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The National Interfraternity Conference

THOUGHT-PROVOKING, stimulating, addresses, emphasizing the cultural, character-building influence of the college fraternity, together with the active participation of undergraduates, the elimination of officers' and committees' reports, and a fine, constructive spirit throughout made the twenty-seventh annual meeting of the National Interfraternity Conference notable, setting a standard for similar events in the fu-National delegates of fifty-four fraternities, representatives of more than forty undergraduate interfraternity councils from every section of the country, and forty-two officials of colleges and universities participated in the three sessions held at the Hotel Roosevelt, New York City, November 29-30, and presided over by Leroy E. Kimball, chairman of the conference. Meetings of the conference subsidiary organizations, College Fraternity Secretaries' Association and the College Fraternity Editors' Association, were held, respectively, Wednesday, November 27, and Saturday afternoon.

In an address outstanding for its humor and its wisdom, Dr. Henry W. Wriston, president of Lawrence College and president of the Association of American Colleges, answered the question, "How can we vitalize our fraternity life and make the fraternity more useful to the college?" He suggested "an audit of experience," which he insisted would prove a justification of the college fraternity because of the latter's contributions to the emotional and

esthetic development of students, their proper housing, and their growth in selfcontrol. He contended that the educational institution shared the responsibility with the fraternity if scholarship standards were not satisfactorily maintained.

The changing character of educational institutions which prevents the standardizing of fraternity chapters offers, Doctor Wriston believes, an opportunity for the fraternity to interpret different types of institutions to each other. The fraternity can, he feels, also aid the college in its program of stressing the development and understanding of individual students. Most important of all, Doctor Wriston believes, an audit of experience would get the fraternities off the defensive and start them forward on some great, constructive program.

So convincingly did the speaker present his case, a resolution was offered immediately following his conclusion instructing the incoming officers to cause an audit of experience to be made. The resolution won emphatic conference approval.

This rôle that the fraternity should play in the vital development of the individual was also stressed by another educational administrator, Sir James Calquhoun Irvine, vice-chancellor of the University of St. Andrew, oldest university in Scotland, founded eighty-one years before America was discovered. He is the first educator from a foreign country to address the conference.

In discussing "The Ideal Social Life for the Young College Student," he placed as of equal importance the training of the intellect, the development of a man's personality, his social capacity, his power of adaption and of leadership, and his effectiveness in working with his fellow-men. He emphasized the cultivation of disciplined freedom, the preservation of idealism in studies, and the striving toward a lofty purpose in life. He also pointed out the fact that the earlier the ways and manners, the courtesies and deportment of good living are acquired the better.

"The fraternity system arose through the early recognition of the fact that the student is a human individual, not merely something into which knowledge is to be crammed," Sir James said.

"One thing I implore of you gentlemen, and it is this: Keep the dignity of life alive in a fraternity. It is a good thing and a proud privilege to be admitted to a university or college and to have that experience. It is another precious thing to be brought into a limited community and to be made a brother of other men. There is something noble about that, man exercising his intellect, the greatest gift he has, man exercising his personal friendship for his fellowmen. And so let it be dignified.

"Away with the hazing, if such there be, away with customs which may be a lowering of dignity, may be even in extreme cases degrading. Let us keep our banner high and our honor clean."

Facts and figures entered into the meetings of Friday as well as idealism. While Prof. R. P. Briggs accepted the limitation implied in his topic, "Fra-

ternity Problems at the University of Michigan," and confined his analysis to a single campus, his discussion was accepted as having general application and hence of value to all interested in fraternity problems, particularly those of a financial nature.

It was found, Professor Briggs reported, that for the school year 1934-35, about one-half of the sixty-eight chapters at the University of Michigan were operating at least a \$10,000 business, and three exceeded \$18,000 each. Exclusive of initiation fees, the total fraternity revenues were \$573,000 and expenditures, \$593,000, a composite loss of \$20,000. Including the initiation fees, which Professor Briggs suggested might wisely be segregated as capital improvement funds, thirty-nine fraternities operated at a \$15,000 total profit and twenty-nine at a \$21,000 total loss. or a consolidated loss of \$6,000 for the sixty-eight fraternities.

Of the fraternities which had operated at a loss, eighteen had outstanding receivables of over \$1,000 each; one over \$4,500. Twenty owed more money than the total of their assets, including as assets past-due receivables of doubtful value.

Causes for this unsatisfactory financial condition Professor Briggs gave as financial mismanagement, unpaid operating obligations incurred during previous years, large interest-bearing obligations, failure of alumni to assume responsibility, failure of national officers to supervise, and insufficient membership. He gave specific examples of each, and concluded with this statement:

"We are desirous of having fraternities at the University of Michigan, but we want them to be chapters to which this Conference can point with pride."

Again in the concluding session of the Conference was emphasized the central idea of making the fraternity more useful to the educational institution of which it is a part, the discussion centering around the fraternity criteria and means of putting them into action. The leader in this was Rev. Ralph W. Sockman, D.D., pastor of Christ Church, New York City.

The fraternity, he declared, is a very important agency in developing the individual so that he can function in a group, as the boy who comes out of college, never having learned how to work with the group, is a failure. "We have to face the task of taking today's independence of spirit and using it in relation to an inter-dependence of life without crushing either. That is why the fraternity is one of our best laboratories."

Doctor Sockman in analyzing the criteria stated that there is an awakening conscience in the matter of good taste in contemporary life, and the independent-minded generation of the student world wants the conventions which gentlemen everywhere observe to be followed on the campus by the faculty, by upperclassmen, and by the alumni who come back to the campus, for this matter of good taste is a matter of utmost importance in this new day.

"If the fraternity house with adult and alumni guidance," Doctor Sockman stated, "could surround the student with some kind of cultural interest and incentive that would carry through when he gets out into adult life, give him avocations and avocational guidance as the university gives vocational guidance, it might supplement at a much needed point."

Norman Seagraves, a senior from Bowdoin College, placed the responsibility for making the Fraternity Criteria effective directly upon the shoulders of the undergraduate chapter as a self-governing unit with the warning that "to the extent the chapter evades this responsibility just so far does it surrender its right of self-government into the hands of the college authorities." He declared that the only thing to fear is indifference and decay within the organization itself.

Expressing the belief that "the average fraternity man today does little thinking about the real meaning and purpose of the fraternity," but, nevertheless, having recovered from the age of distorted realism and disillusionment, he is willing now to discuss loyalties and responsibilities without fear of being considered impractical, Mr. Seagraves urged a program of thorough-going publicity and contact work to implant in the student mind the basis of the cri-He insisted that "we need to give the fraternity a true appreciation of itself and of its function in the college society."

"Transmute the criteria into action and make the college fraternity a powerful force for good on the American campus" was the repeated plea of Harold J. Baily, who continued the discussion from the point of view of the national fraternity. He presented the following specific suggestions for making undergraduates conscious of the criteria:

Require pledges to memorize the Fraternity Criteria as a part of their pledge training. Require each pledge before his initiation to write a letter to his parents containing an autographed copy of the criteria and telling the people at home what the fraternities stand for and what they are trying to do. Place a framed illuminated manuscript of the criteria on the walls of every Require some senior chapter house. to address the chapter meeting on one of the articles at least once a month, or arrange a discussion on how best to apply or improve them. Develop some method for the better local application of the criteria.

Speaking as the representative of educational institutions, D. H. Gardner, dean of men at the University of Akron and educational adviser to the National Interfraternity Conference, amplified a statement made by his predecessor in the advisorship, William L. Sanders, to the effect that administrative officers view a fraternity as an organization, whereas in the deepest meaning of the word it is a fellowship. If administrators, Dean Gardner pointed out, will realize the potential force in fraternity fellowship and will foster and promote it, much can be done through the fraternity to aid students, both members and non-members, to develop their personalities and character, one of the fundamental objectives of the college. A major factor in the life of all extra-curricula activities

is preserving the element of continuity, he continued, and in this officers of a college, knowing local conditions, can help inexperienced fraternity members with financial affairs, rushing problems, social activities, and other chapter issues.

"My major plea," Dean Gardner concluded, "is that institutions should recognize in fraternities a vital force in the life of the American college. Recognition of this factor alone is not enough. It should be allied with a realization that institutions of higher education should collaborate with college fraternities by adopting a positive attitude toward the values of these student organizations rather than a negative and disparaging position which capitalizes upon the faults incident to any student group."

The final speaker in the symposium was Prof. William J. Berry, of Brooklyn Polytechnic Institute, who discussed the criteria from the point of view of an alumnus. He contended that members of fraternities took their vows and obligations voluntarily, and that every time a chapter has to discipline a delinquent brother and every time a national organization has to take proceedings against a chapter, it marks a failure on the part of fraternity members in realizing the ideals for which the fraternity stands.

After he had urged the stimulation of the alumnus whose interest has lapsed, but who represents a potential powerhouse of energy, and missionary work among those comparatively few alumni who are a menace, coming back to the chapter house to have a good time in ways that often undo the good work that the earnest, sincere undergraduate is trying to do to build up his chapter, Professor Berry urged the use of every means possible to bring to the consciousness of alumni the things for which the fraternity stands and to inspire them as far as can be done to exemplify in their lives by their examples and by their precepts the ideals of all fraternities which are set forth in the criteria.

