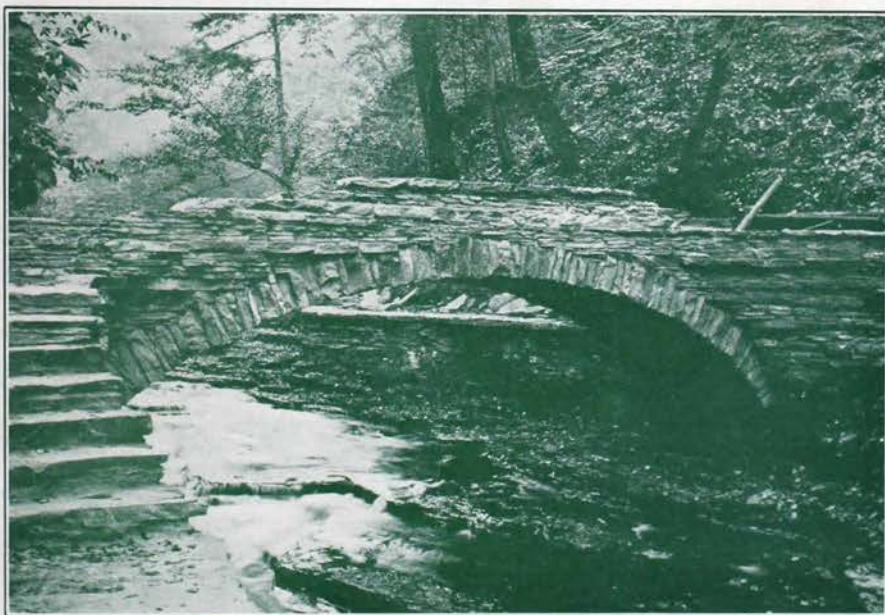




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The Relationship of Fraternities to the Real Work of the College

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THE Fraternity is now in many places under fire; it is being subjected to the same kind of criticism which is directed against the church, the college and other institutions. It is well that the friends of the Fraternity system should realize this attitude and not be guilty of avoiding discussion of some of the issues that have been raised at Dartmouth and elsewhere.

First, it should always be remembered that the College comes first, the Fraternity second. The Fraternity is the handmaiden of the College and exists to serve the best interests of the College. These interests are both intellectual and social, and we find that the Fraternity is criticized on both these lines.

On the social side the fraternity performs many useful functions for the College. It often furnishes dining room facilities for a large group of students, and through chapter houses supplements the dormitory facilities of the College. There are many good things to be said for the service which the fraternity renders. Both in large institutions and in small colleges it is a good thing to have a unit such that the administration can easily handle. It is not beyond the truth to assert that the fraternity in many American institutions may be made to play something of the rôle of the College at Oxford or

Cambridge. There is one point about the National Fraternity that it seems to me quite worth while to emphasize at the present moment; that is the opportunity which it affords for natural contacts for boys from other colleges. We are all too prone in our academic life to have a very narrow nationalistic collegiate outlook. A boy while he is in college forgets that after graduation most of his friends will come from other institutions; if while he is an undergraduate he can broaden his acquaintance and broaden his collegiate horizon, he will be better able to take into his acquaintance in later years graduates of other colleges than his own. Now the Fraternity through its chapters scattered in different colleges offers just such opportunities as I have in mind, and it seems to me that the proposition to change chapters of national fraternities into local clubs would retain most of the evils of the old system and do away with most of the good.

When I was a visitor a couple years ago to the Naval Academy at Annapolis I was much struck by the remarks of a young man soon to graduate there. He told me that in the four years at the Naval Academy he had seen practically nothing of other men of his own age in civilian institutions. What undergraduates at Harvard, Columbia,

Princeton, Williams were thinking was to him a closed book, and college men knew as little of the ideas and views of the young men who were preparing for service in the Army or Navy. I believe it essential that we should keep channels of communication open so that men of one college may find a natural welcome in the fraternity home of a sister college. This particular kind of service may be exaggerated, but I believe that it is of very great importance and influence.

