill. Because of his wide travels among the chapters he is known to a large number of Phi Taus.

cient chapter that I had visited just a year earlier. Ray Chapman, who retired as president at the meeting I attended, did an excellent job keeping Alpha Kappa on top of the fraternity list at Washington State. Homer Dana, our faculty advisor, still is doing a lion's share around the house.

The sincerity and spirit that prevails at Alpha Kappa is certainly ideal among fraternities. A person has but to enter the door to feel and sense that that chapter is in excellent condition on every count.

Just across the state line into Idaho, our Beta Gamma Chapter at the University of Idaho has made great strides in the period of a year. Charles Decker, faculty advisor,

is acting dean of men. Jim Newsome, *Mississippi State*, and Joe Brunzell are doing an excellent job with the building corporation and give their all to Beta Gamma.

Dick Wallace and Ernie Price arranged a special alumni luncheon as I passed through Spokane enroute to Seattle giving me an opportunity to meet many of the men who have long been active in Phi Tau affairs in the northwest.

After the twisting, winding overnight ride to Seattle, Stan Dorst and Don Gibbons picked me up at the station and delivered me to the home of Alpha Pi at the University of Washington. Highlight of the stop in Seattle was attending their annual spring formal, which undoubtedly was one of the top social functions of the campus this season.

Carl Blatz, the new president, has an abundance of enthusiasm and sound ideas on the operation of a chapter. Under his direction Alpha Pi will continue to excel. Earl Harrison, Al Fretwell and Tom Vomaske, alumni of the chapter, stopped in during my visit, during which I renewed acquaintances with Harry Bauer, chapter advisor and university librarian.

In the middle of rehearsals for the interfraternity sing when I arrived, Alpha Zeta at Oregon State impressed me with their trained, well blended voices. Needless to say, they later took first honors in the singfest.

Dick Spees, who proved an excellent rushing chairman, has taken over presidential reigns from Elmer Mays. Dick has a fine staff of officers that are intent upon making Alpha Zeta the top chapter of Phi Kappa Tau. Their goal is worthy and ideal and their competition is great. Expect great things from Corvallis in the next few years, including a strong alumni group under the leadership of Fred Hoyer.

John Bauer, alumni advisor at Nu, spent a long evening at the chapter house in Berkeley where many of us learned of his interesting experiences in Saudi-Arabia as one of the first Americans to supervise construction in the pioneers days of the middle eastern oil industry.

Jim Struthers, chapter president, and Bill Eastburn, housemanager, were hard at work on chapter organization and finances, expending the necessary energy required

to keep Nu in its perennial top row among Phi Tau chapters.

A member of the National Council, Don Pearce drove with me to San Jose where we had lunch with O. Vincent Bruno, *Lafayette*, and Jerry Bryson, *Southern California*, and made final arrangements for the establishment of a colony at San Jose State. With the opening of school for the fall quarter, Phi Kappa Tau will be presented at San Jose in a small but moving fashion.

#### *UCLA Improves Rapidly*

Moving south to Los Angeles, I arrived at UCLA and our colony following a train accident that stranded me in a canyon for six hours, in time to assist Dan Calvin and his Phi Taus in the installation of the colony as Beta Rho of Phi Kappa Tau. A casual visitor at Beta Rho today would certainly be impressed with the organization and efficiency of the chapter. During their two years of colony status, they have made strides that rightfully makes them the pride of all Phi Kappa Tau.

Across the city at Southern California, members of Pi have moved into their new annex constructed to replace the annex which was destroyed by fire. An attractive, functional building, the annex is the joint effort of alumni and undergraduates and is a memorial to the energy and ability of the chapter. Charley Donnell was elected president while I was in the area. Pi has long been one of the top fraternities in scholarship and activity leadership at Southern California and under the hand of Charley, I believe they will exceed their past accomplishments.

Then to San Diego to visit for the first time since installation our chapter at San Diego State. Beta Nu, which has a history dating from June 6, 1926 as Kappa Phi Sigma, has a smooth working resident council. They are hard at work initiating their many alumni into the graduate council of the chapter and making plans for construction of a lodge.

The railroads called a halt to their strikes at the exact time for my travel schedule, and I left San Diego on the first train north to Los Angeles, there to board the first train to Pocatello, Idaho. Reservations that had been made three weeks before placed me at Idaho State right on schedule for the

installation of our colony as the Beta Sigma chapter of Phi Kappa Tau.

Ted Kinney, president, and the other officers and past officers of the colony did a master's job of organization for the installation ceremonies. Coming near the close of the school year, and in the middle of a full college social calendar, the men, in close coordination with the college administration, arranged an excellent dinner dance. During the banquet, President Maxwell, Dr. Carl MacIntosh, president of Idaho State, and numerous administrative representatives and alumni saw the colony bloom into fraternal existence in true Phi Tau tradition.

Gus Bengal, formerly of Psi at the University of Colorado, and first president of the Idaho State Colony, took me to the train Sunday following installation, and I departed for a one day stop at Boulder, Colo., the home of Psi.

For two years I have been conducting a one-man campaign to visit Psi. Success was mine as I met Ted La Shell, *Colorado*, in Denver and we drove to the campus the evening of Ray Bushey's annual dinner for the chapter's seniors. Ray, a local businessman and a charter member of Psi, has for years been one of our mainstays in the graduate council at Boulder.

After dinner I attended the final portion of the resident council meeting with Larry Warner, our faculty advisor. Larry has just taken his position, and his energy and friendliness will be invaluable to Psi.

Leaving Psi, I stopped for a few hours at Manhattan, Kansas, to meet with officers of the Kansas State Chapter. Alpha Epsilon, which was reactivated this year, has had a very good year climaxed by housing arrangements which will give the boys an even fuller fraternal life next year.

Dick Young, the national secretary met my train in Richmond, Ind., and delivered me to Oxford and the Central Office after that whirlwind trip through the west which included two installations and more train trouble than seems possible. Tom Athey, closing out two years as field secretary arrived in Oxford in a few days and once again we spent our usual hours of comparison and evaluation before I left for a trip to Colgate to meet with the alumni at

their annual reunion and to work for a short time with the alumni officers on final arrangements for the construction of a new home for Alpha Upsilon. A few days later Tom left for Virginia, another school year had passed and summer was with us.

## Tom Visits Many Chapters

By TOM ATHEY

AFTER the whirlwind tour with President Maxwell and Secretary Young, which included chapter installations at Georgia, Maryland and Middlebury and Founders' Day banquets at N. C. State, William and Mary, and Rensselaer, I proceeded to Syracuse for a visit with Sigma Chapter. In spite of a slow start in rushing, the chapter has worked steadily, and it now has a fine pledge class. Considerable painting and decorating had been done since my fall visit, and the house looked even better. Sigma certainly knows how to spread out the welcome mat, and I enjoyed the stay tremendously.



Tom Athey

Next on the itinerary was a trip to Westminster College at New Wilmington, Pennsylvania. We had received a petition from Delta Nu local fraternity, and my job was to pledge the members to Phi Kappa Tau and start them operating on a colony basis. The best possible cooperation was received from the new colony, the administration, and the other fraternities. It's an excellent group of men who now represent Phi Kappa Tau at Westminster.

Western Pennsylvania roads are far from the best I've traveled, but I negotiated them successfully and finally arrived at Bethany College in West Virginia. It was almost spring vacation time in them thar hills, but with the men of Phi Chapter, the fraternity comes first, and I feel as though much was accomplished. The chapter had collected a

fine group of pledges in the deferred rushing and, with a little improvement in the old academic endeavor, will be tops in every way at Bethany; they're already unexcelled in other fields. An innovation this year was the institution of an alumni organization in which each region having sufficient alumni representation is headed by a district chairman whose duty is to maintain personal contacts and interest among the "grads."

Armed with a formidable looking list of seventeen schools, I headed west for Oklahoma, invading Jack Anson's domain. Beta Kappa chapter gave me a royal welcome, and I immediately felt at home with an outstanding group of men. Though young, the chapter has made for itself a respected place in the life of the campus. With an increased membership and the seasoning which age and experience will bring, Beta Kappa should be tops at Oklahoma A. & M.

My visit with the Kansas chapter coincided with the Engineering Exposition and the Kansas Relays, so the holiday spirit prevailed. However, we were able to accomplish quite a lot. The chapter has kept in excellent financial condition, which will enable it to make many badly needed improvements in the house. Our scholastic standing, according to an unofficial report which did not include freshmen, was second on the campus.

The trip to Manhattan was made in 92 degree heat and a mild version of the famed Kansas dust storms. Alpha Epsilon at Kansas State was just officially re-chartered in February but has made almost incredible progress. The group now numbers 34 outstanding men and has advanced to the point where it needs only a house to make it a firmly-established chapter at "K State." Meanwhile, the men of Alpha Epsilon are participating enthusiastically in all campus activities that afford an opportunity to work together as a unit. The spirit couldn't be finer.

#### *Visits With "Doc" Harry*

Arriving at Upsilon, at Nebraska Wesleyan, I found that about 24 of the members, including most of the officers, were away on tour with the Glee Club and the band. It was certainly a treat to have a long talk with "Doc" Harry Taylor, past na-

tional president and a physician in Lincoln. All who attended the '49 convention will remember the banquet address given by Doc Harry, one of the very best Phi Taus and a well-beloved figure in the Fraternity.

At Iowa State I was the grateful recipient of the finest in Midwestern hospitality. President Merlyn Johnson, whose father is a charter member of the chapter, and the men of Alpha Nu are really in there plugging to put Phi tau at the top on campus. I believe that the chapter is unique in having a long range planning committee, whose job it is to formulate objectives, devise means of accomplishing them, and then enlist the active support of the entire chapter. Not the least of the reasons for Alpha Nu's fine progress is the interest and work of men like Dallas McGinnis and Paul Brasch, with whom I had a most enjoyable talk in Waterloo on my way to Madison, Wisconsin.

My investigation at the University of Wisconsin revealed that Omega chapter would be welcomed back and that next year will probably be the logical time to effect the restoration. This came as most welcome news to the men of Mu chapter at Lawrence. In Appleton I had the opportunity to renew many acquaintances and to see what a terrific job Herman Kloppman has done in leading Mu to new heights at Lawrence.

Many hours and two flat tires after my departure from Appleton, I arrived at East Lansing, home of Alpha Alpha chapter. The Michigan State Phi Taus are unusual in many ways—all good—not the least of which is the fact that they have a house free of debt. The alumni are now purchasing a sizable lot in an excellent location and hope, before many years, to begin building. Michigan State is noted throughout the country for its rapid growth in recent years, and Alpha Alpha chapter has certainly kept pace, consistently ranking as one of the best on the campus. They are particularly well known for their annual Delta Street Shuffle, co-sponsored with the Betas and one of the high spots on the campus social calendar.

The trip to the University of Michigan was my first, but both the school and Tau chapter lived up to advance billing. The chapter, re-activated since the war, is an

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## CHAPTER ETERNAL

### *Roy I. Pepper, Delta Charter Member, Called by Death*

**P**ROFESSOR Roy Irvine Pepper, Centre, acting head of the mathematics department of Winthrop College, Rock Hill, S. C., died on July 2 following a short illness. He was 57.

Writing to Delta alumni following the passing of his close friend, E. T. Boles, Centre, said:

"Such tremendous trifles — dozens of them — came rushing back into memory today when I learned that Roy Irvine Pepper had gone to the Chapter Eternal.

"His going is a tremendous blow to the original sixteen of Delta Chapter. He stayed in college work as a teacher and never ceased to be a part of the golden college days of our youth. His death breaks a close brotherhood of men who knew him well, loved him much and admired him greatly.

"Like most of us, "Pep" discovered no new continents and contrived no great inventions—but he did the thing all of us would most like to do; he found his way into the hearts of the people he knew. Warm-hearted, scholarly and an accomplished teacher — an amazing and untold number of kindnesses emblazon the record of his work among young people.

"He is survived by his widow, the former Miss Eliza Proctor of Danville. Brothers of the early Delta Chapter remember Eliza because she was the first sweetheart of the chapter—many gay times were had at her lovely home in Danville as the guests of her most gracious parents. Her address is P. O. Box 1014, Rock Hill, South Carolina.

"After many years on the faculty at the University of Tennessee, Roy was teaching at Winthrop College in Rock Hill at the time of his death, July second. Burial was in Danville. He was born at Paris, Kentucky, November 3, 1892, and was graduated from Centre in 1914.

"He will live forever in the hearts of his many, many friends."

#### EDWARD C. O. BEATTY

Edward C. O. Beatty, *Illinois*, passed away at his home, 410 College Ave., De



Roy I. Pepper, Centre

Kalb, Illinois, March 6, 1950. He was 55. He was a charter member of Zeta chapter. He is survived by his wife, Mrs. Katherine Beatty.

#### GEORGE LOUIS FAIRES

A member of the original Flying Tigers under Maj. Gen. Claire Chennault, George Louis Faires, *Southern California*, known as Kurt Van Rijn, a name taken by him to avoid notoriety, died May 27 in a Phoenix, Arizona, hospital.

He had suffered long from an illness developing from wounds received while flying with that group. He was 36.

A graduate of the University of Southern California, he was a lieutenant in the Marine Corps Reserve. While in Phoenix, he had been an auto parts distributor, but was forced to retire early this year when he could no longer work, due to his health.

During the conflict in China, one lung was penetrated by machine gun fire.

Survivors include his wife, Ruth E. of 314 North 35 Ave., Phoenix, and his mother and father, Los Angeles.

#### MILTON HART FISH

Milton Hart Fish, *Cornell*, died recently, according to word sent to the Central Office by the Post Office Department. He was born December 18, 1898, and graduated with a degree in agriculture. He was a Mason. His home was in South Edmeston, N. Y.

#### DR. RICHARD R. GATES

Dr. Richard R. Gates, *Muhlenberg*, died on December 13, 1949, according to word sent the Central Office by Mrs. Gates. He was 48. A charter member of Eta chapter, he was a practising surgeon. His home was at 1049 Drexel Ave., Drexel Hill, Pa.

#### HOWARD EARL LAMB

Howard Earl Lamb, *Illinois*, first president of Zeta chapter, died at the Hillsdale Community Health Center, Hillsdale, Michigan, on April 1, 1950. He was 57.

Prominent in the affairs of "Flying Farmers," he had just returned from a national roundup and was undergoing a physical examination. Death was caused by a cerebral hemorrhage.