In the general discussion which rounded out the symposium, F. M. Massey, dean of men at the University of Tennessee pointed out the danger of expecting definite results tomorrow instead of giving the criteria an opportunity. He stated that the function of the criteria is to give courage and poise.

"Hell Week must go" was the declaration which came from both fraternity leaders and deans of men. Preceding the adoption of a resolution to the effect that colleges in conjunction with local interfraternity councils definitely eradicate any semblance of Hell Week from the campus, came a significant challenge from Albert K. Heckel, dean of men at the University of Missouri:

"Are we afraid to grow up? Are we going to continue with a lot of adult infantilism and worse? I believe that Mr. Wilbur W. Walden struck a very fine note when he said that we must consider not merely Hell Week, but certain customs in our chapters. As I see it, these customs assert themselves throughout the year and are rolled into one accumulated force in Hell Week. Those customs destroy the initial loyalty and an initial devotion to his fraternity

that a pledge makes for himself. He suffers disillusionment when things which are not fraternal appear in the routine of his life throughout the year.

"We must either discontinue our denunciation of Hell Week, or get some action. I think the time comes occasionally when a real stern enforcement is the only way out."

Two additional resolutions called upon fraternity secretaries and executive bodies to conduct an educational campaign among their active chapters for the elimination of Hell Week practices and to have their conventions adopt laws or regulations condemning rough house initiations in any form, if such national legislation is lacking. Another resolution, referred to the Executive Committee, requested a complication of laws and other pronouncements on Hell Week.

Other resolutions of importance were passed by the National Interfraternity Conference. One recommends to colleges and fraternities the extension as rapidly as possible of chapter resident adviserships, the tuition for the adviser preferably to be furnished by the college and room and board by the fraternity, responsibility on the part of a carefully selected resident adviser to both college and fraternity being de-Another resolution recomsirable. mended the continued consideration of the Fraternity Criteria by the colleges and national fraternities to the end that wholesome blending of efforts might result in producing a finer type of college fraternity man.

A re-study of existing rushing rules and regulations was deemed desirable by another resolution to the end that less time, effort, and money might be expended in integrating freshmen into fraternity life.

The fiscal year of the Conference was changed to begin November 1. Resolutions were also passed expressing appreciation to the Conference officers and committees and to the hotel management, and to those responsible for the booklet entitled "College Fraternities."

One of several new features of this year's session was a summary of the program by Charles W. Gerstenberg, a past conference chairman.

Officers for the ensuing years were elected as follows:

Chairman, Harold J. Baily, Beta Theta Pi; vice chairman, H. Maurice Darling, Delta Kappa Epsilon; secretary, Russell G. MacFall, Delta Chi; treasurer, Lynne J. Bevan, Delta Upsilon; educational adviser, D. H. Gardner, dean of men, University of Akron; members of Executive Committee, class of 1937, Maurice Jacobs, Phi Epsilon Pi; class of 1938, Harold E. Lobdell, Phi Kappa Sigma; Henry S. Rogers, Alpha Tau Omega; Hulon Capshaw, Kappa Alpha Order.

J. Harold Johnson, Pi Kappa Alpha, who retired as secretary of the Conference, would not permit his name to be placed in nomination. A high tribute was paid him in recognition of distinguished service to the Conference.

Significant was the statement of the new chairman of the National Interfraternity Conference, Harold J. Baily, in his inaugural address which closed the final session, when, after reviewing briefly the early days of the Conference and the constitutional edict that the purpose of the Conference is to discuss and recommend, its functions being purely advisory, he said:

"I think we have come to the point where we are determined that we shall unitedly go a step further. This undercurrent of feeling that we should take action certainly should reveal itself in the effort on the part of every one of us to upbuild our own fraternity because by doing that we certainly are going to help the fraternity cause throughout the country, and also aid one another. The time may come when our constitution itself might even be changed to give effect to the changed temper of the times and of the men who make up our Conference."

While reports of the various officers and committees were printed and circulated rather than presented from the floor, there is much of value and interest in them, and most of the resolutions adopted grew out of these reports.

The Committee of Cooperation with College, whose report of 1924 was outstanding, had more encouragement to offer as the result of a re-survey of colleges. It reported a definite spirit of cooperation on the part of college administrations, centering around the Fraternity Criteria; a trend on the part of administrations to appoint special officers under deans of men to serve fraternities as special advisers in fraternity management; aid from colleges in making chapters "scholarship conscious" by helping to provide resident adviserships; the increase of financial supervision of chapters by colleges; and very

definite progress in installing more house mothers. Members of the committee are Fred E. Linder, chairman, Archer L. Jackson, and Maurice Jacobs.

Two important studies were reported on by Prof. R. H. Jordan, chairman of the Committee of Resident Advisers in Chapter Houses. Replies were received from 121 of the 200 educational institutions to which questionnaires were sent to secure information in regard to attitudes toward the resident adviser Three institutions indicated that they were prepared to require such advisers; 81 out of the 121 said specifically that they favored the plan. One institution is paving graduate tutors for both fraternity and non-fraternity men. Twenty institutions are ready to remit all graduate fees for chapter advisers; nine are willing to remit part. Forty-two stated they would not remit State institutions in Arizona, North Dakota, Idaho, Kansas, Montana, Massachusetts, New Mexico, Texas, and Washington are prohibited from doing so. Lehigh, Illinois, and Syracuse are trying out the plan in a somewhat thoroughgoing fashion.

Thirty-three member fraternities reported on their experience with the plan. Twenty are making use of it, practically twice the number as were experimenting with it in 1932, while last year there were 124 chapters with resident advisers instead of 23. Phi Gamma Delta led with 19, followed by Delta Chi, 18; Lambda Chi Alpha, 13; Kappa Sigma, 12; Phi Delta Theta, 11; Delta Tau Delta, 5. Lambda Chi Alpha pays its advisers \$35 a month besides room and board. Delta Chi pays part

of the expense of resident advisers as does Kappa Sigma.

Despite an upward swing in New England and in the North Central States and a substantial improvement in the South, there was an average loss of .086 per chapter in the fraternity scholarship index, for 1934-1935, according to Alvan E. Duerr, scholarship chairman. This was due to a slight drop in the Middle Atlantic States, an appreciable drop in the West, and a pronounced loss on the Pacific Coast. At that, however, the all-fraternity average is higher than the average of all men in 53 per cent of the 163 colleges and universities covered by the survey. These institutions have an undergraduate enrollment of approximately 250,000, of whom more than one quarter are members of the 2,006 chapters of the 65 national fraternities which constitute the National Interfraternity Conference.

In New England fraternities excel in 59 per cent of the institutions; in the Middle Atlantic States 42 per cent; North Central States 55 per cent; Southern States 62 per cent; Western States 53 per cent; Pacific Coast 25 per cent.

Fraternity scholarship is rated plus or minus in accordance with its relationship to the all-men's average, and the all-men's average has been steadily rising throughout the country in recent years. Last year this was raised in 52 per cent of the educational institutions, and in 50 per cent the year previous, and in 79 per cent in 1932-1933.

The year 1934-1935 offers some interesting records. For instance, all fraternities were above the all-men's average at Akron, Carnegie, Centenary, Duke, Iowa Wesleyan, Millsaps, Mississippi State, Monmouth, and New Mexico. Not one was above at Alfred, Howard, and Southwestern (Texas). At Wittenberg all eight fraternities have been above four out of the last six years. Oregon State's 26 fraternities have averaged plus 9.06 the last six years. Here as at Columbia, Lafayette, and at the University of California at Los Angeles, where there has been marked progress in the past five years, unusual interest has been taken in fraternities by the administration.

The best records for the year were made at Carnegie, where fraternities had a plus index of 15.66, New Mexico 12.87, Millsaps 12.67, Mount Union 12.27, Baldwin-Wallace 12.05, Mississippi 11.59, Denver 11.27, Mississippi State 10.32, Texas 9.63, Duke 9.10, Southwestern (Tennessee) 9.07, and Oregon State 8.87.

The fifteen larger fraternities, with just one-half of the 2,006 individual chapters listed in the survey, averaged a net gain of .0256 per chapter, while the remaining 50 members, averaging fewer than twenty chapters each, had a net loss of .327 per chapter. The heaviest loss came to the 15 fraternities averaging 16 chapters each, which led all fraternities last year and have been consistently high. Their net loss of 1.156 per chapter amounted in the aggregate to three times the loss of all the fraternities in the country.

Of the member fraternities 27 were above the all-men's average and 38 below; 26 improved their record of the previous year, and 39 lost ground. Forty-five per cent of the 2,006 individual chapters were above the all-men's average.

After reviewing evidences of a widespread interest among fraternities in improving the scholarship of their members, Mr. Duerr presented the following conclusions:

- (1) That the national organization of stable fraternities has been a source of strength to undergraduate chapters as reflected in scholastic standing, and that response within a given fraternity follows promptly any change of leadership or attitude.
- (2) That scholastic improvement has paralleled stability of national organization and reduced greatly the former advantage of the younger and the smaller fraternities.
- (3) That personal leadership is the most important single factor in promoting scholarship, whether the leadership be furnished by the local chapter, the national fraternity, or the institution.
- (4) That high standing is without value unless it represents real scholarship; hence artificial stimuli, such as discipline and competition, are not a fundamental approach to the problem.
- (5) That the scholarship of the fraternities of an institution reflects accurately the general conditions on the campus, and for these the fraternities cannot be held primarily responsible. The responsibility belongs to the institution. The fraternity can only cooperate with a constructive administrative attitude; it cannot substitute its own standards.