But in order to make such service really effective there must be real distinction between different institutions. In other words, we must avoid so far as possible over-standardization. This means that so far as the Fraternity is concerned each local chapter should have a great deal of liberty. Advice and counsel from headquarters may be helpful, but too much advice and too much counsel and too much direction and too much control will not only be resented because of the inevitable financial burden such inspection entails, but because it takes away something from the responsibility of the local chapter for its own development. It is a splendid thing to have members of one fraternity brothers whether they live in Maine or the United States, whether they come from Texas, Toronto, California, or Connecticut, but it would be too bad to lose the differences and distinction that belong not only to localities but to institutions. Walter Pater, of Oxford, remarked at one time "These young men want to grow up like wild rosebushes, here and there, in their own way. You want to root that all out and turn them into a

field of turnips." The Fraternity can render a splendid service by emphasizing the independence of the local chapter, independence both from the purse strings of headquarters and from too much direction and control.

On the social side, the Fraternity must of course be on guard to preserve a healthy and sane attitude on such questions as drinking, house parties, dancing, and the like. Unfortunately there has been a good deal of ground for the unfavorable criticism passed upon the conduct of house parties in various parts of the country. This problem indeed is not local but national. The Fraternity ought not to strive to emulate Hollywood at its worst, or even a country club at its best. The Fraternity is an institution connected with the College; it ought to have standards suitable for young gentlemen in the College. I feel very sure that such standards could be measurably raised all over the country without interfering with the natural and proper gaiety of social affairs.

On the vexed question of regulation of house parties, I for one believe that there must be cooperation between the College and the Fraternity. I have no patience with the idea that the College should keep its hands off social affairs where its young men are concerned, for I hold that education includes the whole man, and the man in college is being educated all the time, both in and out of classroom. The College cannot escape responsibility for the proper conduct of social affairs conducted by its undergraduates, and I think sometimes that we have been too remiss along these lines. But the relation between

the College and the Fraternity requires that the members of a fraternity have a double responsibility, that of maintaining the reputation of the College and of the chapter. Somehow or other a plan must be worked out for promoting more harmoniously these interrelations. It may be through a dean of fraternity men, as suggested at Dartmouth, or through a council of faculty advisers, or through a group representing alumni, faculty and undergraduates. But the administration must regard the whole problem as one that vitally concerns the real work of the College. And on the social side, the fraternity is of very real importance. Yet it must always be remembered that when in the College there are too many organized groups there is also an unorganized group the problems of which are even more intricate. It happens not infrequently that the boy in an American college who needs the influence of group reaction upon him most is liable to be left out of the organized group altogether. Whenever I talk to fraternity men I want them to remember the non-fraternity man.

When we turn from the social to the intellectual side of college life, I am not so clear about the rôle of the fraternity. If we could be sure that the influence of the fraternity was sane and wholesome and friendly on the social side, we could solve also many of the problems connected with the intellectual side of the College. The fraternity must always remember why the College exists, must always put in the forefront of requisites for membership in a fraternity the attainment of a proper academic standard. The fratern-

nity should encourage scholarship in every reasonable way, and the publication of comparative statistics is no doubt of some use. I think it also highly desirable that there should be in every fraternity house a library at least as attractive as the pool room, and I think also that there should be provision for undisturbed periods of study, for after all a fraternity house being an annex to an institution of learning is not like the ordinary club. But it is the business of the College, not of the fraternity, to arouse intellectual curiosity and to awaken scholarly ambition. It is the business of the College, not of the fraternity, to set reasonable standards. I sometimes feel that the problem of the College would be solved more easily if the distinction between the chief purpose of the College and the chief purpose of the fraternity were kept separate and distinct. In other words, the College is the end, the fraternity the means. A boy comes to an institution to go to college; he uses the fraternity as a means to help him in that ambition; if he comes to an institution primarily to join a fraternity, or leaves an institution with the idea that the fraternity has given him more than the College, he has probably been in the wrong kind of college and in the wrong kind of a fraternity. But if the fraternity can be looked upon as the handmaiden of the College, as an institution just as American as the College of Liberal Arts itself, and if we can get back to some of the earlier traditions of local fraternity independence, we should find that the fraternity has indeed an important rôle to play in the real work of the College.

"Fraternity leaders," said Harold J. Bailey, Beta Theta Pi, chairman of the conference in a notable opening address, "should be men of an inquiring type of mind, alert to observe and with the ability to understand and interpret the forces at work in our country. They must try to foresee trends and take such appropriate action as the real facts warrant. Fraternity executives should really lead. Is there a so-called youth movement in the world that doesn't have a mature mind steering it? . . .