Besides his work with the state "flying farmers," he was director of the Hillsdale Aviation Club; president of the Hillsdale County Swine Breeders association; director of the Michigan Hampshire association, member of Wheatland Grange and Farm Bureau; and attended the Congregational Church.

His own plane was flown the route of the funeral procession and hovered over the cemetery during final rites as taps sounded for one of Michigan's first "flying farmers."

He was a Mason, and a member of the Shrine club. He is survived by his widow, Mrs. Cecilia Lamb, of Hillsdale, Michigan.

#### MARSHALL H. LONG

Marshall H. Long, *Case*, was killed March 8, 1950, in an accident at the U. S. Rubber Company plant in Woonsocket, R. I., according to information supplied by his father, Lester W. Long. He was 42.

He was initiated February 12, 1927, and graduated with the B. S. degree in May, 1930. He is survived by his wife, a daughter and a son, of 25 Dayton Road, Naugatuck, Conn.

#### MERRILL M. McFARLAND

Word recently was received of the death on August 4, 1949, of Merrill M. McFarland, *Southern California*. He was 47.

He was owner and manager of several apartment houses in Sacramento, Calif. A charter member of Pi chapter, he graduated in 1925. He was a Mason.

Surviving are his wife, Mrs. Lucille McFarland, 1220 P Street, Sacramento, and a daughter, Merrilyn.

#### RALPH S. MILLER

Ralph S. Miller, *Mount Union*, died suddenly of a heart attack on June 29, 1950, at his home in Alliance, Ohio. He was 61. He was a Mason, a member of Kiwanis, and the Christian Church.

#### CLINTON L. PEASE

Clinton L. Pease, *Bethany*, died at his home, R. F. D. No. 1, Eighty-Four, Pa., early in December, 1949. He is survived by his widow, Mrs. Pease, of the same address.

#### LLOYD REES

Lloyd Rees, *Ohio*, died suddenly of a heart attack on May 28, 1950, at St. Rita Hospital, Lima, Ohio. He was 56.

He is survived by his widow, Mrs. Gladys Giffin Rees, and a five-year-old son, of Route 1, Van Wert, Ohio.

#### JOHN F. RUCK

John F. Ruck, *Muhlenberg*, died October 13, 1949, at his home, 1203 Eldridge Ave., West Collingswood, N. J. He was 42. He graduated from Muhlenberg College with the A. B. degree in 1929.

#### S. D. SNODGRASS

S. D. Snodgrass, *West Virginia*, has been reported deceased by the Post Office Department. He was 48. At the time of his death he was a member of the faculty of Abington High School, Abington, Pa.

#### RONALD P. TAYLOR

Ronald P. Taylor, *Ohio*, died recently according to a Post Office report. He was



37. At the time of his death his home was at 2417 W. Chestnut Ave., Altoona, Pa.

### RICHARD J. VISIN

Richard Joseph Visin, Michigan, was killed in an industrial accident during the spring of 1950. According to the Tau Graduate Council Newsletter, he was taking a training course with a Chicago company that involved some factory experience. On his last day in the department, a buffing wheel came off its shaft and struck him a fatal blow.

He is survived by his widow, and two small children. His home was at 29 Dole Ave., Crystal Lake, Ill. He was 25.

### JAMES S. WILLIAMS

James S. Williams, Colorado Aggies, died of a heart attack at his home in Fairplay, Colo., on June 27, 1950. He was 33. At the time of his death he was business manager of a Fairplay motor company. He is survived by his father and mother.

### JOHN CLINTON YINGST

John Clinton Yingst, Franklin and Marshall, a charter member of Xi chapter, died at his home in Lebanon, Pa., according to a Post Office report. He was 57. He was a contractor. He graduated from college in 1920.

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### Tom Athey's Travels

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excellent group of outstanding men, many of whom are prominent in athletics, publications, and campus politics. Great accomplishments have been made in the important matters of scholarship and financial operations. It was certainly a pleasure to meet chapter adviser Matt Mann, the Wolverines' nationally famous swimming coach, and to pry former field secretary Hap Angelo away from his law books for a while.

### Bowling Green Approved

The approval of a local petition from Bowling Green State University (Ohio) in March had resulted in a fine colony for Phi Kappa Tau. I welcomed the opportunity to visit the new group and wasn't long

in finding it an excellent addition to our ever widening circle. The men of the former Delta Phi Beta were as enthusiastic and ambitious as any budding Phi Taus I've been privileged to meet, and the able and mature manner with which they proceed in their activities would be a credit to a group many years their senior. Highlight of the visit was the arranging for the initiation of 36 men at Michigan. While in Bowling Green, I stayed with National Councilor E. N. Littleton and enjoyed also getting to know Mrs. Littleton, Leigh, and Sally Lou.

One of the big events of the year for Midwestern Phi Taus was the Regional Conference at Purdue. Participation in the two day meeting was enthusiastic, and many good ideas were exchanged. Those Boiler-maker Phi Taus gave out with the best in hospitality, and every delegate knew that he had not only attended a beneficial meeting but had observed a truly excellent chapter in operation. Lambda's Dick Kreusser and Bob Davis deserve a lot of credit for the fine job they did in organizing the conference. The session was climaxed by a banquet, attended by Lambda Chapter undergraduates and alumni, delegates, and administration representatives.

Leaving the Hoosier state, I made short stops at the Ohio Wesleyan chapter and the Westminster colony before continuing on to Ann Arbor to participate in the initiation of 36 men from the Bowling Green colony. Tau chapter showed them the ultimate in graciousness and performed the kind of initiation ceremony that will be a lasting inspiration.

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NIC to meet in Washington

This year's meeting of the National Interfraternity Conference will be held in the Mayflower Hotel in Washington, D. C., November 24-26. Official Phi Kappa Tau representatives will include President Roland Maxwell, Secretary Richard J. Young, Scholarship Commissioner Charles D. Spotts, and NIC Executive Committee Member P. M. Harrington, Jr.

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Dean at Occidental College

Dr. B. H. Culley, Southern California, is dean of men and assistant professor at Occidental College, Los Angeles, California. Four national fraternities are at Occidental.

# From the Chapters

## Akron

By JAMES CRAIG

To tell of all the activities of the men of Alpha Phi during the past year would take an entire book. In the small space allotted, only a few of the highlights can be mentioned.

Socially, Alpha Phi has enjoyed three formals, a Thanksgiving formal at Lake Forest, a dinner-dance formal at the Mayflower Hotel, and a summer formal at Lake Forest. These functions, intermingled with a big Christmas party, a masquerade dance, and several after-the-game parties proved to be an interesting and entertaining social program.

Since intramural football was disbanded, basketball and baseball were the two major sports in which Alpha Phi participated. Our basketball team, made up entirely of underclassmen, ran away with the fraternity cup and the baseball team, mostly sophomores and juniors, placed second in the baseball standings.

The men of Alpha Phi have proved to be paperhangers, carpenters, landscapers, masons, and what have you. The first floor has been repapered by Herbert Clark; the hall steps and the kitchen have been recovered; and a new fire alarm system has been installed by Robert Flower. The pingpong and pool rooms have been repainted and a new danceroom, finished with knotty pine and with indirect lighting, make the basement of Alpha Phi the very best on the campus. On the exterior, new brick steps have been built by the men, under the direction of James Aikey and Bert Lindstrom. This is the beginning of a giant plan to beautify the fraternity grounds. Trees have been chopped down and bricks removed from the driveway to make room for the change. New shrubbery, new trees, new grass, an asphalt parking lot in the back of the house, and a new walk are the main elements in the plan. After the reroofing

and repainting by the alumni, Alpha Phi will not only have the best men but also the best house.

Scholastically, the Phi Taus from Akron are pushing for the top spot among the fraternities on the campus. Through the fine efforts of the Board of Governors and vice president Bert Lindstrom, the chapter placed well above the all men's average with a 2.54 and was second in the fraternity standings.

On the campus, Alpha Phi had three football lettermen, William Eiler, end, Donald Jaber, back, and Orval Hoover, also a back. Hoover, chosen to captain the wrestling team in 1951, was given the trophy for the best wrestler on this year's squad. On the *Buchtelite*, William Boles served as news editor and assistant managing editor; John Kelly, as a cartoonist; and Rodger Ederer as a reporter. Boles also participated with the debate team. In Student Council, Otto Schellin served as secretary, and Wesley Smith and Nick Andreef were members. In the military department, Al Roos was colonel, and Blinn Scatterday was lieutenant colonel. Roos, Scatterday, Joe Wilson, and Ed Mazak, were honored as distinguished military students by the R.O.T.C. Al Roos also led Scabbard and Blade this last year. President of the newly organized air corps honorary, the Arnold Society, is Ernest Hookway. Mike Bozzelli, the newly appointed student manager, led the Economics Club and Jack Fitzgerald was top man in the Secretarial Science Club.

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## Auburn

By CHARLES LANE

Although the number of members in school this summer is smaller than usual and things have been quiet, one of our greatest dreams is about to become a reality. Alpha Lambda signed a contract



Blood brothers at Baldwin-Wallace are, front row, l to r, Norb Hecker, Ed Keel, Dick Reinhardt, Charles Schenk; back row, Bob Hecker, Stan Keel, Al Reinhardt, Dick Schenk.

to build a new chapter home. Construction of the house will get under way in the near future. It will be the first fraternity house of modern design to be constructed in Auburn, and we are proud to claim this honor. When the house is completed it will have a value of approximately \$100,000 and will provide living accommodations for 40 members.

The armed forces have claimed at least two of our active membership. They are Johnnie Green of Anniston, Alabama, and Bob Barnes of Williamsburg, Kentucky. Two of our alumni, Lt. Jimmie Donald and Lt. Metullus Barns, are serving in Korea.

Sunday afternoon, April 23, we honored our housemother, Mrs. S. F. Teague with a tea. Incidentally, Mother Teague has been all anyone could ask for as a housemother, and we feel quite lucky to have her with us.

Phi Taus hold some important offices in campus organizations with Sigmund Redelshimer, treasurer of Scabbard and Blade, military honor fraternity, and vice president of Steerage, naval honor fraternity. Eddie Silber holds the position as President of Steerage, and Bill Falkenberry is business manager of *The Auburn Engineer*.

## Baldwin-Wallace

By AL WERNER

In keeping with the theme of brotherhood, Alpha Omega is indeed proud of her four pairs of brothers who represent a nucleus of campus life.

From Olmstead Falls, Ohio, there are Bob and Norb Hecker. Bob has received letters in football and track, was president of the Letterman's Club and has been drafted by the Chicago Cardinals professional football team. Last fall he broke the four year total football point record in the final game of the season. Norb has played varsity basketball, football, baseball, and has participated in all track field events. In baseball he carried a substantial .429 average.

Stan and Ed Keel of Rocky River, Ohio, are two new men who are sure-fire competitors for top honors in sports. Stan, a transfer from Alpha chapter at Miami University, has been setting new records in track and participates in anything from quarter mile to broad jump. Ed, the junior member of the Keel family, starred on the swimming team as a diver and will be the only returning letterman on the golf team.

The Reinhardt brothers from Medina, Ohio, have achieved high scholastic attain-

ment and are the most active men on campus. Former Alpha Omega president, Al, is a member of the Dayton C. Miller Gold Key Honor Society, past president of the Greek Council, Interfraternity Board, and was treasurer of the fraternity and of Delta Mu Delta, Commerce honorary. Dick is the accountant of the family and is fraternity treasurer, Delta Mu Delta treasurer, and treasurer of the B-W Players. He was the chairman of the Publicity Board of the Student Council and had the lead in the spring production of "The Late George Apley."

Dick and Charlie Schenk of Newark, Ohio, are the inseparable two of the fraternity. Dick has broken two pool records in free style swimming and won a letter as forward for the basketball team. Younger brother, Charlie, is the breaststroke champion of the swimming team and was the star of the Phi Tau Basketball quintet.

Active fraternity life comes to an end for 21 men in Alpha Omega, but with brothers like the aforementioned, Phi Tau can not help but keep the high tradition and standards that have been attained in the past.

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## Bethany

By JACK GRUBEL

Last semester saw Phi scoring with two outstanding social successes, our Spring formal Carnation Ball, and a Mother's Day tea and buffet supper. The formal was quite a contrast to our usual novelty dance, but members in their "soup-and-fish" enjoyed themselves amid decorations of red and white carnations.

Mothers of chapter men who were able to come down to Bethany on Mothers' Day, were "Queens for a Day" as they were honored with flowers, an afternoon tea at the house, a buffet supper and a serenade by the brothers. The men had a special song fest in the afternoon, and in the evening participated with other fraternities and the sororities in the college's annual "Mothers' Day Sing." Song leader Bob Switzer led our men through an excellent rendition of "Wanderin'," and "Brothers."

On the athletic front, the chapter won its third cup of the school year as our bowling team came through to beat the favored



Bethany Brothers serenade mothers.

Betas in newly revived bowling competition. In varsity athletics, six Phi Taus on the starting college baseball nine gave the team its most successful season in years. The college track squad, which also turned in a successful season, was ably supported by Tom Liedke, Harvey LaTourette, Guy Davies, Carl Staples, Ron Topp, John McLaughlin, and Elmer Freese.

The fraternity scholarship average, which hasn't been anything to brag about in previous semesters, is now on the up-grade, with the brothers hitting the books hard. Our last pledge class, in April, had an average of 2.5, the highest of any class in a long time.

The June graduating class, the largest in college history, found many of the brothers receiving their sheepskins. We hate to lose them, but we wish them luck and know they'll all make a success in their respective jobs.

Congratulations to Dick Rogers, named by the college as the outstanding Junior man. Dick is our president, and is also president of his class and the Student Board of Governors. Congrats also to Jerry McConn our new treasurer, and George Nicholas who will try to keep the house above our heads as the house manager.

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## Bowling Green

By JUDSON D. ELLERTSON

This is our first introduction to *The Laurel* as a colony. Thirty-six of our membership were individually initiated at the Tau chapter of University of Michigan.

Our membership is very active in campus organizations with Jack Myers being vice president of Book and Motor, a scholastic

honorary and copy editor of the school annual, *The Key*, for next year. Harold Hakes is secretary-treasurer of the Interfraternity Council and president of the Young Republican Club. Charles Kurfess is president of the Lutheran Student Association, president of the University Farm Bureau Youth Council, a member of Student Court and president of Pi Sigma Alpha, national recognition society in political science. Louis Dispenza is treasurer and Lowell Everingham vice president of the Association for Childhood Education. Richard Maholm completed a year as president of Student Christian Fellowship, religious group. Judson Ellerton is vice president of Theta Alpha Phi, national recognition society in dramatics. He has also had the leads in "Petticoat Fever" and "My Hearts In The Highlands".