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Hopi Snake Dance

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THE seven Hopi villages are located in northeastern Arizona on three inaccessible mesas, over seventy miles from the main highway. Mishongnovi, where the first of the two Snake Dances was held in late August of this year, is the second Hopi village on the second The Snake Dance is a culmination of a nine-day ceremony that begins at the sunrise of the first day when a priest attaches the nacti-two eagle feathers tied to a stick-on the door of the main khiva or underground ceremonial chamber. It is justly famous; unlike other dances it never leaves the reservation; it is like a good simile, brief, spontaneous, vivid, and surprising; and it draws the persevering enthusiast close to the heart of two mysteries-the Indian and the untamed West.

Under threatening skies the morning of the day of the Snake Dance we drove from Flagstaff to the Canyon Diablo. There we turned off, continuing our long trek through open range country, treeless, subhumid and semi-arid, pointing toward the nearest Hopi Mesa at Oraibi.

Skimming along over the fast adobe road we outdistanced the unsettled skies and came out under the brimless blue prairie sky. Far to our right we raised Elephant Butte, and, a little beyond, Montezuma's Chair, a dome-like mound resting on a long mesa. Surrounding us on the prairie upland was the prevailing grey of bunch grass and sage. At the horizon's edge embers of sunillumined mesas glowed ruddily. The morning waned and the sun reached higher and higher until its rays, falling vertically on the escarpment of the mesas, deepened the shadows of the indentations in a blue gloaming. great was the distance, so clear and clean and calm was the wide, slightly undulant prairie floor, that the long rectangular mesas and the acute-angled buttes glimmered in manifold highlights throughout the livelong day.

While traversing seventy miles of gently rising open range that expands in vista after vista, one appears to be wandering aimlessly and fondly until the adobe road abruptly curves in toward the mesas. These long, often high



INDIAN COUNTRY



A NAVAJO BIVOUAC



INDIAN HORSEMEN

tablelands come to life when the Indian hugs them for his homesite. The first Hopi pueblo we approached was Oraibi. It was situated partly on the mesa, partly under its lee. The older pueblo was on top; the more recent adobe dwellings stood under the mesa's rim, closer to the maize fields and to the valley irrigated by a slender stream.

From Oraibi we crawled cautiously in low gear through deep-sunken arroyo beds, eased through sand and slough, then wormed up and around tortuous cliff-sides, finding ourselves at last with ample elbow room on the rim of the second mesa. The view over the grev landscape was uninterrupted; the eye could look and look. Here and there a brown strip of road wound circuitously, leaving long lean sutures on the surface of the prairie, and occasionally the eye lingered over spots of enlivening green where the Hopi cultivated their corn and beans and melons. High-ranging, broad-winged buzzards drew circles in the upper sky, swinging down in long swooping arcs, to disappear suddenly under the mesa rim. One never saw them begin their flight nor end it; they were either in or out of the air.

Ten miles distant from Oraibi we arrived at Michongnovi. From the floor of the mesa a big shoulder of rock squared out, and raised upward from the rock-crest were the grey, prehensile stone and adobe houses of the Hopi. The pueblo was so natural a part of the rock that indeed it was indistinguishable from it a few hundred paces away. It was not so much on the rock as of it. It was not like the ogre on Aladdin's back. Here were not two different things but one.

A road leading into the pueblo followed the base of the rock and spiralled up and into the narrow open plaza. Pathways ascended obliquely to the Stone and adobe dwellings thatched the shoulder of rock and on the spiny sides were corrals for horses and burros. Turkeys strutted about, gobbling at every vague disturbance. Ubiquitous Indian curs dodged here and there, alertly keeping out of foot-reach. Small, wild-eyed boys with mops of uncombed black hair drove with abandon hither and thither on their patient, well-trained burros. Halterless, reinless and frequently without saddles the boys guided the burros with sticks of wood. Some young bucks mounted on ponies rode at full speed along the narrow paths of the escarpment, checking their mounts at the edge, giving an exhibition of superior horsemanship.



RUINS OF PUEBLO BONITO

In the small village—a cluster of stone and adobe houses projecting perilously from the rock-the two hundred Hopis were busy about their affairs. A squaw chopped kindling wood, hobbled burros cropped tufts of grass on the embankment, hens and roosters scratched in the refuse piles, and some small children-one quite naked-played along the slope. By the entrance to a dwelling a tall blackened can of coffee boiled over an open fire. Through doorways a family could be seen squatting in a circle on the earthen floor eating the noonday meal. At any time an Indian could rise up and look out through the door or window, to see far across the broad prairie distant vertical clouds sweeping the range with rain. All day long clouds blow this way and that way presaging rain. They hang abeyant and sometimes droop down drenching a wide area and then pass on. Though the sun is a constant and the rain a variable in this country, the mesa is at all times kept decently inhabitable by exhilarating breezes.

The long narrow plaza where the Snake Dance was held filled with spectators early in the afternoon. On either side of the plaza were the one-story adobe houses. Many spectators, leaning against the houses or sitting on the



NAVAJOS SHEEP-DIPPING



FINE FEATHERS ON PARADE

ground before them, secured coigns of vantage, while others found positions on top, sitting with their feet resting on the vega posts. Tourists and Indians predominated, but here also were cowboys, dude ranchers, archæological expeditioners, sheep and cattle men, business men from Western settlements and Indian traders. At first one drew a hasty conclusion that the Snake Dance was to be a festivity for the benefit, entertainment and excitement of the paleface. This unthoughtful conclusion dissipated as soon as the dance began.

Those who gathered here crowding the plaza did not expect the dance to begin until sundown. They came prepared to wait patiently. Word went around that the preliminary Antelope Dance given the night before did not start until half-past five. The Snake Dance was expected to begin no sooner. Meanwhile the Hopis hustled about taking advantage of their opportunity, selling beadwork, basketry, fruit and soda The aborigine appeared quite naturalized as he hastened up and down the plaza, urging the spectators to buy "a bottle of ice-cold soda pops!" Yet the omnipresent vendors were neither importunate nor ungracious. quently they were well patronized. At half-past four, to the surprise and approbation of all, a local Indian agent made an announcement asking for respectful attention and quiet. The dance, he informed the visitors, was a religious ceremony. And now the women put aside their knitting; there was a stir and then a hush.

A bower of green cottonwood branches stood at the left center of the plaza and close by were two earth-passages, one resembling a manhole lid and the other like a raised manhole. Without ceremony (I was amazed not to hear the tombe or drum, usually such an important feature in Indian dances) eleven dancers hastened forward, apparently coming from the Khiva at the mesa's edge. They came forward taking long rapid strides. Each time they encircled the plaza they diminished its area. They carried gourd rattles in both hands but no sound was emitted. These were the Antelope priests. Their hair, black and long, fell free over their naked backs. The upper bodies were painted brown with zig-zag lines, descending Their kilt-like, knee-high vertically. garments were decoratively embroidered, and golden fox-skins hung from their waists in back. They wore brown deerskin moccasins. When they had entirely diminished the area of the plaza in a centripetal glide, they formed a line directly in front of the bower, their backs to it. Their faces, painted from the mouth down with black and grev pigment, were expressionless except for a look of intense concentration. gourd rattles began to shake and the sound of the rattle was like a mimetic augury of the rattlesnakes. As the Antelope dancers stood very erect in

formation their eyes cast earthward, the curious cry of a chant broke from their lips. They punctuated the murmur of the chant by shaking the gourds in unison. While the chant was placative, the rattles were stimulative. The chant, one thought, must be addressed to the rain-gods, and the rattles reminiscent of the snakes who were to bear the petitions for the Hopis. There was the constant murmur of the chant and the provocative vibration of the rattles. This was the invocation.

And now the Snake priests entered the plaza. It was very intense and the hot sun beat down steadily. An Indian baby cried vigorously. The priests came forward with aggressive steps, and their long black hair filled with browntipped feathers hung down their backs. The long hair tossed like a mane as they strode along. Their faces were entirely black except for the gleaming eyes, and their torsos were naked and A short kilt-like ochrepigmented. colored garment fell to their knees. Their legs were bare and they wore moccasins. They strode about the plaza, even as the Antelope dancers had. Each time they passed the earthlids they flung grains of corn pollen upon the spot and stamped emphatically. Then they, too, lined up facing the Antelope dancers and the green bower.

The Snake priests carried feathers in their hands while the Antelope priests held gourds. As the former beat time with their feathers the latter shook their gourd rattles. When this ceased temporarily the two groups solemnly chanted an impressive antiphonal. It was now very quiet and expectant. After several antiphonal passages when the feathers of the Snake priests beat the measure synchronously with the rattling of the gourds, this part of the ceremony ceased.