"There has been an extraordinary increase in college enrollment during the past half century. Most of this increase is due to no longing for learning, but is due to an intense craving for prestige, power, and wealth. No longer are our college communities homogeneous in racial stock, religion, and early training. The infusion of various racial groups into our college fraternities tends to show that our chapters are democratic and that fraternities recruit from a wide range in the social and economic spheres. . . .

" . . . True ideals, approachable even though unattainable, still inspire and direct us. Loyalty to high principles is still our steadfast guiding star. Let the college fraternity encourage its members to cultivate the fundamental virtues of courage, unselfishness, thrift, sobriety, chastity, industry, and honesty; let it inspire unfaltering fidelity to the highest ideals of truth, honor, manliness, and righteousness; through devotion to the cultivation of the intellect and by making and preserving faithful brother-like friendships let the fraternity develop wise, kind, generous and lovable personalities. Then it will

follow that through the influence, example and noble acts of hundreds of worthy members, the college fraternity will contribute honorably to the preservation of the best that was in the America of the past and to the upbuilding of the America of the present and the future."

Touching on the changing conditions in colleges today, Mr. Bailey said:

"Linked with our social problems are the problems of higher education and with the latter goes the question how to make the most effective use of the fraternity as a powerful force for good. Rigorous thought and rigid training are needed if the educational system and its ally the fraternity system are to be best fitted to serve the human needs of today. . . . You must admit that fresh new winds are beginning to blow through college and university corridors and that to play its part in the forward movement the fraternity must participate in and adjust itself to the changes and improvements which may lie just ahead."

Touching on the type of men selected for fraternities, the chairman elaborated: "So long as the high spirit, purpose and character of the fraternity remain unchanged, it will never outgrow the idea that our fraternities commit their principles, their ideals, their aspirations to but a few select champions. We must, therefore, choose our members with great care. By influencing the characters of a relatively few superior men we may hope to reach the great mass of college individuals and through them give light and inspiration to countless thousands.

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Glimpses from 1936 Interfraternity Conference

FOR the first time in its history of twenty-eight years the National Interfraternity Conference held a session that was truly representative of its name when on November 27-28 at the Hotel Commodore in New York City 108 undergraduate representatives of interfraternity councils from sixty-four colleges scattered throughout the United States discussed and debated with 263 educators and national fraternity leaders.

Thus did the undergraduates take their rightful place in presenting to the alumni representatives today's picture of fraternity conditions. Equally impressive was the emphasis of speakers upon the partnership of the Fraternity and the College in giving to youth idealism, experience in leadership, practice in self-government, social technic, and intellectual stimulus essential for the education of the well-rounded man. Forty-four deans and advisers of men were present, participating in the discussions as freely as official delegates, making of the conference an open forum discussion bringing all points of view upon the questions under discussion.

PROF. ELIAS LYMAN, Sigma Phi, assistant to the president of Northwestern University: I think the new idea that is going through the universities is that you cannot educate a man unless you take him as a unit and that his social

life and his other phases are so important that to control his intellectual education you must have a larger control of his other life. I think that is the reason behind all these movements that are coming in—the house plan, tutorial plan, counsellor plan—the increasing tendency of the university, as it has the power and the means, to regiment, if you want, to take over the life of the student in all its phases, with the very clear idea that by controlling those other phases it can make much more effective its own primary function—educational.

So the university definitely threatens I think the fraternity system because it is definitely stepping into the social picture. . . .

The university is not the self-sufficient, satisfied person that the junior partnership or the law partnership analogy would lead you to think. We are very much in the dark. We are on the move. We need our objective. Mr. Duerr was perfectly right when he called for the definition of the educational objectives. But on that definition will depend completely the province of the college fraternity in the future.

And it seems to me that what is needed is . . . a complete study of the whole situation from the point of view of both the university and the fraternity, to determine the objectives and to integrate the objectives of those two

great movements. Because I believe they are both great movements and I believe there is a place for both.

But I think that this move of the university definitely threatens fraternities in a great many places unless fraternity leadership anticipates and cooperates with the university. And in that statement I don't mean to identify myself with the hunters at all, because I think it is perfectly capable of being done and I think it is the next move of the fraternity, that integration of principles between the two bodies, and I think that is the future of the whole educational plan with both a strengthened university and a strengthened fraternity resulting.