Our chapter was listed fourth of 15 campus fraternities in scholarship and also won a bowling trophy in the independent league before we became local.

Officers for the next year are: Jack Myers, president; Merlin Miller, vice president; John Rowe, secretary; Bill Benton, treasurer; Richard Maholm, chaplain, and Jack Tishler, sergeant-at-arms. Faculty advisers are Dr. Giles R. Floyd, of the English Department, and Professor Warren S. Allen of the Music Department.

We have acquired a fraternity house for this fall just outside the University gates, which furnishes room and board for 30 members.

Jack Myers and Richard Lenhart, president and past president of Phi Kappa Tau colony, were recently tapped by Omicron Delta Kappa, national senior men's leadership honor society. Only one other fraternity had more than one member tapped.

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## Case Tech

By JOSEPH MODIE

Alpha Delta completed activities this year by taking a place as runner up in the annual interfraternity Song Contest. We give much credit to Al Montag who served as director.

Alpha Delta furnished two men, Ted Homer and Dave First, to the local chapter of Eta Kappa Nu, honorary electrical fra-

ternity. While Paul Lauterbur is a member of Alpha Chi Sigma, honorary chemical fraternity, helping along the newly reorganized Case Booster's Club are Bob Lund and Kurt Rose. Rose was also elected freshman vice-president. The Student Union board of managers is receiving the able assistance of Walt Erdell, Gene Ulanowicz, Ken Carter and Dick Pocker. Ulanowicz is also Alpha Delta's representative to the Interfraternity Council.

Phi Kappa Tau's contribution to the popular Case Barber Shop Quartet, Al Montag, was graduated along with his three fellow barber shoppers. So now we are seeking a pledge with a good base voice. On the school publications staffs are Jack Flynn and Ken Davis. In the spring Newman Club elections Joe Modie was elected vice-president. Alpha Delta's golf foursome came close with a second place in the intramural golf tournament. These men were Jack Horner, Bob Mason, Lyle Haber, and Don Kissel.

Spring track gave Jim Theiling a chance to show his skill. Jim broke the 18 year old school low hurdles record and has been running some of the best times in the state in the hurdles and dashes. Ted Heim won his letter in freshman track and boosted Alpha Delta's intramural track squad.

As a whole, this year has been a most successful one. Gradually, new and progressive ideas are being worked out and are rapidly making Alpha Delta a leader on campus.

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## Colgate

By CRAIG B. BRIGHT

By the time this issue of the *Laurel* goes to press, Alpha-Upsilon's new house should be well along in the process of construction. Alumni Chairman James A. Storing and the men on his committee have done an amazing job of contacting banks, contractors, and alumni groups; the support for the new house on the part of all concerned has been unprecedented. Its modern design will easily make it the best house on the row at Colgate and one of the best in the nation.

Spring elections have placed Alpha-Upsilon among the leaders at Colgate, as usual. President Jim Foley is secretary-treasurer of

the Interfraternity Council. Senator Virg Conway is secretary of the Student Senate. Secretary Don Schaefer is president of Pi Delta Epsilon and managing editor of the *Colgate Maroon*, the university newspaper. Bernie Clausen and Lee McNair are associate editors of the *Maroon*; Dick Beattie is circulation manager, and Charlie Dorf is sports editor of the year book, *Salmagundi*. Beattie is assistant manager of hockey, Dorf is assistant manager of basketball, and Dick Eames is assistant manager of baseball. Jack Filler is the new manager of hockey, while Clausen is the manager of tennis. Virg Conway was elected to Konosioni, senior honorary society, while seven men were elected to Maroon Key, junior honorary society—more than from any other house on the row.

Returns aren't in on the finals in the scholastic race, but it appears certain that we will again place first among the Greek-letter fraternities at Colgate.

Our pledge class is not only the largest but the best here at Colgate, at least in our opinion. The brothers went without sleep for weeks, debating in lengthy meetings nightly, trying to pick the best possible men. We took the largest class in our history, and still had to turn away some of the finest fellows in the Freshmen class.

So, we close the year with a record of success which could never have been achieved without the enthusiastic cooperation of our officers, of the alumni, and of the Resident Council. We'd particularly like to thank the many alumni and friends who have contributed to our Building Fund. Without their willing help, we could never have hoped to start building this summer; and without their promise of continued and increasing support, Alpha-Upsilon could not stay first at Colgate.

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## Colorado

By BRAD PRETTI

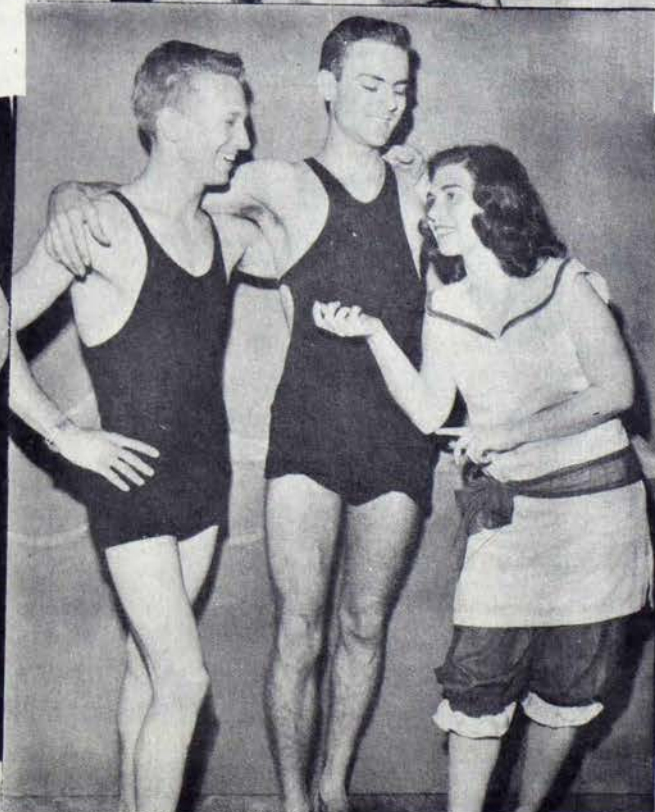
1949 was an eventful year for Psi chapter. The year began with a very successful rush week as 16 rushees were pledged. During the fall the Phi Taus captured second place in their intramural football division, and the volleyball team rolled to the league championship in that sport. A "primitive" costume dance was held at the

house in mid-November, and it proved to be one of the finest costume parties on the campus. Despite all the activities, Psi took third place out of 20 fraternities in scholarship for the fall quarter.

Returning from Christmas vacation, the members began working toward another successful quarter. A beautiful trophy was presented to the chapter for their first place ice statue, which was constructed for the Winter Carnival celebration on the Colorado University campus. The annual Founder's Day banquet was held on February 12. The principal speaker was Richard Young, National Secretary. Many alums were in attendance, and the chapter could well be proud of the occasion. The Sweet-heart Ball was the big social event of the quarter. Dee Boulton reigned as queen with Jane McKown and Wilma Burgener as her attendants. The basketball team placed high in their league, and William Haase retained his position as the top gymnast in the Rocky Mountain region. He placed fifth in the trampoline at the N.C.A.A. meet at West Point. Other members who held top campus positions were Ray Rothermel, news editor of the *Silver and Gold* as well as Buff Pep Club president and Campus Chest chairman; Dick Heath, athletic commissioner on the student body council; and Jerry Berger, Business School board and assistant business manager for homecoming.

Spring Quarter brought even more activities to Psi. An unusual carnival booth and a beautiful float were built for the C. U. Days celebration. The house was partially redecorated, and some new fixtures were installed. In the race for the interfraternity council's annual participation cup, the Phi Taus placed a very good third and set their sights for a first place next year. A new executive council was installed and shortly after, Professor Warner was initiated and became the chapter's faculty adviser. Dick Heath was narrowly defeated for Student Body president for next year, but was appointed to the position of Publications Board head, a very important job on the campus. Dick was also one of ten University students tapped for Heart and Dagger, Senior men's honorary. Two Phi Taus were tapped for the Junior honorary, and two were chosen as Pacesetters for the past year.

# Phi Tau Fictorial



Top: Dream Girl Dolly Krstich with Bob Langford and Bill Ryan of Kent State.

Lower Left: Darlene Goldsby, Dream Girl at New Mexico A and M, with President Leo Dirnberger.

Lower Center: Tom Murphy and Jim Eckert with Lauris Cavanaugh, Sigma Kappa, in a campus skit at Louisville.

Lower Right: Party Queen Finalists at Colgate.



Upper Left: Harold P. Ballentine and Jarold P. Ballentine, Jr., Muhlenberg.

Upper Center: Clifford Sheard, second from left, with Donald Wynn, nephew, Merle Sayers, son-in-law, and Jack Sheard, son, all of Miami.

Upper Right: Maurice I. Lamport, Ohio State, and Donald O. Lamport, Kent State.

Lower Left: Fred B. Friberg and Gregg Friberg, Washington State.

Lower Center: Lloyd M. Swan and Lloyd B. Swan, Mount Union.

Lower Right: Roger W. Cann and Joseph Cann, Delaware.

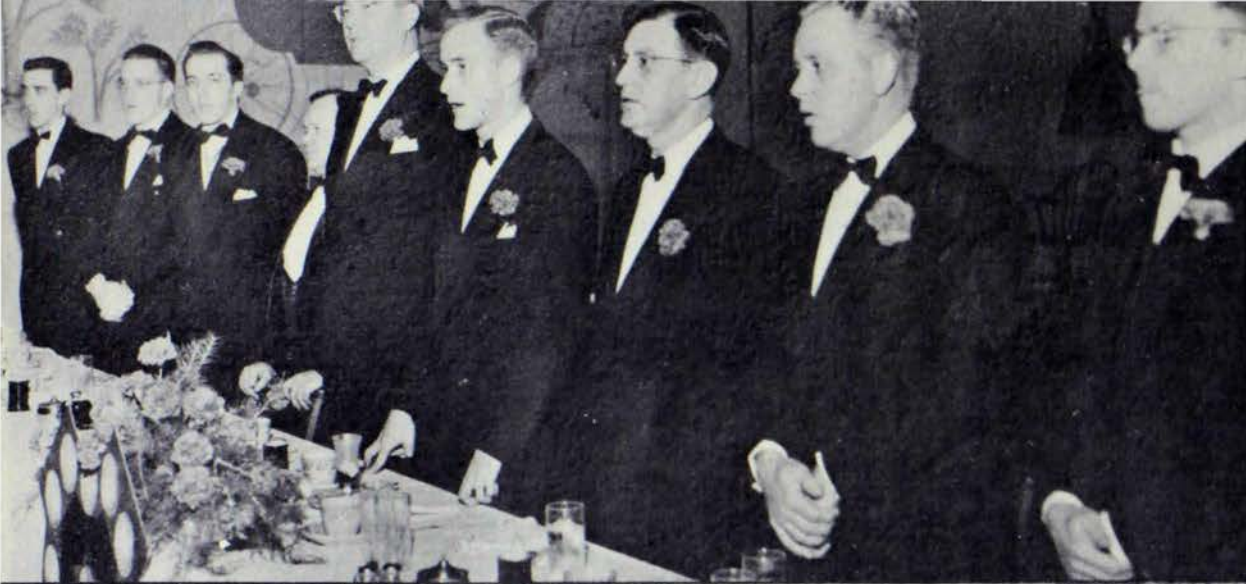




Top: Five brothers on the NROTC cruise this summer from Little Creek and Pensacola: Left to right, Bob Simms, Porter Brown and Bert Thompson, from Louisville; Jim Potter and Noel Smith, from Iowa State.

Center: The champion bowling team at Baldwin-Wallace.

Bottom: Prize pledge class at Colgate.



Top: President Maxwell, Secretary Young, and Field Secretary Tom Athey join in the singing at William and Mary's Founders Day Banquet.

Center: This Happy Group Gathered for Mother's Day at Penn State.

Bottom: These Proud Phi Taus Won the Oregon State Interfraternity Sing Contest.



Alpha Sigma's prize-winning float

## Colorado A & M

By DAN R. YOWELL

Alpha Sigma chapter won first prize for their float at the College Days Parade at Colorado A & M in competition with over 50 other floats. The float represented an Indian chief with his arms outstretched holding a peace pipe in his hands. In each corner of the float was a scene representing a season: Summer, Winter, Spring, and Fall. The float was entitled "Prayer to the Winds," and carried out the theme of "Shades of the West."

In spite of a late start in rushing last fall as the house was cleaned and repaired, we did manage to have a pledge class of 15 men by the end of fall quarter. We have been fairly successful in pledging throughout the year.

Intramurals were shelved during fall quarter in favor of better scholarship. The grades for fall quarter showed an upward trend due to cooperation of all members in helping to enforce study hours.

Winter quarter was busy with pledging, Founders' Day Dinner, and the Phi Tau Dream Girl Dance. At the end of winter quarter, we lost 12 men to forestry camp. An intensive pledging program was set up to replace these men and good results were realized from this pledging program.

Scholarship for the winter quarter showed a slight drop over the previous quarter. This was generally true in all organizations.

With spring quarter came school elections and "College Days." Two Phi Taus are now holding offices as results of these

elections. They are Ray Meredith, vice president of senior class, and Ralph Murphy, member of the Board of Publications. Dick Driscoll was elected president of the Forestry Club on the campus.

## Cornell

By ROBERT S. STEELE

As we review the past year's accomplishments we see a progressive fraternity in action. We started off the year with extensive redecoration inside of the chapter house which did not end until the recreation room was completely redone late in November. The house interior is now in excellent condition, though more work will be done next fall.

Alpha Tau is quite high scholastically speaking. The spring mid-term chapter average was 78.56, nearly two points higher than the entire university average. We naturally have a number of men who were elected to honorary and technical fraternities. Eta Kappa Nu, an electrical engineering honorary, received two men, Frank Keiper and Ramon Aires. Robert Burns, Herman Albertine and William Gubb joined Tau Beta Pi, an engineering honorary fraternity. Phi Delta Phi, a legal fraternity elected Donald Snyder to membership. William Smith and Donald Degling joined Phi Alpha Delta, another legal fraternity while John Britting was elected to membership in Delta Theta Phi, a third legal fraternity. Roger Morse was elected to Delta Sigma Rho, the national debating honorary society, and Kermit Fraser became a member of Sigma Gamma Epsilon, the national geological society.