I looked searchingly but I could never be sure of what happened next. Quite suddenly one of the Snake priests-a carrier-stood with another at his right side. The latter-the hugger-held his left arm around the carrier's neck, as if in embrace, while in the other free hand he waved a feather wand. Gripped midway down the spine, a full-length snake dangled limply from the mouth of the carrier. The yellow-bellied snake writhed its flexible tail and arched its delicate pointed head, flickering a forked tongue. The snake in the priest's mouth was held as firmly as though one's hand clutched a wrist holding a long curving-bladed knife. One by one the Snake dancers-the carrier with snake in his mouth and the hugger with feather in his hand-shuffled about the earthen plaza. They carried king and bull snakes and rattlers in their mouths. As the carriers shuffled about intensely concentrated on the snake in their mouths, the huggers, with equal intensity, deflected the delicately pointed heads of the snakes, so perilous with their sharp-toothed and venomous fangs, away from the heads of the carriers with a gentle persuasion of the soft feathery And the snakes responded. wands. Sometimes their heads, a few inches from the face or neck of the carrier, lifted alertly and curled outward but I did not see one snake sink its fangs in the priests. But what an infinite concentration, and what an absorptive rhythm-an impassioned moving of man

with earth-forces symbolized by the snakes! One could not fail to feel this!

While the carriers shuffled along and the huggers crept behind them, one or two of the Snake priests known as gatherers attended the snakes released in the plaza. Before I could very well tell when, the plaza was swarming with a mass of rippling yellow waves, long and short, thick and cordy, thin and wiry. And even as the supple snakes furtively glided this way and that sending the excited crowd back, the gatherers, also bearing feathers, carefully turned them toward the center of the Sometimes a gatherer picked up a snake that glided too rapidly and too apprehensively-its head far off the ground-and with the most casual of motions left it to twist or coil about his arm or body or wrist. A few minutes later he had gathered a half dozen and they enwound him. But there was not the slightest hesitation or show of fear. Very nimbly the gatherer turned the freshly lustrated rattlers from the path of the dancing priests. It was done much after the fashion of the Indian boys whom I had observed a little earlier in the day guiding their halterless and reinless burros with a short stick of wood.

Now a dozen squaws appeared—one blond and the others with very black hair—each carrying a brilliantly colored blanket over her shoulder and each bearing a bowl with a quantity of maize pollen in it. As the carriers and huggers passed by the squaws the latter took handfuls of pollen grain from the bowls and threw it lightly upon the snakes. When all the bowls were empty

the squaws withdrew, and the carriers lifted the snakes from their mouths and held the supine and attenuated bodies casually in their fists.

How silent it was! The tension had not yet snapped. The Snake priests with their hands grasping several snakes then hurried out of the plaza, going toward the six directions of the Indian astronomy, taking with them these messengers of the underworld. The snakes would carry back to the divinities the rain-prayers of this primitive people in order that they might have increase in the harvest fields of this semi-arid land. If the prayers were granted there would be drenching rain to succor the growing melons and corn and beans. With the disappearance of the Snake priests bearing away the snakes in their fists, to release them in propitiation to the gods, the tension relaxed. After the Snake priests had gone out and down the side of the escarpment to the valley below, the Antelope priests left the plaza in regular order, and the dance, which had been scarcely thirty minutes long, ended.

We hastened away in the face of the declining sun, leaving behind us the cluster of Hopi Pueblo villages, their tenacious roots riven in the beetling mesas. A wan light spread over the gaunt and wasted landscape. And yet amid this desolate land we came upon Hopi cornfields, and we passed Navajo herdsmen in encampment, their sheep flocks browsing the bunch grass. Nearby the Navajo's wickiup or shelter were the tethered horses and the open fire. A little skirl of smoke drifted upward. Off in the distance infrequently we saw

Indians on horseback pursuing their solitary way across the interminable prairie.

The sun waned rapidly and the light was already dim in the valleys when we came out on a plateau. Before us stretched the grey undulant prairie. Our eyes traced the long silver furrow of the Little Colorado flowing northward. Ten miles away the brilliant point of a windmill glittered above a dark green band of trees. This was Leupp, a small trading post and site of an Indian school. Beyond the settlement the prairie continued uninterruptedly, going on and on. miles to the west was the nest of sharptoothed peaks-the range of the San Francisco peaks-and directly above them hung two long horizontal bands of dark clouds. From the vantage point of the plateau we could see not only the serrated cluster of peaks but the upper clouds free of all interference. So blue was the sky surrounding the clouds it seemed drawn taut. The sun in its descent caught in the meshes of the cloudbanks and shot the fringes into molten gold. It fairly poured from the upper sky into the finely tempered blue serrations of the peaks, filing the deep crevices and wide fissures. We looked steadily westward and held the sunset in our eyes long as we could. Then we descended into the valley, crossed the Little Colorado and were taken by the When the night had fully declared itself, lightning opened wide patches of gleaming light over Winslow and Holbrook. It appeared momentarily, on each occasion opening a seam

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Directors' Meeting

Convention, June 18, 19, 20 at Bloomington, Indiana

At the Directors' Meeting, held in the Roosevelt Hotel, New York City, November 30, 1935, Dr. Franklin L. Everett, Mu '25, was elected to serve as

president of Kappa Delta Rho. Brother Everett, who succeeds Ernest G. Hill, Zeta '23, in this position elevated from the was position of vice-president which he had filled for over three years. He is a member of the faculty of the University of Michigan, an assistant professor in the Department of Engineering. He has served as president of the Mu Alumni Association and has long

been interested in the affairs of his chapter as well as the national organization. Brother Hill refused to be considered a candidate for the presidency another term because of the pressure of his business. He was elected vice-president. John O. Boyd, Rho '27 and Walter E. Burnham, Nu '27 were reelected to the posts of treasurer and assistant treas-

urer, respectively.

Bloomington, Indiana was selected as the site of the annual convention for the year 1936 which will be held in June following the closing of the colleges and universities at which our chapters are located. Nu will be the entertaining chapter for the first time in its history. The exact dates for this meeting will be announced soon. The chapters have been given

the opportunity to assist in the preparation of the business program of this meeting by recording with the Executive Secretary those matters on which they would like discussion and action.



PRESIDENT EVERETT



ASST. TREAS, BURNHAM



VICE-PRESIDENT HILL



TREASURER BOYD

Chapters

Alpha

Middlebury College

INITIATION

SUNDAY, February 9, the following men of the class of 1939 were formally initiated into our brotherhood: Ernest Carriere of Bennington, Vermont, Roderick McDonald of Barre, Vermont and Stanley Sprague of Liberty, New York. The banquet date is set for February 23. "Dude" Johnson is in charge of the affair.

ACTIVITIES

We are just getting over the effects of Middlebury's third Winter Carnival in which three of our worthy members were notable for their assistance in its success. The rest of us carried on in true holiday spirit. Brothers Carter and Harvi had charge of the intercollegiate meet and Dick Dempewolff wrote and directed the colorful coronation pageant which inaugurated the Carnival festivities.

The Flying Club, new organization of the college, recently chose Brothers Dempewolff and Hallock to represent Middlebury at the Amherst conference during the week-end of February 13.

Five of our dramatically-inclined brethren have secured parts in the Gilbert and Sullivan operetta, Pinafore, presented by the dramatics and music departments. Lloyd Williams, Stan Sprague and Ernie Carriere are jolly tars. "Hatch" Wells and Bob Leonard are among the principals in the cast.

Bill Carter was selected by the college as our representative on the Vocational Guidance Committee. Brother McDonald was chairman of the Frosh Frolic ticket committee.

Stan Sprague is in charge of the French Club Formal.

ATHLETICS

The Middlebury basketball squad under the co-captainship of Brother "Lefty" Hoehn has enjoyed a fairly successful season. "Shorty" Anderson has seen much service on the team this year. Dick Soule is out for assistant manager of the squad.

Paul Foster holds down a regular position on the Board Track Relay team and Red Williams serves as an alternate.

We continued our winning streak in the intramural sports program by upsetting the favored Dekes to cap our fourth first—this time in basketball. This gives us a third year on the cup and so it's ours now forever. The news of the basketball victory was particularly pleasant to our ears because it gives us a comfortable lead in the race for the Trophy of Trophies. However, the Dekes are on our heels. We were unfortunate in hockey, being put out of competition after the first game.

SOCIAL

The big day will have passed when this is read. However, at the present writing, everyone is looking forward to February 22 for then the old ranch gets real ranchy and the "Rho-de-o" comes off. Even those of our order who profess to be misogynists are getting the eye from the other side of the campus. No Middlebury co-ed feels

that life is complete without at least once attending this most illustrious brawl. I feel that I can safely say that it was a huge success.

The house certainly feels indebted to Pete Newton and "Magic Eye" for looking after our social life this year in such an efficient manner. I have said this before but it bears repeating.

SCHOLARSHIP

Nobody flunked out at midyears and everyone seems to be wondering why they got an 87 instead of a 90 so I suspect that we keep the Scholarship Cup—but I'm not sure.—Robert Leonard.

Gamma

N. Y. State College

ATHLETICS

As usual State's basketball squad is supported by a large quota of Gamma men. In its opening contest, the Purple and Gold quintet got off to a flying start by trouncing the Connecticut State Teachers five to the tune of 44-21. Led by George Bancroft '36, captain, the team has been playing consistent basketball, with the help of Brothers Albrecht '36, guard, and Bulger '36, Byrnes '37, and Barrington '37, forwards.