DR. FRANCIS W. SHEPARDSON, president of Beta Theta Pi and former conference chairman: Just a little over a hundred years ago, my father wore a fraternity badge in New England, spending two years at Amherst and two years at Brown. And the hunters of the fraternity game were active then. In fact, you know, Kappa Alpha had hardly organized at Union before the hunters started out. And they published some pamphlets about the terrible wicked conditions, the terrible wickedness of the college fraternity. And so in my father's day the argument was that the close association of college students in a secret bond was inimical to the development of the best character. That was an argument used at Union in 1826, '27, and '28. . . .

Just after I graduated from college some people made a rather surprising suggestion. "Why wouldn't it be a

good idea for members of a fraternity all to room in the same house and perhaps get somebody to cook for them so that they could eat together at a table in the house?" And out of that hesitant query there developed a college chapter house, fraternity chapter house idea and regime. And at once the hunters were out. Oh, it will develop a race of snobs! Let fellows live together that way in close association in a house of their own and, why, they'll become snobs!

And it wasn't very long till those institutions and those individuals who had had such horror of the chapter house proposition began to encourage in every way possible the building of chapter houses—on a shoestring, if you wish—and they put it in the college catalogs, the houses that the fraternities had, and when any intending students came to the campus they got a car and took them around and showed them the chapter houses and, incidentally, they had a good deal of influence in the size of the skeletons in the closets, because the bigger the mortgage and the better the house, why, the more to the glory of the institution.

And so here we are now in 1936 with the hunters out again to get the fraternities. . . .

The hunters are after us as they have been after us for a hundred years. The things they said in 1836 were false; they were said by honest men, ministers most of them, doctors of divinity who really thought they were saving their students from destruction. . . . They have been hunting us ever since. The weapons they have used against us have been unfair ones.

A lot of the hunting has been simply in order to wear the sport suit and the be-ribboned hat. . . .

Now, I could tell you about a fraternity, what it is, where on campus after campus I know the fraternity is the most powerful thing in the institution. It manages the social life of the institution. It relieves the administration of many of its responsibilities for caring for the students. It inspires those students with lofty ideals regarding the College. It bars liquor from its chapter houses. It is an instrument of power on campus after campus.

DR. GEORGE STARR LASHER, Theta Chi editor and former president as well as new president of College Fraternity Editors Association: For the past twenty-five years I have lived on college campuses. I have lived on college campuses that have been interested in the development of initiative and have given to the young men on those campuses opportunities for initiative. And I think the most discouraging thing has been the lack of real ability for leader-

ship and initiative that we have found on the part of the interfraternity council.

I wish that you undergraduates who are here would take back these messages of your leaders that have spoken onto your own campuses and make of your interfraternity councils definite, dynamic organizations.

We have to force these councils to do anything. We have to suggest things for them to do. And I think the reason for it is that every man seems to be afraid of the other man. They are afraid of what is going to be said in the other chapter houses if some man shows a little individuality and is ready to stand up and fight for something that is a bit different than the routine, ordinary thing that is a part of college life.

I think that is the greatest difficulty we have on our campuses today, to develop among our young people initiative, independence of thought, and independence of action. I think that you will find that there will be very little regimentation if you yourselves take your proper rôles as leaders.

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Is this a dream? You can make it come true. If the American college fraternity proves itself worthy it will

flourish and it will have years in which to work, whatever the form may be which it assumes as the years go by. We summon you to a great undertaking."

Chuck Rodwell Found Dead in Car in Barge Canal

THE mystery surrounding the sudden disappearance of Brother Irving H. Rodwell, Beta '24, was cleared Sunday, January 3, when two boys from Pittsford, a nearby town, discovered his car in the New York State Barge Canal, about fifty feet from the shore. The car was overturned and Chuck was found in the rear seat, but his body was not mutilated. State Police stated that the emergency brake was set, the gear lever was in neutral and the ignition switch was turned off. A hole in the rear tire led police to believe the

possibility of a blowout caused the tragedy. Apparently Chuck was driving back from Geneva to Rochester as the light switch was on and his watch stopped at 12.55. Coroner Leonardo issued a certificate of accidental death.

Brother Rodwell is survived by his widow, Katherine, and three children, David, William and James, ages eight, six and two respectively, and by his father, J. H. Rodwell of Albion, New York, and a brother, G. Ward, of Chautauqua, New York, to whom the fraternity extends its sincere sympathy.