The non-scholastic activities fared quite well also. Donald Snyder was active as a manager of basketball and is now a member of the Varsity Managers Club. Robert LaTorre and John Keyes, both freshmen, have been out for track. John already has his class numerals for cross country. Donald Terwilliger played Junior Varsity basketball. Charles West and David Nast have been regular announcers on WVBR, the campus radio station, while Fredrick Buhendorf was an engineer. David Nast was elected to the Cornell Radio Guild in February. The political field was entered when

William Russell was elected to the Sophomore Class Council in the recent campus elections. The only major campus competition which the house entered as a unit was the soap box derby contest held during Junior weekend in February. The winner's cup is now one of our collection of trophies.

Also in February, the house joined another progressive organization, the Fraternity Co-operative Corporation. The house expects the Co-op, now small, to become a major power about the campus in the not too distant future, and intends to support the movement fully.

To complete this year of progress, the chapter house will be painted. The work will be done by the brothers immediately following the final exams this spring. This painting project is the first of many outside improvements now planned for the future by the house planning committee.

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## Delaware

By ROBERT HIRT

The new head of the Interfraternity Council for 1950-51 is Francis M. Hammond.

Francis, nicknamed "Hank", has played intramural handball for two years and is taking an increasingly active part in dramatics. Last spring he directed Phi Kappa Tau's entry in the interfraternity playfest. In the fall of 1949 he had a minor role in the E52 drama group's production of "The Rivals," and lately he appeared as the elder Dr. Buchanan, one of the top parts of "Summer And Smoke."

Last June he represented Alpha Gamma Chapter at the national convention at Excelsior Springs, Mo. He has served as the chapter's corresponding secretary and in the past year was alternate representative to the IFC.

A 24-year-old native of Wyoming, Delaware, IFC's new head has an unusual background. He enlisted in the Marine Corps at the age of 15, two weeks before Pearl Harbor. Immediately after the outbreak of war, he went to Pearl Harbor, then served 18 months on Midway and saw five months service in the Marshalls.

After four years as a Marine, Francis decided to resume his education by starting as

a freshman in high school. He graduated in less than two years and entered the U. of D. in September, 1947.

We're losing 15 good men through graduation, but then we gained 21 members by initiation during the semester, so our total membership is 56, with 9 pledges.

The biggest improvement in the house this year was the remodeling of the card room. The last pledge class, under the guiding hand of Pledgemaster Gilbert Workman and the new incumbent, James Silva, tore down old doors and put new ones in, installed knotty pine walls, built shelves and cabinets, and really made the room one of the nicest fraternity rooms around our campus. Credit must also be given to some of the older members who also did a lot of work.

Our progress in intramural sports this semester was amazing. Courtney Cummings won the 165 lb. boxing title, Bob Lytle took the 121 lb. wrestling crown, and Dick Williams, though he lost in the finals because of an injury, deserves recognition for garnering 21 points in the 145 lb. wrestling class.

Ronald Watson went all out for Phi Tau and missed overall high point honors by one small point. He took part in nearly every sport offered under the intramural program.

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## Florida State

By FRED W. PALMER, JR.

The two major activities of Beta Iota spring quarter were the annual beach party and the annual Carnation Ball. The beach party was held at Panama City in April with members from the Alpha Eta chapter as guests. The annual Carnation Ball was held at the Tallahassee Country Club. Miss Becky Aase was elected queen. She is pinned to Glen Gresham of this chapter.

A swimming pool was built in the side yard of the house and has been subject to much hard use during the hot days which are always experienced near the end of the quarter.

F. S. U. has witnessed its best quarter in sports in the history of coeducation at the school. Conference championships were

won in all spring sports and our gymnastic team won the national all around title.

Beta Iota chapter has been in the top division of all athletics this quarter, though no championships were won.

New chapter officers elected this quarter are: Bruce Kirksey, president, Jay Westberry, vice-president, Homer Hayes, treasurer, and Glen Gresham, secretary.

Bill Allbright was recently initiated into Omicron Delta Kappa honorary and Bruce Kirksey was tapped for Gold Key Honorary.

Frank Lory is Cadet Lieutenant Colonel in charge of Air R.O.T.C. and Bruce Kirksey is Cadet Major in R.O.T.C.

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## Georgia

By JOHN PIERCE STILWELL

Our house has been really buzzing nearly every other weekend. It seems we've got Spring Fever down in the fair state of Georgia.

April 21-22 was Little Commencement here at the University of Georgia. Many of the brothers had out-of-town dates, so we arranged an early breakfast at the house. It was a job, for we have no kitchen as yet. Tables were assembled from a little bit of everywhere, and the food was prepared next door. We were all much impressed, and have given it several repeat performances.

Saturday night, May 13, we had a Wiener Roast which we appropriately called a Hobo Convention. Most of us looked like 'Bums', which was fitting.

May 20, was Saturday night and the date for our Senior Dinner. The main dish was, of course, fried chicken, and we again rounded up sufficient tables and other necessities. A dance followed the dinner.

There is an air of pride as well as achievement around our house these days. We won first prize in the Philip Morris Contest on our campus, having collected the most wrappers. There had been some misunderstanding as to the winner, but now it is straightened out. The set was recently installed in the front living room of our house and we are getting clear reception from Atlanta.

The brothers have shown increasing interest in the activities of some other organizations. Quite a few have joined the Economics Society, of which two Phi Taus

here are past officers. Several have joined the International Relations Club, and a student speaker from the United World Federalists was invited over to speak to the chapter one evening following the meeting.

Miss Peggy Wilson from Nashville, Tenn., represented us in the local contest that chooses Miss Athens each year. She is a voice major and in the contest she was one of the leading sponsors.

We have obtained a large silver cup to be presented to the outstanding pledge each quarter on the basis of points obtained in social, athletic, scholastic, and extracurricular activities. The first to win this honor was John Bedford, from Macon, Ga. John Pierce Stilwell II, from Thomasville, Georgia, has been elected vice president of the International Relations Club.

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## Georgia Tech

By ROBERT S. DUGGAN, JR.

Enrollment at Georgia Tech has averaged about 5500 students during the past school year. There were some 1600 graduating seniors who received their diplomas on June 12. Over 85% of them were placed in jobs by their graduation!

This has been a good year for Alpha Rho. Our raffle at the start of 1950 was a big financial success. As a result of the loyal support and work of many Phi Taus, the kitchen is now a reality and a paying proposition.

In the last elections Don King was elected president, Richard W. Galphin, Jr., vice-president, Jesse M. Boulware, secretary, and William H. Pressly, Jr., treasurer.

In the Spring Quarter Alpha Rho's socials were highlighted by a party at Boulder Park and a Dixieland Dance at the house.

William H. Pressly, Jr. was initiated into Tau Beta Pi in the Spring Quarter, bringing the number of Phi Taus that are members to six.

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## Idaho

By BOB OEHMCKE

House manager Paul Araquistain was nominated as candidate for student body president. The United Party, outnumbered

three to one by the opposing forces, put up a terrific fight, only to lose by a small margin. Paul is quite an outstanding figure on the campus. Along with his other accomplishments he is "pinned" to Miss Idaho Coed of 1950.

Spring seems to be doing things to the Phi Taus. James DePartee announced his engagement to Joan Fitzgerald, Bert Cleaveland to Edith Fisk, and Roger Maxwell to Beth Foster. All of these couples plan to be married this summer.

Military minded Phi Taus have done all-right this year, too. R.O.T.C. Major Bryan Brunzell was elected to command the Arnold Air Society. Captain John Leshner, assistant commander of the Pershing Rifles, was tapped for the military honorary, Scabbard and Blade. Pledge Pat Lueder was selected as Outstanding Freshman Military Student. Pat also is a member of the Vandal Riders, and rode in Washington State College's first Intercollegiate Rodeo at Colfax. The Curtain Club, dramatics honorary, tapped four students this year. Phi Tau James Marshall, was selected for membership after the performance of "The Great Big Door Step." Jim also directed the University's production of "Hansel and Gretel."

Beta Gamma's gridiron star, Ken Larson used his muscles this year to toss the shot and break the only record at the intramural track meet. Although Ken has had a little tough luck with Spring injuries, we are looking forward to a good season for him next year. Fred Thompson, our freshman tennis player also shows a lot of talent and we're sure you'll hear a lot more about Fred.

William Brown and William Ringert were tapped to represent our chapter to the Intercollegiate Knights this year.

Officers for the school year of 1950-51 are Donald McMahan, president; Robert Nelson, vice-president; William Brown, secretary; and Bryan Brunzell, pledge trainer.

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## Illinois

By AL MIGLIN

Over 4,000 seniors received degrees from the University of Illinois on June 18. This made up the largest graduating

class in the history of the University. Zeta chapter contributed its share, losing six active members.

Newest attempt at cutting down living costs at Illinois is the formation of a house-buyers food cooperative of which Phi Kappa Tau became a member. The co-op is being directed by the organizer of a similar co-op at Wisconsin which is now enjoying great success. Membership consists of 27 houses and is open to all organized houses as well as fraternities. Chances for success look good, with savings from 10% to 20% possible on food costs.

Although the rights of Phi Kappa Tau in regaining possession of our original chapter house were upheld in a recent circuit court decision, it doesn't look as if we will be moving in soon. Defense attorneys have filed an appeal, so until the decision is upheld by the supreme court, Zeta will continue in the present house at 402 E. Daniel.

Three Phi Taus from Zeta participated in a regional conference at Purdue in May. President Bill Groundwater, Treasurer Gil Banks, and House Mgr. John Eliason took part in panel discussions and exchanged ideas about chapter finance, pledges, rushees, and alumni, with 11 other chapters.

Ten men from our chapter participated in a weekend picnic with other chapters at the invitation of Beta Lambda in Bloomington, Indiana, during May. Thanks Beta Lambda for a fine time had by all! We enjoyed meeting the members of one of our newest chapters and wish them loads of luck!

Syracuse University instructor Bob Wick has transferred to Illinois under a fellowship from Standard Oil of Indiana. Bob is an alumnus of Rho Chapter and has been very heartily welcomed here at Illinois.

On April 29, the Phi Tau house became the swank "402 Club," scene of our spring formal. A marquee with flashing sign, doorman, hatcheck girl, and cigarette girl contributed to the night club atmosphere. Capability of Chairman Richard H. Marple accounted for its immeasurable success.

Illinois' colorful Spring Carnival again starred in its philanthropic role for the Campus Chest, providing over \$18,000 for charitable works. Phi Tau Ken Dittmer received honorable mention in the Carnival King Contest.

H. Edward Fitzgerald, former Zeta editor, has been initiated into Alpha Delta Sigma, professional advertising fraternity. His past columns prove he'll make a hot ad man! George Barr received a double honor in May. One week he was initiated into Pershing Rifles, military drill honorary, and the following week he was initiated into Star and Scroll, sophomore activity honorary. Eta Kappa Nu, electrical engineering honorary, gained an outstanding member also when Peter Willis was initiated into the organization.

Phi Tau's bowling team captured fourth place honors in its spring league with Ken Dittmer as captain. The softball team though unable to win league honors lost some thrilling games during the spring season, the last one being an example. Captained by Milt Steiner the Phi Taus were trailing 20 to 18. The bases were loaded in the last half of the ninth. But a sudden pop-up ended the valiant rally. Next season things will be different!

If the past Zeta editor can stick his nose in long enough, I'd like to inform fellow Phi Taus that your present editor, who is too immodest to state it himself, was just elected President of the Illinois chapter of Alpha Delta Sigma, national professional advertising fraternity. The previous semester he was vice-president of ADS, President of Chi Gamma Iota, veterans scholastic honorary and a member of many organizations such as the Marketing Club, Star & Scroll (activity honorary), student chapter of the Junior Chamber of Commerce, and many others.—H. Edward Fitzgerald, Ex-Zeta Editor.

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## Indiana

By KENN BERGMANN

May 18 marked the first anniversary of the chartering of Beta-Lambda chapter. The occasion was observed with a dinner.

Phi Kappa Tau at Indiana University was the outgrowth of the Garnet Club, an organization of independents who believed in ideals which coincided with the tenets of Phi Kappa Tau. Twenty-one names appear on the charter hanging in the chapter living room. The roster now lists 31 who are striving to maintain the ideals of the fraternity, and to make it a firmly established

part of Indiana University's fraternal system.

This year has been one of definite progress for Beta Lambda chapter. The growing pains that always accompany the development of a new chapter are becoming less severe, and the next year should see Phi Kappa Tau a leading fraternity on campus.

Richard Speelmon, past president of the chapter, put Phi Tau in the campus political spotlight when he was chosen as the organized candidate for president of the student body. Steven Fountaine, chapter representative in Sphinx Club, upperclass honorary for organized men, was a member of the committee that planned Dick's campaign.

Dick lost the election by 360 votes, as a record high of 6000 votes were cast. The previous record was 5000 votes. With the independent students outnumbering the organized by more than 3-100, Dick's defeat by 360 votes indicates how deeply he cut into the independent ranks.

The chapter was at the bottom of the scholarship list for fraternities for the first semester. The poor showing was in part due to unsettled conditions in the house, which was purchased just last summer. During the second semester scholarship improved as study conditions progressed. A scholastic adviser was obtained to plan study schedules, enforce quiet hours, and manage the subject files. When mid-term reports were issued by the university, the chapter had less than one hour of critical scholarship per man, to rank ninth among the 32 campus fraternities.

Phi Tau teams entered intramural athletics in all events offered. They gained a total of 421 campus-activity points to rank twentieth among 81 entries.

Lyle Fross placed second in horseshoe singles in his league. He was beaten 21-18 and 21-20, after taking the first game, 21-3, in a play-off contest. He was tied for first place at the end of the regular play.

Fred Tolson, president of the pledge class, is the new vice-president of Alpha Phi Omega, national service honorary fraternity. Fred formerly held the office of historian and was the chairman of the group's "Campus Cleanup" committee.

Rushing for next year began this semester. Four rush week ends have been staged

for high school seniors coming to the university. Four additional week ends will be held during the summer, in Indianapolis and La Porte.

The chapter house will have its face lifted during the summer vacation. Plans have been made to redecorate the study rooms and resurface the floors in the living room and dining room.

## Iowa State

By WALT CHRISTENSON

Alpha Nu is proud of its accomplishments during the past year. We began the year by remodeling the interior of our newly-acquired house. We did all the work ourselves without hiring any outside help. Last spring, we improved the grounds by completely resodding the front lawn. We have made plans for doing more extensive landscaping work this fall.