The annual varsity-alumni game played on December 14, saw the regular line-up opposed by the alumni of former years. On the alumni squad were several Kappa Delta Rho brothers, including Frank Ott '32, Raymond Harris '33, Roger Bancroft, Osmer Brooks, and Benjamin Ingraham, members of the class of '34, and Alexander Jadick '35. As can be expected the active

quintet finished off the slower alumni line-up with a score of 44-23.

The freshman team at State includes several Gamma pledges: Joseph Muggleton, center; Caroll Lehman, forward; Joseph Bosley, William Torrens, and Frank Quattrochi, guards.

ACTIVITIES

As a precursor to the Christmas vacation, the brothers of the chapter house at 117 South Lake Avenue conducted a "stag" party on December 19, with a spaghetti supper and all the holiday trimmings included on the program.

Gamma brothers enjoyed an informal "vic" party on January 17. This affair was one of the most successful of its kind yet conducted. The freshman neophytes entered into the spirit of their first social function at the chapter house wholeheartedly. Mr. Derk Tieszen, instructor in chemistry, and Mrs. Tieszen were faculty guests at the party. Joseph Ouelette, senior, was general chairman.

INTERFRATERNITY VENTURE

Plans are progressing rapidly for the formation of an interfraternity council at State. A committee, composed of George Bancroft, Joseph Ouelette, seniors, Thomas Meehan '37 and John O'Brien '38, has been meeting with representatives of the local fraternity at State to discuss regulations for rushing, social, and athletic cooperation.

NEWS NOTES

Thomas Meehan '37, vice-president of the junior class, will be general chairman of junior week-end, which will be held the week-end of February 21-22, and includes junior prom, luncheon, and tea dance.

John Deno '37, vice-president of the student association, was elected to represent the State student body in the National Student Federation of America annual convention conducted last year in Kansas City from December 27 to 31.

Warren Densmore '38 was advanced recently from a member of the news staff to the position of sophomore desk editor of the State College News.

William Baker '36, Charles Matthews, and Edward Sabol, juniors, have leading rôles in "H. M. S. Pinafore" to be produced February 11-13. Philip Carlson '36, Alonzo Du Mont '37, and Charles Gaylord '38 are members of the chorus.



GAMMA'S SENIORS

Left to right, standing: Frank Hardmeyer,
George Bancroft, James Campbell,
Philip Carlson, Karl Ebers.
Kneeling: Charles McConville, Joseph Ouelette, George Decker.

ALUMNI

Visitors at the Gamma chapter house over the alumni week-end were: Frank Ott '32, Raymond Harris '33, Roger Bancroft, Osmer Brooks, and Benjamin Ingraham, members of the class of '34.

Dr. William M. French '29 was invited to be the guest editor of the December issue of *Education*.—Warren Densmore.

Delta

Colgate University

ATHLETICS

George Vadas, with his election as captain of the Maroon gridsters for the



CAPTAIN VADAS OF THE RED RAIDERS

year 1936, brings
Kappa Delta
Rho at Colgate
her first major
sports captaincy.
The choice of the
popular quarterback was announced by Andy
Kerr at the varsity "C" banquet,
just prior to the
Christmas recess.

The Rochester

athlete prepared for college at Owego Academy. While there, he earned himself the reputation of being the best all-around man the school had ever seen, winning letters in football, basketball, baseball, and track. A triple-threat on the gridiron, he was elected captain of the fall sport in his sophomore year.

As a Colgate freshman, he was the outstanding star of the greenlidder gridsters, besides winning numerals in baseball. Since then, unlucky breaks have kept him from showing off to the best of his ability.

In his sophomore year, although admittedly the best of his class on the squad, George was kept on the bench by Andy Kerr in favor of a senior quarter-

back, and saw no action after the Ohio State game. He did gain the coach's recommendation for membership in the Maroon Key Club, though, on the basis of his potential ability.

At the beginning of the past campaign, he seemed headed for great things as first-string quarterback. Then, his left shoulder, dislocated in the opening game, with Niagara, and again against Holy Cross, threatened to keep him out of competition for the rest of Handicapped by taping the season. which would not allow him to lift the injured limb above his shoulder, he plugged on for the rest of the season, starring in the Tulane game, and turning in fine performances in the rest of the battles.

During the Christmas vacation, an operation was performed on George's shoulder to permanently cure the injury and prevent further dislocation. Now, in the peak of condition, Capt. George Vadas will be ready to go on as one of the great leaders of the Red Raiders.

By receiving the "C" in football for the past season, Joe Choborda became



THREE-LETTER MAN

the first threeletter man in his class, and the second in his class at the present time. He was understudy to the left halfback position and played most of the Rutgers and Brown games.

Although only a sophomore, the peppy athlete from Irvington, New Jersey, won letters in basketball and baseball last year. At present, he is kept from the quintet by a painful, though not serious, foot ailment.

Paul H. Rath '37 was chosen head song leader for the rest of the current



SONG LEADER

basketball and next fall's football season at a election recent held in Students' Association meeting. This is the last year at which the cheer and song leaders are to be chosen by popular vote. After this, the assistant and

head pep leaders will be picked by the Colgate Activities Council in the same way that sports managers have been chosen in the past.

Paul, and his partner, the new head cheer leader, Jack Head, ΔY , will be furnished transportation by the University to all football games which the student body attends.

By Collins is cavorting at a forward post with Johnny Galloway's Red Cagers. He has played in all but one game so far, and is all set to win himself a major letter. He just missed fulfilling the necessary requirements last year, although only a sophomore.

Greg West, diminutive sophomore, came in second in the cross-country ski race. The winner of the four and a half mile trek was Eugen Lahr, German exchange student, so Greg has the unofficial title of being the best skier of the regularly enrolled students. Mac Millard and Dick Strong were also in the running.

Marsh Lytle, a letterman last year, is one of the Colgate fencers who are just about to open a busy season.

Art Grover keeps quite busy at the pool, swimming with the freshmen. He officially becomes a sophomore at the end of January, since he missed the second semester of last year. At that time he will be eligible for the varsity meets.

INITIATION

Four upperclassman pledges were inducted into the Fraternity at formal initiation Wednesday evening December 18. The new members are John Heffron Mettler '36, Brooklyn; Marshall R. Lytle '37, Oswego; George L. Pulis '37, Caldwell, New Jersey; and Lyndsay D. Fowler, Jr. '38, Utica.

MARRIED

John H. Van Dyke '35 was secretly married last spring vacation to Miss Margaret Brubaker, of Maplewood, New Jersey. The wedding took place at Urbana, Illinois, where Miss Brubaker was a student in the University of Illinois.

ELECTIONS

Alan F. Doyle '39 was one of ten freshmen and sophomores recently elected to the editorial board of the Colgate Maroon.

PLEDGING

Delta Chapter of Kappa Delta Rho announces the pledging of George F. Corts '39 of Kew Gardens, Long Island.—Albert F. Ford.

Theta

Purdue University



THETA'S CASTLE

Many of our alumni have no doubt been disappointed at not finding an account of Theta's activities in the last few issues of The Quill and Scroll. We are going to do our best to remedy this situation by not letting it happen again.

We finished up our fall rushing campaign with a total of seventeen pledges, all of whom we have found to be fine men and we are justly proud of them. We also announce the initiation of four of these men, who became brothers on November 28, 1935. They are: J. S. Rowland '38, Valparaiso, Indiana; Valentine Tarquine '36, Winchester, Massachusetts; W. Martin Steinfeldt '38, Rochester, New York; and R. I. Blaney '37, Kansas City, Missouri. Those awaiting spring initiations are: R. B. Nichols '39 and J. E. Sheeks '39 of Valparaiso, Indiana; H. J. Krezewinski '39 of Western Springs, Illinois; D. O. Coleman '39 of Alexandria, Indiana; J. E. Kanally '39, Cleveland, Ohio; H. Patterson '38 of West Lafayette, Indiana; H. D. Burns '39 of Gary, Indiana; Gordon Mennen '39 of Lafayette, Indiana; C. D. Sloan '37 of Brownsburg, Indiana; A. W. French

'38, Chicago, Illinois; J. J. Lynch '39, Bristol, Connecticut; L. W. Sink '39, Chicago, Illinois; and R. E. Davidson '39 of Rochester, New York.

George E. Dennis, III, '36 is our consul as well as our outstanding ath-



CONSUL DENNIS

lete this year. George, a senior in the college of agriculture, is a member of Alpha Zeta and Hoof and Horn; a member of Gimlet, an honorary athletic society; and a member of Purdue fraternity president's council. For the

past three years George has served as regular guard on the Boilermakers' powerful eleven and was recognized as one of the outstanding guards in the western conference last season.

INTRAMURALS

Theta is among the leaders in intramural sports. Our softball team was on the road to the championship but was sidetracked one evening due to the loss of three of our star players. The result was third place among the groups on the campus.

Theta's touch football team, formidable as usual, was among the runnersup this year. Our Bold and Black team made a fine showing too. Bold and Black is a game peculiar to the Purdue campus, being conceived and introduced this year by an official of our intramural department. Brothers Yngve, Claus and Willy won places in the annual cross-country run this fall. About 120 men enter this race each year.