Group of New York Alumni Dine National Officers

K. D. R.'s in New York held a dinner meeting on November 28 at the Midston House in New York and had as their guests of honor three national officers: Leo Wolford, National President; Charles L. Sanders, National Director; Howard Ortnier, National Secretary.

Also present as members of the New York group were the following national directors and officers: John O. Boyd, National Vice-President; Orrin G. Judd, National Treasurer; Walter

Burnam, Assistant National Treasurer.

In all, twenty-one sat down to dinner. President of the New York organization, John Loy Blakely, introduced the national officers after which each spoke briefly.

Officers of the New York group were elected for the coming year. They are Carl Seabergh, president; Bernard Premier, vice-president; John McGrath, secretary-treasurer.

Learning, Morals and Manners

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THREE factors that influence greatly that elusive thing that we call *character* are *Learning, Morals and Manners*. They are not necessarily connected with each other. A man may be learned but have neither morals nor manners; he may have high moral standards without either learning or manners; or he may have elegant manners without learning or morals, or he may have any of the possible combinations of the three. All will agree that these are highly desirable qualities in the college graduate. The older English universities, with their longer experience and with England's peculiar needs in mind, long ago placed learning, morals and manners in the same plane of importance. And a training at these universities or at the so-called public schools such as Eton is, I am told, as much a training in manners as in learning. "In the Ages of Faith, Oxford and Cambridge produced clerics, in the Renaissance scholars and humanists, in modern times capable governors, while the specialist has been a by-product in all periods." Our American universities and particularly the Land-Grant College group, with their somewhat limited experience and concerned as they have been primarily with the *economic* problems of a new country, have tended to lay greatest stress on learning, to place morals as a secondary consideration and for the most part to let manners fall where they may.

As our country matures we shall, undoubtedly, tend increasingly to follow the procedures of the older seats of learning. There are already many indications in this country that the problem of good manners among university students is to receive much more attention than hitherto. I think this must necessarily be so if we are to achieve desired results. In any case I believe the time has come when the relative value of learning, morals and manners in university life must be given more careful consideration than in the past. And this may lead to some far-reaching results because, as has been noted, learning, morals and manners are independent variables and do not necessarily spring from any one phase of instruction. Perhaps the development of morals and manners demands influences and personnel that exist only in rudimentary forms as yet in most college precincts.

I. ON LEARNING

From time immemorial *learning* and *wisdom* have been considered as synonymous. Just outside my office door there is a large wooden plaque placed there many years ago by Dr. Robert Henry Thurston, the famous Director of Sibley College. On it in gilt letters are some quotations from Solomon: "Wisdom is the principal thing therefore get wisdom; yea with all thou hast gotten get understanding. Take fast hold of instruction; let her not go; keep

her for she is thy life." It is interesting to note the range of learning and wisdom open to this wisest of men. It necessarily consisted only of the Hebrew Classics and the inherited knowledge of men and their characteristics that had come down to him from Egypt and Babylonia. Of science he was ignorant except perhaps of some such knowledge as pertained to architecture. And his learning and wisdom were typical of all handicraft civilizations. In such simple civilizations learning and wisdom were no doubt closely connected. They were humanistic in character, and science appeared as a silver thread often obscured by ignorance and bigotry.

It is often stated that the modern era began with Francis Bacon (1561-1626), and his great work "Novum Organum" describing the inductive method of reasoning is often quoted to that effect. It is more likely, however, that he was partly a product of his age, as in the case with all reformers, and that the spirit of new methods was already in the air. In any case, the inventions of Watt, Hargreaves, Arkwright, Faraday and other great scientists and engineers have brought us into a new world, where the range and depth of knowledge is so vastly greater than in the days of Solomon as to make comparison useless. And in this vast range there are many kinds of learning and learned men. We still have historians and classicists, but there are also scientists, engineers, chemists, physicists, astronomers and what not; and their learning is deep, wide and exact. I am aware that there is a group of organizations concerned pri-

marily with the humanities that have formed what they call "The Learned Societies," but I fear that they greatly flatter themselves, for learning is no longer the exclusive property of any group or class. Whether modern learning bestows wisdom upon its possessors may be doubted. Indeed a casual view of our own country gives one the impression of much learning, but little wisdom; otherwise we should be able to see our way more clearly out of the situation in which we now find ourselves and to avoid a repetition of such a calamity in the future. What is it that our modern instruction lacks to confer both learning and wisdom upon its recipients? Specifically what does engineering education lack that will enable us to graduate men that are wise as well as learned?