Our intramural program progressed under the leadership of Winton Bittinger. Among other achievements, we won the class-C football tournament last fall.

Together with Adelante fraternity, we constructed a traveling trophy in the form of a miniature beer keg. This trophy will be given to the house winning the most athletic contests each quarter.

Dorothy Varnum was chosen Dream Girl at our formal dance, held last winter. Alpha Nu's annual spring dance, "The Singapore Sling," was presented in April.

Social Chairman Bob Otterson has already scheduled exchanges for this coming year with every sorority and women's dormitory on the campus, so Alpha Nus should experience no difficulty in making social contacts.

Last winter quarter, Alpha Nu ranked thirteenth in scholarship among 29 fraternities at Iowa State and was on the plus side of the all-men's average. Noel Smith, Herb Loeschen, Rollo Kuehl, and Jack Bruce ranked in the upper three per cent of their respective classes scholastically last year with their high all-college averages.

Several Alpha Nu men took prominent part in extra-curricular activities. Jack Bruce won a first-year debater's award, and Jim Potter was presented a second-year award. Dick Balsbaugh and John Malloy

were initiated into Pi Tau Sigma, mechanical engineering honorary.

Last spring, the Iowa State student chapter of the American Ceramics Society acquired a new president in the person of Bob Otterson. Jack Thiel was a co-director of "Stars Over Veishea," gala outdoor stage production, and was initiated into Phi Mu Alpha, men's national music honorary.

## Kentucky

By BERT JODY

Kappa opened its social season with several successful house parties held during the month of October. In November two events were prominent—the formal dance during which the Phi Tau Dream Girl was crowned and the following day Homecoming was observed. The month of January saw a great many furrowed brows and well thumbed textbooks among the men of Kappa. So intense were these men that they succeeded in raising Kappa's scholastic standing 27%.

Due to delayed rushing, February was the first time men could be pledged. When that time came many of them were found to be ineligible. However, Kappa wound up with eight good men. Next fall an extra-



Kentucky's bowling champions



ordinarily extensive rush program is to be used.

Intramural sports results were excellent. The bowling team won the championship and the basketball team went to the semi-finals. Both teams will return in the fall with high hopes of winning. The track events this spring provided Kappa with additional points toward the campus participation trophy.

When warm weather came to Kentucky several beach parties provided everyone with a tan for the spring formal.

After the annual softball game with Beta Beta chapter in Louisville, Kappa found that they had retained the winners trophy and will keep it another year.

Exams followed close on the heels of these events and with them, the sad business of saying good-bye for the summer months.

## Kent State

By BOB HAMPTON

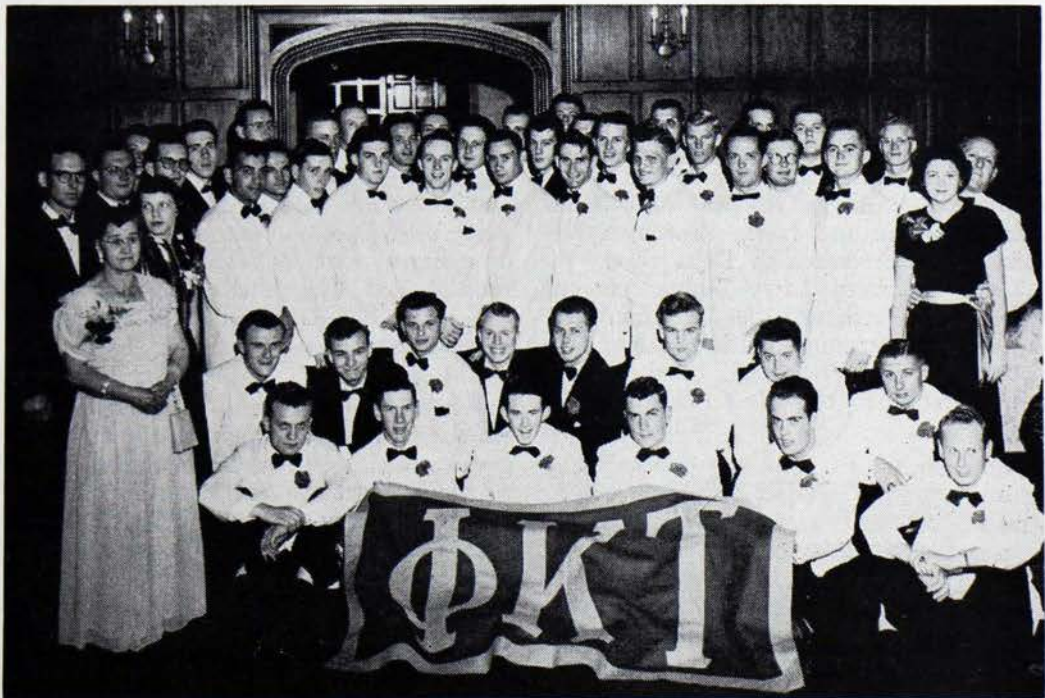
To summarize the year's events we will start with Doug MacDonald's Homecoming decorations last November. The display con-

sisted of two eight foot paper boxers battling in a ring and after a close race for first place Phi Tau took second.

The next major function was the Founders Day Dinner-Dance, March 17, at the beautiful Acacia Country Club in Cleveland. The best pledge award for the fall pledge class went to Dick Durham. At Penny Carnival time the Phi Tau chapter constructed a "Spill the Beans" booth and turned thirty dollars over to the central committee following the carnival.

In June, Phi Tau rowers entered the Rowboat Regatta but did not win, place, or show. On June 3rd Beta Mu's Graduation Ball turned out to be one of the biggest and best dances yet held by this chapter. Don Bernhart, dance chairman, was awarded the best active trophy for 1950. The best pledge trophy went to Gordon Muthersbaugh. Phi Tau cuff-links were presented to 15 graduating seniors and the best chapter athlete award was presented to Paul Padrutt.

Dolly Krstich was presented to those assembled, serenaded, and then crowned Phi Tau Dream Girl for 1950. Following the serenade she was pinned with the chapter sweetheart pin by Bob Langford to whom



Kent State's graduation ball was a grand affair

she is pinned. Following the ceremony trophies bearing the inscription "Phi Kappa Tau Queen-1950" were presented to every girl as favors.

Jack Fleming and his committee constructed an eight foot paper buddha and two life sized siamese dancers for the Phi Tau campus day float. The float was a work of art and brought many favorable comments from onlookers as it passed the campus during the parade. The judges awarded it second place. The brothers sang "Ezekiel Saw De Wheel" for campus day songfest. Bob Hampton acted as master of ceremonies for songfest.

To summarize intramural sports, Phi Tau took fifth in intramural football, first in swimming, and after playoffs for first in basketball, Phi Tau ended in third position. The bowling team finished fourth in a 12 team league, and the softball team ended eighth after a bad season.

Beta Mu has improved its scholarship rating well above that of last year. Pete Bosomworth, vice-president, has won two scholarship awards this year, one as a pledge and another for the highest average among the active chapter. The award for the best average among the graduating seniors went to Dick McGill.

The chapter initiated 12 outstanding men into Beta Mu in February, and 21 in May. This brings the chapter membership up to 52 excluding seven seniors who will graduate in June.

On campus, Phi Tau men are making every effort to increase their service to the university. George Reeder was elected senior warden, and Norm Beardman was elected junior warden in Delta Sigma Pi, business fraternity. Larry Zuppan entered the ranks of Pershing Rifles and Jack Fleming entered Pershing Rifles and Scabbard and Blade. Bill Fesler will be the senior representative to the Nu-K Council next fall.

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## Lawrence

By GILBERT BARNES

In athletics, Mu tied for second place in the intrafraternity bowling tournament. In the current intrafraternity softball race there is great speculation concerning the

possibilities of our team. We have been successful in this sport thus far, and we are hoping that we'll place well.

On Mothers' Day, Mu held a banquet in honor of parents. There were nearly 40 parents and close to 80 people altogether. We feel that the banquet was a definite success and hope to have more get-togethers like this in the future.

During the early part of April we had our elections for the officers of next year. The results of the election placed these men in office: Paul Rosenheimer, president; Len Newendorp, vice-president and pledge master; Bob Tully, treasurer; and Bub Inglis, secretary. These new officers have Mu's hearty support for the coming year.

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## Louisiana State

By LOUIS SEIDENBERG

Our activities for the past year started on February 27, when our first four men were pledged and we started to become active on the LSU campus. Unfortunately, since we were unable to enter any intramural sports because of our small membership, we were forced to limit our activities to rush parties and a picnic. However, our rush parties brought forth a growth in membership from four to our present number of 16.

We had our first rush party early in March when we had a dinner for four rushees. Only one pledged. Our second party took place on March 20, in the form of a dinner, with six rushees attending and four pledged. The third rush party we had was a juke box dance on April 14, and we pledged three men out of four that attended the party.

After this third party we were able to enter Sigma Chi's Pirogue Derby. A pirogue is a long slim boat somewhat similar to a canoe, that is either made from a hollowed-out log or some planks. It is used by the fishermen who live on the bayous of Louisiana.

Sigma Chi has this event every year for the benefit of the various fraternities and sororities on the campus. We decided that this might be our one chance to gain some fame at LSU, so we entered the race. Je-

rome MacBride and Robert Beter, our president, were going to paddle this canoe.

We did become famous. We came in first in the fourth heat, even if we did start in the third. It seems that the pirogue turned over in the middle of the lake and Beter started laughing so much that it was impossible for him to re-enter the boat without tipping it. So, MacBride left him standing out in the middle of the lake and brought the pirogue in himself. Luckily the lake was fairly shallow and Beter was able to wade to shore. We attained our fame.

Following the derby, another rush party was held and we pledged four men out of twelve attending the affair. Our last activity of the year was a picnic held on the Amite River. We had hot-dogs, cokes and plenty of fun playing softball and soccer, swimming, and singing some of our songs.

Stewart P. Butler, treasurer of our colony, is vice-president of the campus YMCA and also originated the campus book exchange that is sponsored by that organization. Carlie Hill, freshman track star here and our athletic chairman, won the 100 and 220 yard dashes in the freshman dual meet with Mississippi State College (Alpha Chi chapter—note this). He also placed second and third in the 100 and 220 yard dashes, respectively, in the Southern AAU Meet.

Louis Seidenberg, vice-president, is editor of *The Pelican*, the official publication of the Student Federation of Louisiana Colleges and Universities.

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## Louisville

By MAURICE TRAUTWEIN

The past spring semester marked the completion of Beta Beta's third year at the University of Louisville. And it was the semester that saw Phi Tau firmly established atop the fraternity circle.

William Craddock and James Eckert, new president and vice-president respectively, led Beta Beta in the most successful period of our short history.

With the help of Sigma Kappa sorority, Phi Tau sponsored a spring carnival at the U. of L. Thirty organizations sponsored booths at the event. This all University Day was the first held since 1945.

For the first time in the history of the University of Louisville, a fraternity and sorority jointly combined forces to produce a "hellsapoppin" song and dance Variety Show. The Sigma Kappas and Phi Taus stole the campus spotlight with a production that promises to become an annual affair.

Beta Beta continued to win University athletic intramurals as they added the 1950 track and golf trophies to their growing collections. Pending the completion of the softball season, Phi Tau stands in an excellent position to win the All-Campus Intramural Trophy.

Keeping pace with the active chapter's increased accent upon scholastic requirements, the fall pledge class led all other campus pledge groups to win the Scholastic Achievement Cup awarded by the dean of men. Not to be outdone, Beta Beta's alumni group initiated the practice of presenting a cup to the pledge with the highest individual scholastic mark. Bert Thompson received the honor from the past group.

James Eckert was elected to the Student Council, and Brown Cullen was chosen as the vice-president of the same group.

Another first at Beta Beta is the serving of dinners on the nights of fraternity meetings. This is quite an accomplishment at a Municipal College and is largely due to the work of our Mother's Club.

Beta Beta challenged Lambda Chi Alpha to a rope-pull across a water hazard. The affair was a fine all day outing. It turned out to be a wet afternoon for the active chapter, but the Phi Tau dates upheld our honor by pulling the Lambda Chi dates in the creek.

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## Maryland

By BUD PRIZIO

In September we opened our doors as a Colony and after earnest months of successful operation we were installed as the Beta Omicron chapter at the University of Maryland.

We were outstanding in campus election this past month having Frank Longo, president, elected vice-president of the Men's League, and James Sinclair, vice-president, elected vice-president of the Junior class.

Frank Longo and Nicholas Nicholas were initiated into Gate and Key, a national honorary association for outstanding fraternity men.

Glenn Ovrevik is chairman of the Student Union building project on campus.

At a dinner given for fraternity and sorority presidents by Dr. Byrd, president of the University of Maryland, Frank Longo and Albert Krewatch, chapter adviser, were assured by Dr. Byrd that PKT would receive one of the 20 fraternity houses to be built by the University by 1952 at latest if we can meet financial obligations. These homes will be southern colonial type equipped to house between 36 to 50 men.

The campus social calendar was highlighted by our annual Mardi-Gras dance held on January 7, 1950, and spring formal held at the Washington Hotel on April 1, 1950.

Before the school year ended, we completed our plans for a singular rush program.

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## Miami (Florida)

By AL ROINE

The school year '49-'50 is looked back on at Beta Delta chapter as a complete success. Although small in number it has been high in spirit. This fact is brought forth when one lists the many accomplishments of the chapter the past year. In September 1949, a group of 25 actives were determined to make themselves felt on campus. In November they copped the second place trophy for the homecoming float, the second in succession. Joined by a group of pledges, who became active in January the chapter still kept its nose to the grindstone. The monthly chapter paper "*The Phi Tauk*" now appears bigger and better, its staff has grown from one to five men and since has become an asset to the chapter. Reforms were also in order as the housing allotment was changed from a flat sum of money in a special account, to the buying of savings bonds.

Elections in March brought into the chapter a group of officers which carried on the spirit which was ever climbing upward.

The annual Carnation Ball, big event of

the year, was held at the swank Floridian Hotel on Miami Beach. It was in all ways termed a success. We put into it large payments of labor and the dividends paid off handsomely.

Although we have fallen a little in scholastic standings, we have no need to worry. The leading fraternity rates only four-tenths of a point above us in average. With the initiation of eight brilliant men into the active chapter last May, we have hopes of regaining top rung on the ladder of scholarship here at the U. of M.