SOCIAL

Our Homecoming dance was held October 26, 1935. The house was appropriately decorated for the occasion. Bill Jones' orchestra furnished the music. A large number of alumni returned for the dance.

The pledges furnished cigars and entertainment for our Christmas party. The entertainment was in the form of a Wild West drama. Mrs. Arnold and Mrs. Dimmit, our cook and maid, gave us several pounds of nuts and candy which we all appreciated greatly. We ended the evening by exchanging gifts, each gift accompanied by an appropriate poem.

ACTIVITIES

Theta is represented by numerous men in extra-curricular activities. Bill Chambers was chosen as a member of the Military Ball committee. Bill is also a member of Scabbard and Blade and Catalyst, chemical engineering honorary society. John Willy is a member of Catalyst and is well known on the campus for other activities. Brother Suesse is a member of Skull and Crescent and was recently elected to its pledging committee. Pledge Nichols is one of the officers of the Green Potters Organization.

We are now about to embark on our new schedules, tough or otherwise, for the ensuing semester. The last one was finished in a successful manner and we shall strive for even better achievements this semester.—Donald B. Scott.

lota

Bucknell University

PROGRESS has been the keyword in the program of Iota Chapter during the past semester. From the beginning of the term, although there were a few obstacles to overcome, all the members of the chapter put their shoulders to the wheel and added something materially to the house.

Eleven men returned to the chapter house last fall, with several tasks awaiting them. Of these men, only six had previous experience as active members, consequently many adjustments had to be made. One consolation was afforded in that they were greater in number than those who started the year before. With five new active members to cooperate, there was much hope and enthusiasm.

One of the first programs to get under way with great spirit and zest was that of improving and redecorating the house. With the splendid cooperation of Anthony Chernefski '32, who was with us at the beginning of the semester, we considered the requirements and made plans for papering and painting the interior of the house. Bill Iveson '36 also aided in procuring the necessary materials. After a few weeks of real work and application many improvements were noticed. All the main rooms on the first floor and the study rooms on the second floor exhibited lighter shades of wall paper and a new coat of paint. In addition, new covers and lighting fixtures adorn the reception room. Brother Savage, our National Secretary, assisted us also.

RUSHING

The program of rushing began last fall and is continuing to the present. To date we have five new pledges enrolled and a number of prospective members for the coming semester. By the next edition of The Quill and Scroll, we intend to have many more pledges listed. The following men are pledges of Iota Chapter, Kappa Delta Rho:

John Ruta '37, a transfer from Bucknell Junior College, is a resident of Wilkes-Barre, while John Qualters '37 also hails from the Junior College center.

Ernest Mueller '38, who pledged K. D. R. upon his entrance to Bucknell last February, raises the total number of pledges to six. His home is in Philadelphia.

From Lowville, New York, comes James Arthur, also of the class of '38.

The members of this year's freshman class in our house at present include Warren Replogle and M. Joseph Martelli. Pledge Replogle is a pre-med. student from Altoona, while Pledge Martelli is interested in commerce and finance and makes his home in Vineland, New Jersey.

ACTIVITIES

Foremost among the business activities of Iota Chapter we have to report the results of the election of officers for the coming semester, and the men whom they succeed. They read as follows:

Consul, Harry Coleman succeeding Bill Iveson; senior tribune, Donald Bean succeeding Jack Conrad; junior tribune, Walter Batog succeeding Robert Bonn; pontifex, Bill Iveson succeeding Donald Bean; propraetor, Charles Schaef succeeding John Worth; custodian, Robert Bonn succeeding Walter Batog; quaestor, John Worth succeeding Bill Iveson. The offices of praetor and centurion have not been filled as yet for the coming semester.



Iota's Seniors

Left to right: Bean, Beneck, Rohr, Coleman,
Conrad, Iveson

SOCIAL

We are glad to welcome back to Iota, Harry Coleman '36, who has returned after a period of study at Columbia University and a trip to Europe. His ability to entertain musically is an asset to the chapter. He has again taken charge of the Bucknellians, a student dance orchestra. Brother Coleman's musical interests also have given him a place in the University band and the symphony orchestra. He is a member of Phi Mu Alpha Sinfonia, honorary musical fraternity.

Kappa Delta Rho is represented further in the symphony orchestra by Charles Schaef and Walter Batog, both of the class of '38. Brother Schaef also plays the viola in the University String Quartet, a prominent organization on the campus.

In the glee club we have Brother Schaef and Pledges Arthur and Martelli. As a member of Cap and Dagger, local dramatic society, the Art Club, and Theta Alpha Phi, national honorary dramatic fraternity, Brother Eugene Rohr '36 upholds Iota's interest in art.

John Worth was chosen as our representative to the junior class committee preparing for the Junior Prom, to be held on February 21. At that time Glen Gray and his Casa Loma Orchestra will appear on the campus.

Kappa Delta Rho holds an active place in campus politics as evidenced by the election of Ernest Mueller as treasurer of the sophomore class, while Bill Iveson is a member of the Interfraternity Council.

SPORTS

Donald Bean, as captain of the University golf team, heads our sports parade. In addition, Al Beneck and Walt Batog are recognized as the two best guards in the interfraternity basketball loop. Bob Bonn is manager of Bucknell's track team, on which Johnny Worth will also try for a place as two-miler.

Our soccer team had a rather unsuccessful season last fall but revealed some promising material for the future in the form of Ernie Mueller and Walt Batog. Donald Bean's work on the team was exceptionally good.

The finish of the interfraternity cross-country run found K. D. R. near the top, with Charles Schaef, Walter Batog, Donald Bean, John Worth, and Joseph Martelli carrying our colors.

With the opening of the court season, Kappa Delta Rho presented a team that stole the honors during the first half of the season but weakened later to wind up with an even number of wins and losses. Johnny Qualters played a stellar rôle along with Bean, while Worth took the center position.

K. D. R. is always a formidable foe in volleyball, and with Coleman and Mueller at the net should bring home the laurels this year.

ALUMNI

The State game, as well as Homecoming on October 26, saw the influx of several alumni and friends. Among the recent graduates who returned were Brothers Bergen, Ravenell, Sloane, Myers, Glover, Craigo, Eaton, DeWald, Thomas, and Kohler.

Further alumni news was contained in the newspaper announcement of the marriage of John Croyle '34.

We also heard from Edward Knights '34, who is a medical student at the University of Pennsylvania, and Anson Birchard '35, who is employed in Boston, Massachusetts.

Another item states that Rev. Thomas Jones '25 has been chosen president of the Pennsylvania Conference of the Primitive Methodist Church.

Finally, it is with a feeling of deep sorrow and reverence that Iota Chapter of Kappa Delta Rho extends its sympathy to William Iveson and his family upon the death of his father, Rev. Anthony Iveson, in November. Also, an expression of condolence is sent to the family of Brother Charles B. Boone, who died last month at his home in Newark, Delaware.—John F. Worth '37.

Kappa Ohio State University

PLEDGES

This year looks like the return of prosperity at Kappa. The newly-initiated men are fast becoming imbued with the old Kappa Delta Rho spirit. Since the beginning of the fall quarter Kappa has pledged the following nine prospective candidates for active membership.

Truman Allison, Chillicothe, Ohio; Robert Dew, Massillon, Ohio; Carl Engleman, Lakewood, Ohio; Jack Gerster, Youngstown, Ohio; Don Paris, Canton, Ohio; John Paul, Canton, Ohio; Harry Slack, Rocky River, Ohio; Charles Stalzer, Cleveland, Ohio; John Warren, Canton, Ohio.

These pledges are all active on the campus. Jack Gerster was elected to Phi Eta Sigma, the freshman honorary society. Carl Engleman is holding up the tradition of the house by his polo playing. Johnny Paul is a member of the Ohio State Men's Glee Club. Bob Dew did his best with the freshman footballers.

SOCIAL

The annual winter carnival was held in the Crystal Ball Room of the Fort Hayes Hotel, January 31, 1936. Fritz Evers and his Club Leviathan orchestra furnished the music. Everyone there had a grand time.—Robt. Lewis.

Lambda University of California

LAMBDA elected the officers for the spring semester at the last formal meeting of the past semester. They include: Bob Russell, consul; Ted Thompson, senior tribune; Merle Garing, junior

tribune; Charles Shaw, praetor; Paul Ayer, quaestor; Bill Badt, advisor; Bill Nelson, propraetor; Fred Nettell, centurion; and Tom Williams, pontifex. Ed Hampel, the custodian, found it necessary to become inactive this semester and his office will be filled by another soon.

Bob Russell is guiding the house through what promises to be a fine semester for Lambda. Brother Garing is doing remarkably good work in his capacity as rushing chairman. Ted Thompson has the pledges well in hand, for the chapter house is fast becoming as neat as can be, due to their efforts. The other officers are also entering wholeheartedly into their work with the idea of making this semester a prosperous one for Lambda.

ACTIVITIES

A lively interest is being shown in campus activities by the various members this semester. Eugene Berkenkamp will be out for crew again this year and will probably hold down his position as stroke on the varsity. John Wall, a pledge, promises to be a star track contestant, having already made a name for himself at junior college. He specializes in the shot put and discus and will undoubtedly win a place on the varsity.

Paul Bernhard '37 is a junior editor on the California Engineer and as such is eligible for appointment to the office of senior editor. Fred Nettell and Tom Williams are also working on the Engineer as sophomores on the editorial staff. Fred and George Eveland are members of the R. O. T. C. Signal Corps unit, a four-year course just

being inaugurated here, leading to a commission.



ASA MEUDELL

HONORS

Asa Y. Meudell, last semester's consul, has just been notified of his appointment to the General Electric Student Test School, an important accomplishment due to the fact that there are only 300 appointments over the whole country in one period. Ace has been prominent on the campus in the engineering honorary organizations, Tau Beta Pi and Eta Kappa Nu. This appointment comes as a climax to his efforts.

Lyman "Tiny" Fink, who previously received an appointment to this school, has completed all the necessary examinations and is now working on his thesis for the degree of Ph.D. "Tiny" is well known to members of Kappa Delta Rho of other campuses through his attendance of the 1934 national convention.

SOCIAL

The final social affair of the 1935 semester was the annual Big Game Ruckus. The house under the leadership of Phil White transformed the basement into a very presentable game room. Gaming tables were set up in



LAMBDA'S RECREATION ROOM

the chapter room and various members had charge of each table. The whole affair was built on the Monte Carlo theme and was the most successful of any yet undertaken. Glenn Bultman and Paul Ayer added color to the affair with sketches of the Golden Bear meeting and conquering all comers on the gridiron. The evening was enjoyed by some twenty-three alumni and proved financially profitable. The following day the actives and alumni invaded the Stanford campus to support the Golden Bear.

The date for the annual spring formal, the gala dance of the spring semester, has been set for March 14. This year it will be held in the Palace Hotel in San Francisco. A large group has already asked for reservations. Ace Meudell, chairman of the entertainment

committee, says that this affair will be one of the most colorful the Lambda Chapter has yet sponsored.

The date of February 29 has been set for the Big C. Sirkus. This event occurs every four years. The various fraternities try to outdo one another with sunts and floats. This year the Pied Piper of Berkeley will lead the lusty co-eds (our boys) through the streets broadcasting and selling as is the custom of the co-eds of the campus. The day will terminate with the Big C Society's annual dance.

The house started the semester right with a fireside dance for rushees and pledgees. Thirty-two couples were present and enjoyed dancing and refreshments. This dance not only helps to renew old acquaintances but also inaugurate new ones.

PLEDGING

Following a successful mid-semester rushing campaign, the following men pledged Lambda of Kappa Delta Rho: Neil Marshall, a freshman who is a graduate of Berkeley High School. Neil is an amateur radio operator and intends to try out for the freshman crew. Bill Tatum, a sophomore, now employed by J. C. Penney Company. Bill works in various stores and goes to school at the same time. He attended Visalia Junior College and Salmas Junior College before coming to California. He plans to enter the publications field and aspires to be a yell leader. John Wall, a junior transfer from Reedley Junior College, promises to be a great athlete. He has envious records in football, basketball, track and baseball. John is a physical education major. Rod Bengs-

ton, a junior, also from Reedley Junior College. He is studying criminology. He has already taken a place on the California Glee Club. Charles Sholz, a sophomore from Chico State Teachers' College. Charlie is a chemistry major and a good one. Don Goodman, a sophomore from Fullerton Junior College, is quite a pianist as well as an architect. Bill Freeborn, a freshman from Berkeley High School. Bill plans to become a mechanical engineer. Robert Ward, a freshman from Los Molinas, California. He plays in the band and plans to become an aeronautical engineer.

ANNOUNCEMENT

We wish to announce the engagement of William E. Stemen '35 to Miss Marie Rodkey, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Rodkey of Bakersfield, California. The couple plan to be married in June. Brother Stemen is at present in the employ of the Standard Oil Company in Bakersfield.—WILLIAM NELSON.

Mu

University of Michigan

RUSHING

This fall Mu succeeded in pledging seven men, who with the two sophomore pledges of last year make a pledge class of nine men. Second-semester rushing begins soon and the prospects are good that we will make a substantial addition to this number. Those pledged are: Walter Moline '37, James Badaluco '37, James Blaine '37, all transfers from Grand Rapids Junior College, and Robert Innes '38 of Chicago are in

the Engineering College. Robert Van Nordstrand '38, a transfer from Union College, Walter Van Hoek '39 of Grosse Pointe, Michigan, and Earl Fields '39 of Pontiac, Michigan, are students in the College of Liberal Arts. William King '38 of Lakewood, Ohio, pre-med, and Robert Anthony '38 of Kalamazoo, Michigan, are pledges of last year. Six of these pledges are moving into the house the second semester, making a total of twenty-one men living in the house out of a possible maximum of twenty-four, the capacity of the house.

ACTIVITIES

Brother Badger, president of the house, is a member of the Michigan Union Council. Connie Holben '36 is on the rifle squad, the staff of the Michigan Technic, and a member of the A. I. Ch. E. Society. Fritz Radford '38 is a member of the varsity hockey team. John Sherman '38 is a member of the Choral Union and interested in other musical activities. Pledge Anthony plays in the Michigan Band and Pledge Van Hoek sings in the Freshman Glee Club.

ATHLETICS

At the Annual Homecoming this fall the actives engaged the alumni in a football game, the score ending in a 12-12 tie. In the intramural sports Mu won second place in its division in volleyball; at present its basketball team is in the running.

SOCIAL

During the fall two house parties were held, many of the alumni attending. Music was furnished by local bands of the University. Recently a radio bridge party was held at the house and proved to be a very excellent affair.

SCHOLARSHIP

Last year Mu rated third in scholarship on the campus. This year we are trying hard to keep up the good work.— ROBERT L. BOYNTON.

Xi

Colby College

The results of the last election held on January 15, were unusual in that it



CONSUL KYLE

was a complete reelection of officers. The reelected officers are as follows: Ed Kyle '36, consul; Andy Mellen '36, senior tribune; Alden Belvea '36, junior tribune; Jim Stineford quaestor; '36. Willy Combellack '37, praetor;

Irv Gammon '37, pontifex; Fred Call '36, centurion; Frank Mellen '38, propraetor.

ATHLETICS

Tut Thompson '37 is a mainstay again this year on the White Mule's hockey team, playing the position of goalie. Bert Rossignol '38 and Hugh Gilman '36 are sophomore and senior hockey managers, respectively. Pledge Stinchfield '39 is a weight man on the freshman track squad. The bowling team is third in the interfraternity tourney at present. The interfraternity basketball games start soon after mid-

years and will find our men in topnotch condition.

ACTIVITIES

Jim Stineford '36 took his tenor voice with him to Bangor a week ago and won an amateur contest. Following this he broadcasted for fifteen minutes over the Bangor station. Paul Palmer '37 was elected student council representative following the resignation of Jim Stineford last week. Irv Gammon '37 was ranked highest out of the ten contestants chosen from a preliminary field of fifty for the Hallowell prize speaking contest to be held on February 6. Andy Mellen '36 has been officially chosen to go to France next year as the French exchange student. The White Mules Dance Band, the majority of whom are K. D. R.'s, are playing high, wide and handsome this year.—FRANK MELLEN.

Omicron

Butler University

PLEDGES

OMICRON has, at the present time, four pledges and several very good prospects. Brother Costas brought us the latest pledge, Albert Sporer of Canton, Illinois.

INITIATION

Robert Rarick '33 was initiated in October. Brother Rarick is a charter member of Kappa Delta Pi, which became a chapter of Kappa Delta Rho in 1928. During his undergraduate days he remained a pledge of the chapter but deferred initiation until this fall. He has since given freely of his time to the active chapter and its alumni.

SCHOLARSHIP

Omicron has held first or second place in the scholastic ratings of the Greek letter groups on the campus for many semesters. At the present time it occupies second position.

ATHLETICS

The chapter was represented by most of its members and pledges in various sports last spring and this fall. Brothers Costas and Whitney, Pledges Sporer, Boa and Brown were members of the varsity football squad. Brother Costas did an exceptionally fine piece of work in the quarterback position. Injuries sustained in the Homecoming game, November 2, kept him out of action until the final game.

Brother Kline has made an enviable record in track, collecting many points for firsts in the 100 and 220-yard dashes and the broad jump. Pledge Holmes is Butler's ranking man in the hurdles. He is improving steadily and has come within one-tenth of a second of the world's records in competition and in practice, under two watches, has equalled these records. Holmes is scheduled to compete in the Knights of Columbus meet in Madison Square, New York City on March 14.

INTRAMURALS

The chapter's basketball team, after taking the lead in our league without difficulty, readily won from the leader of the other league, Lambda Chi Alpha. Omicron had the two leading scorers of both leagues, Brother Kline topping the list.

ACTIVITIES

Bertram Behrmann is president of Kappa Kappa Psi. Brother Behrmann plays a clarinet in the university band.

Mark J. Decker '36 continues in his post as consul of the chapter. He also serves as president of the Interfraternity Council. During the second semester he will act as executive adviser after the election of the new officers of the council.

ALUMNI

Gino Ratti, Jr. '35 is taking postgraduate work in bacteriology and other sciences at Butler.

Wright Cotton '35 resigned his position with the Anderson Banking Company and is now efficiently handling his new work in the auditing department of Delco-Remy Company in Anderson, Indiana.