On the athletic field we ably carried the colors of Phi Tau to one championship and two final contests. The football team reached the championships and the softball team won in the playoffs. Joe Pagnotti and Bill Norfolk won first place medals in wrestling and Lyle Lingle came in for place money. We entered all of the sports listed on the intramural roster and fared well in everything we entered.

Beta Delta has lost many good actives this past graduation, but it has high hopes of achieving more than the past year. Those who left us last June are Bill Battista, Chet Chellman, Art Cleveland, Pete Distlehurst, Bob Higgins, Ed Horner, Jim Hawker, Joe Pagnotti, John Kazarian, Lyle Lingle, Bob Lutz, Tony Martinho, Bill Marvin, Joe Mock, Jim Nolan, Lou Romano, and Norm Wells.

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## Miami (Ohio)

By BILL BRAUN

Alpha is quite proud of this past year, especially with its singing record. Early in the second semester four members of the chapter walked off with the Interfraternity Barbershop Quartet contest trophy, and in May, the chapter as a whole walked off with the Interfraternity Sing trophy. This last trophy is a three time traveling trophy and this makes Alpha's third time, so the cup now rests along with the other honors won in the trophy case.

Much of the credit for the work done with both groups goes to John Heisey who is the conductor of music for the chapter. The winning song for the Sing was the "Winter Song" with revised words to fit



Bill Braun named managing editor

the occasion written by Nick Vracin, a member of Alpha.

Along athletic lines the chapter excelled by winning the volleyball championship. Several members of this team are seniors and carry the distinction of never being defeated in four years of contest playing. Also of note in this field was the tennis playing of Bill Alexander and Roger Fulker, who were runners-up.

Much was accomplished in the social world with the annual pajama dance and the Spring Formal taking the spotlight. At the Spring Formal Miss Nancy VanAusdale was announced as the chapter dream girl for the coming year. She is a member of Delta Delta Delta and wears the pin of John Fulker. Mothers Day was recognized in proper style with the Mothers taking over the house for the night.

In the activities field, Bob Black, one of Miami's outstanding pitchers, signed with the Chicago White Sox and reported for training immediately after graduation. Roger Fulker was elected to the Student-Faculty council, Burgess Lewis and Cash Powell burned up the cinders in track, Earl Folker and Jim Rose both hold office in honoraries, and Bill Braun was chosen Managing Editor of the Miami Student newspaper for the coming year.

## Michigan

By DAVIS CRIPPEN

This has been a good year for Tau of Phi Tau.

Our athletic record may not have been of the best (though we did place 24th for the year among the campus' 46 competing fraternities) but in scholarship and men in campus activities Tau was right at the top, outstripping many fraternities much larger.

In scholarship the chapter placed fourth among all campus housing units with a sparkling 2.55 out of 4.

But it was in activities that Tau men really shone. No matter where you looked, from the athletic plant at one end of State Street to the campus at the other, it seemed a Phi Tau was running somewhere or something.

Especially strong was our representation on the increasingly important Student Legislature. Quentin Nesbitt served as vice-president of the organization for the fall, and at mid-year elections was elevated to the presidency. He has just completed his administration which was hailed by everyone—even independents—as one of the big reasons for the body's growing importance.

Leonard Wilcox has served on SL through the year and in the recent campus elections was returned to the legislature for



Michigan's prize-winning duck

a second year. Furthermore, when SL chose its officers for next fall, Lenny was picked as treasurer.

Also in the recent elections, Quent's younger brother, Jim — a transfer from Alma College up north—was elected to the SL, thus keeping the Nesbitt name active in the organization. Jim was not merely elected, he was swept into office, placing third among more than fifty candidates.

While we're on the recent elections, it would be appropriate to mention that Chuck Good was picked by next year's juniors in the engine school as their secretary.

Other activities also had their Taus during the last year. Jim Kemper, Gil Lamb, Keith Miller and Dave Crippen all put in time on the *Michigan Daily*, and Ralph Rupp was seen in "Lace It Up," this year's Union Opera.

Sportswise we were well represented. George Eyster was number one diver on the 'U's' swimming team, and the gymnastics team looked like it had been taken over by Taus. Tom Tillman, Connie Ettl, Art Stade and Bob Wyllie all were on it. Tillman was also picked this spring to be chief cheerleader for next fall's big football season.

The house as a whole combined recently—spearheaded by three Bobs, Lewis, Ferguson and Ridgeway—to win third place for the chapter's float in the Michigras (campus carnival) parade. The float was a towering, napkin-white duck, one which quacked and flapped its wings.

All these activities aren't forgotten when the time for tapping by the campus' honorary societies comes. Last fall Quent Nesbitt was picked by Druids, senior men's honorary. This spring gymnast Ettl and Wilcox were inducted into Sphinx, junior men's honorary.

Scholastically Bill Gorman also came through in a society way. In the past year he has been picked for Phi Kappa Phi, all campus scholastic honorary, and Sigma Xi, science honorary.

## Michigan State

By HAL WILLARD

General all-around improvement was displayed at Alpha Alpha chapter in the year 1949-1950. Football, basketball, and baseball teams came through in fine style and



Michigan State Quartet, l to r, Doug Trezise, Mike McMahon, Ed Kucik, and Ray Jacobson

Phi Tau social life on the MSC campus left nothing lacking.

Our football team, sparked by Captain Fred Hendrickson, finished second in our intramural block after polishing off a favored Sigma Nu outfit.

The basketball team also finished second in the block and owed most of its strength to outgoing president and vice president, Ed Soergel and Clyde Hoag.

Fred Hendrickson, our athletic chairman, was again the man behind the team as our softball squad moved swiftly through the block to take the championship easily. Jack Kuder, newly elected A-A prexy, pitched fine ball topped by a no-hitter. We lost out in the semi finals to Lambda Chi for the intramural fraternity championship.

The social calendar was topped by one outstanding event each term. Fall term the all-college Delta Street Shuffle held the limelight, jointly sponsored by neighboring Beta Theta Pi. Both houses were thrown open and more than 4,500 students overflowed winding Delta Street and ate doughnuts and drank coke and danced in the street.

Our big party of the year, the Winter term formal, was distinguished by the awarding to Doug Trezise, the Shideler Award for being the outstanding Phi Kappa Tau graduate of 1949.

Spring term saw the inauguration of something new for A-A. A Spring term informal party was held at Indian Hills Country Club.

Campus activities and honoraries attracted many Alpha Alpha men this past year. Jack Boerema was perhaps the leading contender for BMOC with his election as president of Blue Key, national honorary fraternity. Jack has also been active in organizing a new Phi Tau colony in Michigan, along with Ellis Phillips and Ray Jacobson.

A year book department editor and member of many campus honoraries, Jack is also our vice president elect.

Gordon Krum represented Phi Tau in the Military department at MSC by becoming cadet Lieutenant Colonel and winning awards as an outstanding military student.

Ron Linton led the traditional Alpha Alpha participation in campus publications by becoming editor of the *State News* student daily publication. Linton also organized and set up State's first Campus Chest and served as its first Executive Director.

Al Ehinger served as Advertising Director of the campus daily and Ed Archbold served as Local Advertising Manager. Both men are members of Alpha Delta Sigma, National Advertising honorary. Archbold was recently appointed Advertising Manager for the 1951 yearbook.

Tom Stevenson was elected president of the MSC Men's Glee Club, having served as secretary the past year. Paul Lanigan served as treasurer of the Glee Club and is outgoing president of the Newman Club.

Herb Lloyd represented Phi Tau in engineering circles by serving as secretary of the campus chapter of the American Society of Metals.

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## Mississippi State

By JOSEPH D. BRISTOW

John Prince, our president for the coming year, was recently initiated into the Blue Key and Omicron Delta Kappa, honorary leadership fraternities. Following his initiation into O.D.K., he was elected as treasurer of that organization. These honors were conferred upon him for his services rendered in the Interfraternity Council, Scabbard and Blade, the American Society of Civil Engineers, and in Alpha Phi Omega, service fraternity.

John holds several offices in these varied organizations. This year he served as assistant drillmaster of the Scabbard and Blade.

For the coming year he will be Captain of the Blade.

This year he served as vice-president of the I. F. C. Last month he was elected to the position of president; which, by the way, developed into a major campaign.

The night following this election John was elected secretary of the American Society of Civil Engineers for the coming year.

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## Mississippi Southern

By LEO CLARK

Highlight of the pre-graduation activities for Beta Epsilon chapter at Mississippi Southern College was the visit of Governor Fielding L. Wright and the state building commission.

Legislation has been introduced to provide state money for the building of fraternity houses at the state supported schools in an effort to relieve the current crowded living conditions on these campuses.

Commencement took its toll where Beta Epsilon was concerned in a big way. Outgoing president Bill Miller, who was presented a gavel by the chapter for his outstanding work in that capacity, led the bachelor's line and was followed closely by Ottis Atterbury, J. W. Ball, Elwood Carpenter, Leo Clark, T. J. Lundy, Willie Pugh, Shirley Vick, and Howard Wilson. This group may be gone in body but never in spirit!

The Beta Epsilon bungalow on north 31st avenue that overlooks the college golf course has all but had a face lifting in the last few weeks. A new picket fence and a barbeque pit highlight the latest improvements.

In the social world the Phi Taus at Southern are again setting the pace with such events as steak broilings, house parties, and stag swims stealing the show. Chapter sweetheart, Jesse Ellen Krebs was one of the top contestants in the college bathing beauty contest.

In the world of sports Beta Epsilon rated third in the year's overall intramural competition, an attainment that was largely due to the endless efforts on the part of intramural managers Joe Dickerson and Johnny Tillman.

## Mount Union

By DICK KRABILL

The 1949-1950 school year proved to be one of Epsilon's most successful. That which made the year successful were the achievement of excellent social functions, very successful intramurals, and distinguished accomplishments among individual members of the chapter.

To begin with, when fall rushing closed, we had accumulated a total of 39 pledges. It was not the highest number of pledges on campus, but what we lacked in numbers appeared in quality. Our Winter Wonderland and Springtime Rendezvous formals were acclaimed by faculty, guests, and our dates to be two of the best dances ever presented on the campus.

March eighteenth was the date of our thirty-fifth anniversary celebration which included an afternoon reception for President Roland Maxwell, Secretary Dick Young, Dr. W. H. Shideler, one of the four original founders of Phi Tau, Don Ebright, Republican candidate for governor of the state of Ohio, our alumni, and their wives. In the evening, everyone was present at the Alliance Country Club for our thirty-fifth anniversary banquet.

The quality of our pledge class was further proven when they grabbed the intramural pledge basketball trophy. Spring rushing found us with a total of 12 pledges, high for the campus. Especially notable for their individual accomplishments were Jack Huntsberger, William Pinschmidt, Arthur Oberster, and James Williams. Huntsberger, the only Phi Tau on Mount's track team, cracked the 1936 school record for the low hurdles and proved to be one of the best if not the best all-around hurdler in the Ohio Conference. Pinschmidt became famous across the campus through participating in a local barbershop quartet known as the "Phi Tau Four", then by snagging first prize in the first annual Variety Show held on the campus. Incidentally, the barbershop quartet was awarded second prize in the same affair.

Oberster, local president of the chapter, received the Outstanding Chemistry Award for a Junior and is vice president of Alembroic, honorary chemistry fraternity. Williams, long responsible for the outstanding social functions here in the fraternity, was

appointed social chairman of the Student Senate, student governing body. Looking back over the year, it is only understandable that we here at Epsilon can only hope for such an extraordinary, successful year for the coming year ahead. Last but not least the graduating seniors were honored by a banquet where due credit was given them for their four faithful years of service to the fraternity.

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## Muhlenberg

By TED DRACH

Men of Eta are taking an ever increasing part in college activities. George England, Karlton Batt, and Robert Druckenmiller will be first string players on the Muhlenberg football team. Richard Teal was first string left-fielder on the spring baseball team. Bill Dougherty is a star tennis player. George England, aside from his achievements in football broke the javelin throwing record of the school when he threw his javelin a distance of 193 feet 9 and 3/4 inches.

Richard Teal is also president of the class of 1952, John Mangini is president of the class of 1951, Jack Kaelberer is vice-president of the class of 1951, and James Wagner is treasurer of the class of 1953. Jack Kaelberer is also a member of the Student Council. Another who is on the council is LaVerne Etshman. Joe Morrow was recently elected president of the Pre-Medical Club.

The presence of these men in the various fields of extra-curricular activities is giving our chapter a growing reputation of leadership and respect in the eyes of the others at Muhlenberg College.

Men of our chapter are especially proud of Leon Levitsky who holds the singular distinction of having the highest scholastic average at Muhlenberg. His average is 93.6. Leon has been a consistent A student since his freshman year. He has been accepted at George Washington Medical School where he will continue his studies.

Officers for the next two semesters are John Laurie, president; Wally Carver, vice-president; Cliff Reiner, secretary; Bill Mueller, treasurer; Donald Moyer, house manager; Bud Bacharach, pledgemaster; and Franz Federschmidt, steward.





Upsilon wins third consecutive song contest

## Nebraska Wesleyan

By ROBERT V. LARSEN

This has been an unusually busy, enjoyable, and profitable year. Upsilon chapter took an active part in Homecoming Day activities and walked off with first place in the interfraternity house decorations contest. This was the third consecutive year that this honor has come our way. It was during this time, too, that we started our intramural athletic program. Upsilon men won five trophies for the house. They were in basketball, volleyball, table tennis, turkey run and golf.

The May Fete and the Interfraternity Sing brought old "Polyhymnia" home to rest permanently in the Alum Room, for this too was the third consecutive year we have won this contest. Another addition which is also gracing said room is a beautiful new grand piano.

Upsilon men have great reason to be proud of Al Wilder, this year's editor of Nebraska Wesleyan's yearbook, for Al has edited one of the finest yearbooks Wesleyan has had. The *Plainsman* editorship was again awarded to a Phi Tau for next year. Bob Dunn will edit the *Plainsman* with Bob Burroughs, another Upsilon man, as business manager. The editorship of the Nebraska Wesleyan's *Handbook* was again awarded to Ben Akert. The *Wesleyan* business matters will be handled by Ira Linder.

Blue Key tapped the following Upsilon men: Roy Clark, Robert Gentry, Ben Akert, and Bernie Scott.

Of course, the first week in April was election week. Upsilon Chapter is being

led by Bernie Scott of Scotia this year. Bernie is a member of Kappa Kappa Psi, Kappa Chi, Blue Key and the band. It is already apparent that Bernie is going to be a really fine leader, and we are looking forward to another great year.

To bring this year to a grand close, Upsilon men held their second annual Alum Picnic May 21st. An enjoyable time was had by all. Softball was the main attraction of the afternoon, but the huge meal the alums prepared took no back seat.

## New Mexico

By BERNARD JAMES

Beta Eta Chapter successfully rose from the depths of last spring's poor scholastic showing to lead the eleven fraternities and one colony here on this campus this past fall semester.

At the beginning of the second semester, Beta Eta chapter lost two of its most popular men, well liked in both campus circles and within the chapter. These men were, Stanley Magill from Orange, California, who had to return home, and Daniel Mueller from El Paso, Texas, who will return for summer school to complete the few necessary hours toward his graduation.

March brought election results as follows: president, Wilfred Gulowen; vice-president, Edward Driscoll; secretary, Robert Sturtevant; treasurer, Robert Colgan; pledgemaster, William Henry.

Some of the men of Beta Eta chapter who have garnered honors in the past year are as follows:

David Brugge—graduated in only three years with an aggregate average well over two point.

Joseph Busch—Junior Officer for summer cruise on USS Seminole in conjunction with the NROTC unit.

Wallace Cecil—varsity baseball.

Howard Martin—varsity baseball.

Robert Colgan—Editor of 1951 yearbook *Mirage*, president of Alpha Phi Omega.

Edward Driscoll—member of Vigilantes, member of the Junior Student Council for next year, historian of Delta Sigma Pi, business fraternity, ranked as student with high-

est scholarship in the college of Business Administration.

David Givens—elected to Phi Kappa Phi.

Robert Sturtevant—member of Vigilantes, secretary of Alpha Phi Omega.

Frederick Wong—Art Editor of 1951 yearbook, *Mirage*, member and secretary of Khatali, treasurer of Interfraternity Council.

## New Mexico A. & M.

By FLOYD WOOD

After many hours of practicing and tuning of their vocal chords, the Phi Taus harmonized their way to the winning position over the second place Chi Omega Sorority in the all-Greek sing held on the A. & M. campus May 7. Beta Zeta members, with their maroon bow ties on just right, turned out in grand style and outshone four other fraternities and three sororities with their singing of "Phi Tau Dream Girl" and "Stout Hearted Men." Joe Cooper led the boys in the sing and after they were adjudged the champion warblers of the year, Beta Zeta members were presented with another cup to add to their ever-increasing trophy collection.

Among campus activities Beta Zeta copped more than its share of the honors. First we built the winning float in the Homecoming parade. The all-Greek stunt night was no push-over, but due to the entertaining ability of the members they came out the victors with their presentation of an old-time minstrel show. Founder's Day was observed in traditional style with some 50 persons attending the banquet.

In intramural sports Beta Zeta copped second honors in the swimming and volleyball events.

Individual honors were widespread among the Phi Taus. Joe Cooper, president of the senior class, the ATA, the Greek Council, and battalion commander of the ROTC unit here, was chosen along with Gail Hungate, who is regimental commander of the ROTC unit, and Danny Rork in the "Who's Who of American Colleges and Universities." Hungate and Cooper also received Distinguished Military Student awards presented by the military department. Russ Koger, M. E. major, was



Leo Dirnberger, center, and Joe Cooper, right, receive from Don West the award for winning the All-Greek Sing

elected "King St. Pat" and presided during the annual Engineers' Day activities. Bob Fox, president of the junior class, was recently elected president of Tau Delta chapter of Pi Tau Sigma, honorary mechanical engineering fraternity while Robert Posey took vice-president and James Nickell came in as corresponding secretary. Nickell was also re-elected secretary of the local ASME, and Fox was elected vice-president of the Interfraternity Council. Beta Zeta members landslided through the recent senior class elections also by placing Walt Gillfillan in the president's chair for 1950-51 and Peter Arnold as vice-president.

All in all it was a year of great progress for Beta Zeta chapter, now only two years old, and we are looking forward to the future and greater improvements.

## North Carolina State

By JOHN P. ALEXANDER

Chi has gone through a very successful year, and the chapter and its members have participated more completely in activities around the campus than in any recent year. Headline achievement is our scholastic record. For the first two quarters of the year, our average was 80.14, which is 5 points above the all-campus average.

Athletically, we made our showing by winning three basketball and four softball

games in intramurals. Bill Futch played tennis in the Big Four games, and his team beat Wake Forest College and lost to Duke University.

The chapter on the campus got several boosts in prestige this year. Our fine group of singers, with Dick Willard as soloist and 15 in the chorus, made one of the finest performances in the Interfraternity Sing, but bowed to an SPE octet. Chi became the envy of the other chapters when we staged our annual open house for the neighbors. Since houses are not on the campus, relations with neighboring residents are important, and the neighbors are pleased to visit inside a fraternity house.

The Interfraternity Council sponsors a Greek Week each spring, so that all fraternity members at the school may get together and get to know each other better. The activities were culminated with a banquet in the college cafeteria, with a Phi Tau as principal speaker. And what a speaker he makes! Alumnus William B. Aycock, a prominent campus figure during his undergraduate days, is currently associated with the law faculty over at the University of North Carolina.

A count shows that our rolls have been swelled by the pledging of 13 men, and initiating ten.

Founders' Day was a memorable event at Chi this year. Dick Young and Roland Maxwell were here to observe the day with us. Now we know why President Maxwell is in such great demand as a speaker.

The list of honors and recognition received by members of the chapter is long and imposing. A complete booklet would be needed to properly cover topic, but we must mention a few. John Beaman was tapped into Golden Chain, the highest honor a student can receive, became a member of honoraries Blue Key, Alpha Zeta, Xi Sigma Pi, is old editor of Slabs and Edgings, and news editor of the *Pinetum*; John Beaman and Bob Miller are members of the Campus Government; Tau Beta Pi claims Cliff Foster and John Alexander; Bob Boyce is secretary of Keramos Society; honoraries list John Stewart in Eta Kappa Nu, George Eudy in Sigma Tau Sigma, Harry Barr in Delta Kappa Phi, William Boyd and Cliff Foster in Gamma Sigma Epsilon; Sam Brown, Cliff Foster and William Boyd were recognized as Distinguished Military Stu-

dents; Sam Brown was made captain of the Military Band; Prexy John Stewart represents the IFC on the YMCA Cabinet and is a WVWP Radio Station Technical Staff member; Ed Needham is Technical Manager of the Radio Station; and John Alexander was chosen IFC secretary in the recent campus elections.

Officers elected to lead the chapter for the coming year were John B. Stewart, president; Sam T. Brown, vice-president; Robert E. Boyce, secretary; Cliff Foster, treasurer; and Don Harkey, steward.

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## Ohio State

By ED HAMBLIN

Looking over the past year there are definite events that come to mind. The pledging of 22 men in September — Phil Moseley being junior manager of the football team — Homecoming and with it the chance to meet more of our alumni — Jack Shackelford being chairman of Homecoming — the Christmas Party for the underprivileged children — Frank D'arcy winning the Elks National Invitational Six Mile Race held in Cincinnati on Thanksgiving Day.

Gamma chapter started the winter quarter off right with an Indian Masquerade Party. Our Dream Girl Formal was a great success with Betty Ink, Alpha Chi Omega and fiancée of John Garner, elected dream girl. During Greek Week Dr. Shideler came to Ohio State to give a speech on the history of fraternities and sororities. Bob Watkins was a member of the Greek Week Committee. Jack Shackelford was elected to Sphinx, senior men's honorary.

Bob Watkins made May Week seem close to home by being chairman of the Panorama, the mid-week highlight. Stan Geiser was elected to Sphinx. We won the *Sundial* Sales Contest. Carl Okeson was appointed circulation manager of the *Sundial* for next year. Norm Brown was selected editor of *Fraternity Life*, a magazine given to all fall rushees concerning all the fraternities who wish to sponsor articles about their groups.

The new officers installed the spring quarter are Robert M. Johnson, president;

Harold Stelzer, vice-president; and Robert Runyeon, secretary.

*New Prominent Alumnae From Gamma  
(Ohio State)*

During the past year two alumnae of Gamma Chapter have made themselves better known.

Smith L. Rairdon, vice-president of the Owens-Illinois Glass Corporation was elected president of the Ohio State Alumnae Association. The best evidence of the fine job which he did is shown in his re-election just recently for another year.

Don Ebright, present state treasurer of the State of Ohio won the nomination for the governorship by a great margin. We of Gamma are confident that he will win this next November by the same great majority.

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## Ohio

By WARREN G. HOWARD

The past year at Ohio University was, indeed, the finest year Beta chapter has ever experienced on this campus.

Excepting our softball team which won

the fraternity championship, our athletic teams could be categorized with the saying "Always a bridesmaid but never a bride". Fielding teams in five sports this year, we took four seconds and one first. In all four sports, basketball, football, pledge volleyball, and bowling, our teams played off for the Championships but were edged by the narrowest of margins.

When it came election time, we failed to take a second place to anyone, winning three class officer positions. Bob Arter was installed as president of the Senior class, Jack Zwahlen president of the Junior class, and Dick Yoo vice-president of the Freshman class. No other fraternity at the University can cope with such an enviable record.

Probably the greatest success came at the Junior Prom dance, the biggest school dance of the year. Here we bumped heads with a fraternity that dominated the election of J-Prom King for the past four years. The rest is history, as Dave Wentz came through with the crown and laurel wreath.

Besides being elected Senior Class president, Bob Arter was tapped for Torch, senior men's honorary, and also headed the



Beta wins all-campus baseball championship without a loss

all fraternity Greek Week. Fred Cibula was elected pledgemaster of Alpha Omicron, Commerce fraternity, and also was elected to Phi Eta Sigma. Fred Pesek owns the distinction of being a pledge in two groups, Scabbard and Blade and Alpha Omicron, and an active in another, Phi Tau. Dick Burns was recently named to head the Wesley Foundation for the coming year, and Chuck Emrick was named to head Alpha Omicron. Roger Porter and Warren Howard were both elected into Crest. Initiated into Delta Phi Delta were Wally Greene and Tom Blair, and Mike Case was activated into Pi Epsilon Mu, engineering.

## Oklahoma A. & M.

By GEORGE McBRIDE

Five Beta Kappa men joined the ranks of the chapter alumni as a result of the May graduation at A. & M. Three of the five will continue college work in search of master's degrees.

Larry Gene Sigler won a fellowship to Columbia university. Walter C. Hamilton will leave by ship to Switzerland in August and start fellowship work at the university there in September.

Other graduates are Ray E. Bergman, who will continue his study in physics at Rutgers university; John F. Sage, who plans to work with the Oklahoma state fish and game commission, and Sol Sashin, who will go into the resort hotel business in upper New York State.

Sigler, Hamilton and Bergman graduated with the upper ten percent of the class of '50, and, as a result, were enrolled as members in the Phi Kappa Phi fraternity. Sigler was also initiated and enrolled as a member in the Blue Key. Hamilton has been a Blue Key member for the past year.

Clayton E. Dobson, currently president of Beta Kappa chapter, was initiated in Blue Key at the same time Sigler assumed membership.

Campus-wise, speaking in terms of enrollment, we now stand seventeenth among the 20 fraternities at A. & M. That's something worth boasting about when it is considered that we, as a chapter, are slightly more than a year old.

We attribute our success to the fact we started out with some of the best fraternity material on the campus. We kept our standards high, and so today have only the most desirable men enrolled as members of Beta Kappa.

As a whole, the chapter has been very active this past year. We took part in just about every function provided by the college. Actually, we didn't come out on top in any one of the functions; we didn't expect we would. The thing we were interested in doing this year was to leave our mark. And we did. There isn't anyone on this campus now who has not heard of Phi Kappa Tau.

Next year we expect we will be on a par with most of the other fraternities, and so will be in a position to bring home a few of the laurels as our own.

Looking back over the year—

We moved into our Ramsey street house during the summer months. Everyone connected with the chapter came to Stillwater early so as to have the house ready for operation before the school year began.

The garage behind the two story frame house was converted into living quarters and tabbed the "annex." It was fitted so as to become a unit in itself.

We opened the house during September and almost immediately were confronted with a new problem: would we or would we not enter a float in the annual homecoming day parade? Would we be in a position strong enough to give a costume dance in the Fall?

We weren't sure, but we would try. We tried and we were successful; we met both deadlines.

Our dance was hailed as one of the most successful and original of the season. Our float, although it did not win a prize, drew a great deal of acclaim.

We had a busy first semester, but we came out of it with the feeling that we "belonged". Our dance hours were accepted and successful, and on top of everything we were starting to grow. There weren't many nights when we did not have at least one rushee as dinner guest.

The second semester saw us turning our full strength toward building the chapter. We staged two rush parties, and as a result pledged nine men during one two-weeks' period.

A parents' day party was engineered successfully in April, and in May we held a fraternity picnic. Between times, the pledges gave a party for the members, and the members returned the favor. We continued to hold dance hours at the house, and topped the season off with a last-thing party at the house preceded by an interesting inter-fraternity softball game which, incidentally, the pledges won.

Next year,—well, we're looking forward to a BIG 50-51.

## Oregon State

By CHUCK PETER

The school year of 1949-50 will always be remembered as a very eventful year for Alpha Zeta. Our win of the all school volleyball championship and more recent first place victory in the Interfraternity Sing were the high points. This sing is sponsored each year by the 28 fraternities. We sang "Maiden Fair, O Deign to Tell" by Haydn and "Toast to Phi Kappa Tau" with words by Gery Hubbe, our song leader. Without Gery's tireless efforts, enthusiasm, and patience we never would have gained this high honor.

Rook Counselors for next year are dominated by Phi Taus; James Jarvis, Thomas Lindberg, Dennis Michel, and Jim Gingrich. These men will help orient next year's

Freshman class. Jim has also been selected as co-chairman of the Freshman picnic.

Phi Taus are well represented on the Beaver Varsity Crew by Ed Wahlstrom, Jim Bunnage, and Tom Abrahams. Jim was forced to take a leave of absence because of sickness, and Tom has taken his place in the varsity shell.

Mother's Weekend found us busy entertaining our own Mothers, and taking a big part in a special campus show. We sang our winning numbers from the Interfraternity Sing, and the Phi Tau Ramblers, our quartet, consisting of Bob Haydock, Dick Spees, Gery Hubbe, and Wayne Hamilton, sang several barbershop melodies. Saturday afternoon the Phi Tau Mothers met at the chapter house and organized our Mother's Club. Mrs. H. A. Lindberg of Astoria was elected president and Mrs. J. Spees of Oregon City, secretary-treasurer.