Robert Egly '28 is now working for the Southwestern Bell Telephone Company in Tulsa, Oklahoma.—M. J. Decker.

Rho

Lafayette College

INTRAMURAL

RHO CHAPTER enjoyed a very successful fall intramural season. The house soccer team went through its schedule undefeated and won the intramural championship, after defeating a scrappy Deke team in the finals. The trophy this year consists of a plaque, showing a player in action, mounted on a shieldshaped background. Gold medals were given the members of the team who saw action during the year. In connection with the policy established, medals were only given to those players who are members of the three upper classes. Those receiving awards are: Seniors, G. S. Mann, R. W. Ford, J. M. Lewis, R. G. Volkman, W. A. Brickel. Juniors, Bart Elfman, Bob Nichols, J. R. Probert, Tim Stirling, Dick Baldwin, and S. S. Ball. Sophomore, Bill Wild and Wes McLaughlin. Others who did good work on the team and deserve mention are Leo Zochowski, Tom Kearns, and Bill Ganskopp.

In intramural football the snappy early season K. D. R. team faltered after winning their league undefeated and was eliminated in the semi-final round 6-0 by a non-fraternity aggregation from dorm row. However, all members of both teams are to be commended on the fine showing and the fine spirit they showed during the season.

Since Christmas vacation the basketball season has opened in the intramural program and true to form Rho has three teams entered in the competition. Dick Baldwin, varsity man from last year, is coaching the teams and Bob Nichols is continuing as manager, a job he handled well during the fall program. At this writing, the B and C teams are untried. However, the A team opened up against the dorm row five and gained revenge for the football defeat administered some weeks back. Score was 19-5. Leo Zochowski, freshman pledge, proved the star of the game by scoring fifteen of the points.

Other intramural events are scheduled for the winter season, but no definite announcements have been made as yet concerning the nature or types of such events.

GENERAL

Rho was well represented on the undefeated Lafayette yearling football team this year. Tom Kearns and Leo Zochowski played in Coach Soleau's backfield and Bill Rybeck held down an end position on the team.

Since the last issue the pledging of Tom Kearns and Leo Zochowski has been announced.

During the Christmas holidays the chapter house was appropriately decorated for the holiday season by John Brewster '36. A string of vari-colored lights was strung across the eaves of the house and an electrically illuminated K. D. R. shield was suspended from the apex of the alcove directly above the front entrance to the house.

The frosh presented their annual Christmas play just before the vacation began. In connection with the production, the yearlings presented the upper-classmen with appropriate gifts.

During the Christmas vacation Bart Elfman built a much-needed rack for incoming house mail and since school has resumed this has been placed near the staircase and relieves the congestion caused by mail being spread over the library tables.

We beg to correct an error in last issue. Stew Mann is a member of the senior class and not a junior as stated.—
ROBERT O. WALTON.

Sigma Oregon State College PLEDGES

Sigma is very glad to announce the pledging of 21 new men at the beginning of this school year. Among these men there is an excellent representation of the various geographical divisions of the state, north, south, east, and west.

Not only that, but there is a good distribution in the various schools of the college.

Of Sigma's 21 pledges many have distinguished themselves in student activity. Pledge Sutherland has earned his letter in varsity football and traveled with the football squad throughout the season. Pledges Stewart, Ruppe, Chet and Gene Wymore earned their numerals in freshman baseball. All the pledges are very active in the social functions of the campus.

The fledglings felt the need of some social activity on the fifteenth of November and appeared their appetites with an informal dance at the chapter house. The motif was an old time barroom where most of the guests felt right at home.

Four former pledges, including Drew, Collins, Shattuck and Ruppe, are expected back winter term, having missed this term's work and play for various reasons.

ATHLETICS

The touch football team this year, although lacking some of last year's stars, gave good account of itself by reaching the semi-finals. Brother Collins set all-school, all-time record in foul throwing recently, and at this time the team is third in rank.

Success in intramural athletics has not been phenomenal but the increase in interest in these events, and the number of athletically ambitious pledges, speaks, well for our future in campus sports.

Brothers Collins and Marshall were named as members of the all-school intramural football team.

ACTIVITIES

The members of Sigma have been making themselves known as leaders in student activities. Howard Collins, lost by a small margin, in the election for president of the junior class at the end of the last school year. Brother Collins was also recently elected president of the house. Brother Breese is working very hard on the various activities of the school. Brother Sherman is a very active student in the school of Forestry. Brothers Marshall and Dehlinger are carrying on good work in the activities of the Ag school.

SOCIAL

Social chairman Sherman has been very busy arranging the soial events of Sigma, and can be given much credit for the admirable manner in which he has handled things.

The regular fall informal dance was held on the premises the evening before Thanksgiving Day. The house was adorned in orange and black while the Thanksgiving season furnished motifs for the remainder of the decorations. The dance was a success in every way, and the large crowd present having a very enjoyable evening.

ALUMNI

Among the recent visitors to the old stamping ground have been Jack Brown of San Francisco, Stan Chiswell and Kay Olsen of Portland, and Rudy Wallace of Monroe Beach, Virginia. Torrance Galloway reports that he is making "little ones out of big ones" in a California mine.—Karl Dehlinger.

In Memoriam

DR. MARION C. AKER, Nu '28, died January 20, 1936, the result of blood poisoning sustained while performing a tonsillectomy two weeks previously on a patient in Spokane, Washington.

Brother Aker was initiated into membership in Kappa Delta Rho, June 6, 1926. He was graduated from the Liberal Arts College of Indiana University in June, 1928, following which he enrolled in the Indiana University College of Medicine. Part of his interneship was spent in the Sacred Heart Hospital, Spokane, Washington. Dr. Aker is survived by his father, George Aker, Central Park, Indiana, a sister, Mrs. J. M. Olyer, Tipton, Indiana, and

a brother, Dr. Charles L. Aker, Mooresville, Indiana.

HAROLD DELBERT TURNER, Sigma '36, died in January, 1936 as the result of injuries sustained in an automobile accident. Brother Turner is interred in Hillsboro, Oregon, his home town.

Word has been received of the death of Charles Beckwith Boone, Iota '25, of gas poisoning at his home in Newark, Delaware at some time the latter part of December, 1935 or the early part of January, 1936. Brother Boone is interred in Newark, Delaware. Complete details are lacking at present.

Birth

Harold C. Miller, Kappa '32 and Mrs. Miller announce the arrival of a daughter, Sharon Kay, on February 9, 1936.

Snake Dance

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in the thick sky. The immensity of the prairie night—its silence and its sentience—absorbed us even as it did the lightning in the east, the distant prairie settlements to the south, the western sunset, and the Hopi celebrants on their mesas far to the north.

N. I. C.

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When the fifty undergraduates representing more than forty undergraduate fraternity councils from as far west as Stanford and the University of California at Los Angeles, from as far south as Louisiana State, and as far north as Dartmouth, left the general session

Saturday forenoon for their own gettogether, their first action was to vote unanimously to combine in the future their meetings with the general conference and arrange only one session for the discussion of their own particular undergraduate problems.

They were enthusiastic in their approval of the Conference program, finding it interesting, constructive, timely, and particularly impressive in bringing out the scope and importance of the Fraternity Criteria.

Plans for the National Undergradu-

ate Interfraternity Council were in charge of Norman Hackett, chairman.

Nine men who were among those present at the founding of the National Interfraternity Conference twenty-seven years ago, Albert S. Bard, James D. Livingston, Francis W. Shepardson, Edward S. Griffing, William L. Phillips, Leroy A. Wilson, Fred Nymeyer, Paul R. Hickok, and Charles H. Eldridge, also joined in the praise of what is generally characterized as the most completely successful session in the history of the conference.



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LUNCHEON NOTICES

The New York Alumni Association of Kappa Delta Rho regularly holds luncheons at 12:30 p.m., on the last Tuesday of each month. The place is the third floor of the Planters Restaurant, corner Greenwich and Albany Streets. All members are most welcome.

San Francisco Alumni luncheon every Tuesday noon at the Plaza Hotel, Post and Stockton Sts., San Francisco, Calif.

Regular meetings of the Chicago Kappa Delta Rho Alumni Association are held the third Thursday of each month in the Recreation Room of the Stevens Hotel, Time, 6:30 p.m. R. V. D. Strong, 1645 Estes Ave., Chicago, Ill., is now the secretary and all Alumni in and around Chicago should register with him.

Indianapolis Alumni Association holds dinner meeting at 7.00 p.m. on second Monday of every month at Washington Hotel. Luncheons every Wednesday, 12:00 n. in Guaranty Grill, Guaranty Building, Monument Circle.

Buffalo alumni holds dinner and meeting on the last Thursday of every month at 7.00 p.m. at Lorenzo's Restaurant. Frederick L. Lutze, secretary, 131 Verplanck Street, Buffalo, N. Y.

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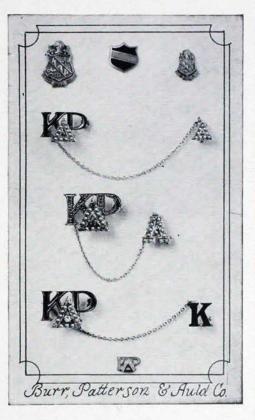
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