Elmer Mays has been tabbed by Eta Kappa Nu. Gery Hubbe received quadruple honors, being chosen chief editor of the *Annual Cruise*, the Forestry yearbook, initiated into Xi Sigma Pi, forestry honorary, elected Forestry Club song leader, and received second honorable mention in the Cummings award for all-around excellence. In addition, Ed Wahlstrom has been selected by Phi Kappa Phi. R.O.T.C. Cadet Sgt. Jim DeBroekert and M-Sgt. Clifford Cannon received Scabbard and Blade awards. Jim was selected as the outstanding Army R.O.T.C. sophomore.



Gery Hubbe is happy to receive song trophy from Howard Harpole, IFC president at Oregon State

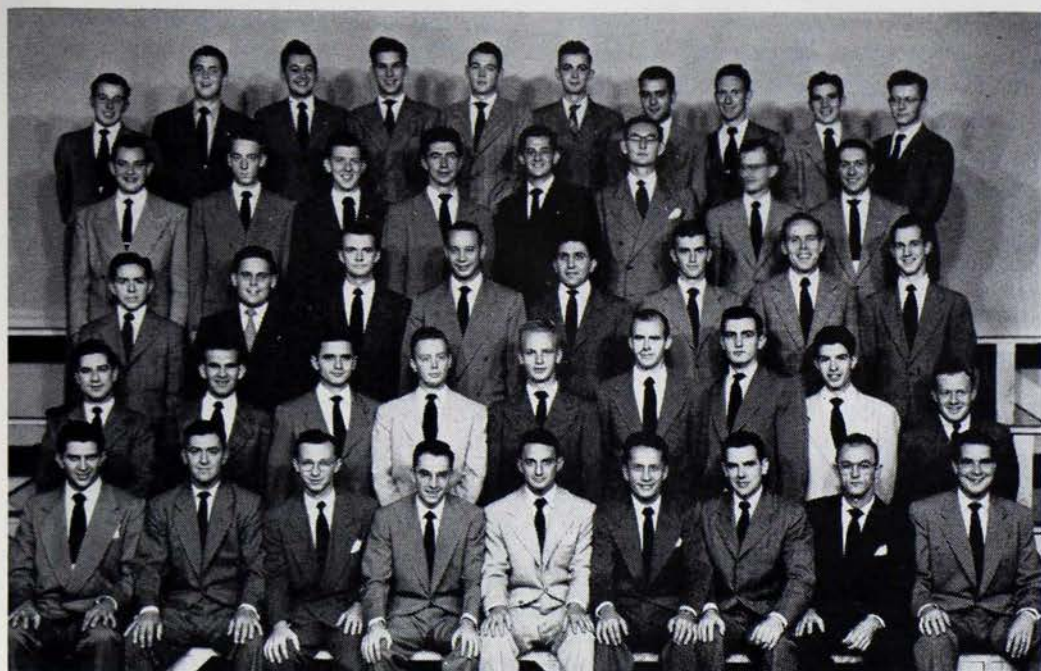
## Penn State

By BILL DICKSON

The 1940-'50 year with Omicron at Penn State is now history but will be remembered as a year of achievement. Our Halloween costume ball, the annual Christmas dinner dance, and the big Spring Week Festival highlighted the year's activities.

Spring Week, with its all-College carnival will be talked about for some time. Our booth, a novelty show combined with Chi Omega sorority and directed by John Schmidt and Bill Gibson, took first prize as the entry which attracted the largest audiences out of 60 such entries.

Omicron advanced in intramural athletics from 46th place to 21st position. Al-



These gentlemen are the Phi Taus of Omicron chapter at Penn State

though we did not cop too many laurels, we placed a team in almost every sporting event during the spring, winning first place in the Fairmount softball league.

Directed by Verne Willaman, Omicron entered the quarter finals in soccer competition and golf. We finished fourth in the bowling league. George Freeman led the pack in the hand ball singles, losing in the semifinals. Bob Patnovich teamed up with Freeman in the doubles, losing in the quarter finals. Bill Dickson and Jim Morton lost the second round of the horseshoe contests. Omicron entered two teams in the IM volleyball games.

The IM basketball league saw Omicron awarded second place. Ed Diddlebock and Dave Gray were entered in the IM wrestling competition. Jack Bauknecht represented the house in Badminton.

Fourteen men graduated, creating a heavy rushing job for chairman Jack Bauknecht and his committee. The house was renovated during the summer and returnees and new pledges will enter an almost new home.

Bill Bonner was elected vice-president of the Mineral Industry Student Council. Chuck Falzone to the Engineering Student Council, Lou Guthrie initiated into Psi

Chi, psychology honorary, and Jack Skehan received the honor of being the Distinguished Military Graduate.

Pat Heims, runner-up in the 155 pound class National Collegiate Athletic Association, was tapped for Parmi Nous, senior athletic honorary, elected varsity boxing captain, and secretary-treasurer of the Athletic Association.

George Ruby was elected second vice-president of the Society for the Advancement of Management, and Dick Heisler became a member of Alpha Kappa Psi.

Tim Hayes carried the lead role in two plays. Harry Kondourajian was elected all-College vice-president, and president of Skull and Bones, senior honorary. Bill Dickson was elected editor of the *Summer Daily Collegian*.

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## Rensselaer

By DANIEL F. LILLIE

Perhaps the most important activity that took place at Rho chapter since the last issue, was studies. The chapter climbed from twentieth place among fraternities on the campus to tenth place with a rating

above the all student average. This shows the respect for scholarship at Rho, for this improvement was accomplished without fines or excessive curtailment of social functions. Along the line of academic achievements, we are proud to announce the graduation of seven members. The men that leave us are George Schultz, Howard Finck, Stephen Richardson, Thomas Robertshaw, Eugene Uland and Fred Jordon.

This spring was a busy season for Rho chapter. Early in March 18 men from Middlebury Colony visited us for the purpose of being initiated. We also had our own initiations in April.

Rho chapter was honored on Founders Day by a visit from President Roland Maxwell and Secretary Richard Young along with Field Secretary Tom Athey.

The remodeling of our play room was started this term. Plans were drawn up to put benches along the walls and to panel the walls above the benches. The benches have been completed and the remodeling should be finished in the fall. All the work was done by the boys in their spare time.

Rho hasn't been very prominent in sports on the campus this term. Our one bright spot was the bowling team that tied for second in interfraternity competition. Charles Husum won the individual bowling championship. We were represented on the school track team by Robert Lohneiss and Steele Andrews. Wesley Horbatuck played the outfield on the baseball team.

The school elections found one Phi Tau gaining an important position. Daniel Moore was elected president of the Sophomore Class. Donald Zeissett was chosen president of the Combine, a campus political organization to which the house belongs.

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## U.C.L.A.

By GEORGE OHANIAN

With the close of the spring semester, life around Beta Rho has slowly settled back to pre-charter-presentation days. What with the installation banquet held on May 12, and the formal dance on May 19, we've certainly had a lot of excitement on our hands.

Sportively speaking we're doing better. During the recent basketball season we took

fourth place in the Intramural League. But Athletic Chairman Ben Shelton claims we still have room for improvement, and as a result is stressing frequent practice sessions.

Scholarship at Beta Rho is also on the upward trend. Scholarship Chairman John Walden reports that during the Fall semester, out of 37 fraternities on campus, we held the fifteenth place on the scholastic list. This was a decided improvement over the previous semester, and we intend to better our standing each semester until we can equal (or better) Pi's admirable record at SC.

Our pledge class this semester has really been exemplary. This is due in part to the sound guidance of Pledgemaster John Hasty. But the pledges themselves have a great deal of zeal and verve, plus an earnest will to work. Under the skillful direction of Pledge President Don Lierow, they have accomplished wonders with the front porch. What with fresh paint, new drapes, and the elegant furniture contributed by Joe Errico, the room is so pleasing and comfortable that it is preferred over the living room.

Mrs. Faye Berges, our cook, deserves honorable mention for the splendid meals she has been turning out. Her chicken and roast pork dinners have yet to be equalled. And since we of Beta Rho are professed gourmets, Faye's culinary talents well suit our gastronomical needs.

Incidentally, we now have a new mascot. It's a Doberman pinscher which we've dubbed Major. Within the space of four months he's grown from a puppy into a veritable monster. And talk about food consumption, he is the original chow hound!

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## Washington

By JIM CHASE

The last month of spring quarter turned out to be one of Alpha Pi's busiest periods during the year. Our last big fling of the year was the annual picnic at Steel Lake.

The week before we were busy working with the AOPi's on our double entry for the Sophomore carnival, a big spring event at Washington. We copped an honorable mention for our Campus Flying College, which even had Link trainers in which we



gave our customers thrilling rides. Co-chairmen for the Phi Taus were Carroll Gilbertson and Don Gibbons.

Two more names were added to the roster of actives on May 22, when we initiated Harry Morrison and Bill Rae. New pledges were Bill Stinnette, Woodinville, Wash.; Bob Cowden, Steilacoom, Wash.; and Ola Mack Roald, Fredrikstad, Norway.

We read with great interest in the last *Laurel* about Brother Andresen, Washington State, who is from Oslo, Norway. Mack's home town, Fredrikstad, is just a few miles farther away than Oslo. Like Brother Andresen, Mack intends to return to Norway after he finishes his schooling. Mack is studying to be a chemical engineer. Before he came to Washington, Mack spent a year at the University of Oklahoma. He will finish school in 1952. Mack is looking forward to the Northwest regional conclave at Washington next year when he hopes to meet Brother Andresen.

The chapter honored the graduating seniors at a breakfast on Sunday, June 4. Those honored were Stan Dorst, Don Gibbons, Fred Hammersand, Arnie Hansen, Norm Miller, and Jim Chase.

We initiated a series of after dinner discussions with faculty members during the last month. We invite these men for dinner after which we meet and talk with them informally in the living room. Professor Jean Chessex of the French department and Allan Zoll, who teaches human relations, were our guests during May. Chairman of the meetings for spring quarter was Stan Dorst.

## Washington State

By JACK THUEMMEL

Athletics, social events and individual honors highlighted the busy year of Alpha Kappa. Our eight graduating seniors will always remember the school year of 1949 and '50, especially because they contributed so much in keeping Phi Kappa Tau on the top on the WSC campus.

These seniors who so ably represented Alpha Kappa on the graduating list and to whom we offer the best of luck always are: Robert Congdon, outstanding military student; Ray Chapman, past president of the house and a member of the Crimson Circle;



These five seniors who gave Alpha Kappa chapter the largest representation in Crimson Circle, outstanding senior men's service honorary are, left, Ray Chapman, Ralph Campbell, Paul Stoddard, Ron Forsell, and Bill Denton

Edward (Bill) Denton, ace sportscaster for KWSC and a member of Crimson Circle; Ronald Forsell, chief announcer at KWSC and also a member of Crimson Circle; Francis Meagher, Sigma Alpha Omicron, bacteriology; Paul Stoddard, Senior Greek man on the Board of Control for WSC, an active member of Crimson Circle and selected as one of the Big Ten Graduating Seniors; Ralph Summers, editor and founder of *Fo-Paws*, humor magazine; and Frank Tessin, news chief at KWSC and senior basketball manager, who also received a commission as a Second Lieutenant in the Air Force Reserve.

Following a very successful rush week, Alpha Kappa jumped into the school year with enthusiasm and spirit. Two new pledges, Jack Sandstrom and Gregg Friberg, did a great job on the frosh football team and are currently battling it out for first string berths on the varsity squad.

Our intramural bowling team was making a name for itself and the house by ending up in second place in the school league. Then later in the spring the house came out of the hibernation to take two second places in the boxing intramurals but later in the month they dropped out in the semi-finals of the softball league. Capping the social activities at the chapter house, we warmed up things on the campus with a gigantic Fireman's Ball, and then proceeded to cool off with our annual house picnic held at Lake Chatcolet in Northern Idaho.

On the business side of the ledger, our

all-school ping-pong and 118 pound Pacific Coast Boxing champion, Ralph Campbell, was elected vice-president of the school Interfraternity Council, and many other men were selected for all-school and national honoraries. At the recent graduation exercises Don Jacobson was selected as the outstanding junior man in Military Air Science. Don is also a member of Delta Phi Delta.

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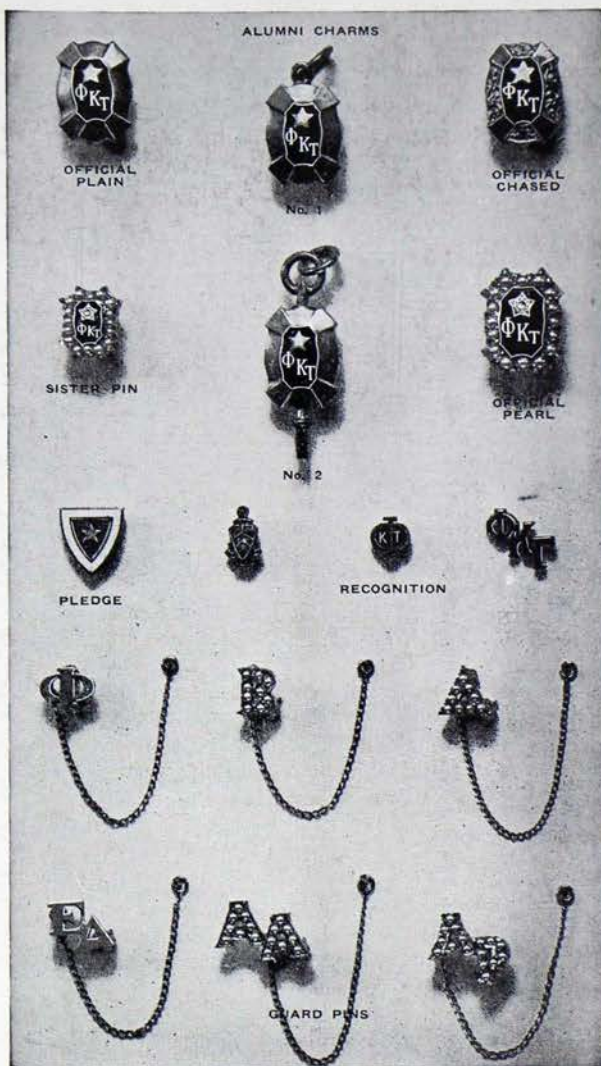
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