My reason for raising this query is as follows: About three years ago the American Engineering Council solicited opinions from engineers all over the country as to the causes and cures of our present depression. As a member of a sub-committee I read a large number of these contributions. Many of them were written by engineers of note and reputation, but their economic ideas were certainly vague, contradictory, often fantastic, and certainly many of them were lacking in wisdom. In this general appraisal the committee were unanimously agreed. And it must be confessed that engineers as a group have not impressed themselves upon our social and economic problems in proportion to their knowledge of our industrial life. In this narrowness of wisdom engineers and engineering teachers are not alone. The great

growth of knowledge in every field has made it very difficult for all of us to keep up with our specialties, to say nothing of related fields and others more remote. Yet apparently this does not prevent us from declaring ourselves on other matters. It was ever thus. An old philosopher, it will be remembered, states that the shoemaker represents any suggestions from others concerning his calling, but in political matters he, like all men, can speak as though he were an oracle. And the situation is more confused when learned men in the fields of, say, law and economics disagree vociferously over principles and policies that they should be able to elucidate to others. Surely we need to read broadly if we are to understand even partially this complex world in which we live.

And it may be that our failure to do so is our greatest weakness. A few months ago I happened to converse with a professor of a liberal arts faculty and inadvertently he stated that he had never read Robinson Crusoe. I was as much astonished as Samuel Pepys when his old friend W. Stankes "could not be wooed by my wife and Ashwell to go to a play, nor to White Hall to see the lions though he was carried in a coach. I never could have thought there had been upon earth a man so little curious in the world as he is." I was on the point of asking my professorial friend if he had ever read the twenty-third psalm, but thought it best not to plumb the depths of his ignorance. There should be in every university library a collection of the world's greatest books and so labelled. It would not be a large collection even

when the debatable ones are included. And it should be a condition of promotion to a full professorship that the candidate had at least made himself familiar with their contents, for "reading maketh a full man."

II. ON MORALS

In the matter of teaching morals and religion, American universities and colleges are divided into two groups. One group holds that instruction in morals and religion is essential to university education and makes such instruction obligatory in the curriculum. The other group, while admitting that instruction in this field is desirable, and while making provision for religious worship and for instruction in ethics, leaves it to the student to elect what he desires. In many instances auxiliary organizations such as the Y. M. C. A. find a large place in college life. Thus, Cornell University offers instruction in the history of religion, the philosophy of religion and in ethics. It offers excellent facilities for worship and in addition the Cornell United Religious Work combines the influences of many local churches and religiously minded students in a strong effort to improve the morals of the student body. So far as engineering colleges are concerned the trend appears to be toward the latter group. When engineering was first offered at Cornell in 1868 the curriculum included a course in "moral philosophy" but it was long ago excluded in favor of more mundane studies. And I suspect that the majority of the larger universities will depend in the future upon the home, the church and such university agencies as I have mentioned for training in morals, rein-

forced by the fear of expulsion when the breach of the moral code is too great. It is difficult to estimate whether we have or have not made progress in this regard. Personally, I believe that the student of today is, on the whole, better morally than those I knew in my student days and in my early teaching years. And when one sees the old grads at reunion times or hears them tell of their own college days, it would appear superficially, at least, that we have made some progress. The university, after all, reflects quite accurately the general state of morals and of home life, and there are distinct limitations to its ability to change the picture during the student's college days. In any case, I fear there is little we can do, except as individuals, to raise the general level of student morals. Where colleges are in small towns, much can be done to keep the surroundings wholesome, but in a large city bad conditions are difficult to combat.

III. ON MANNERS

The problem of good manners is somewhat different. Here, I believe, there has been a distinct decadence, and student manners are not as good as they were. I am aware that it is quite usual to speak of the social customs of forty years ago with amused tolerance. But men of my years will insist that the social life of those days possessed a dignity, courtesy, and elegance that the modern student world might try to recapture with profit to itself. The difference is so marked in so many ways. A few weeks ago I heard that great orchestra in the Radio Music Hall render Strauss' "Tales from the

Vienna Woods" and it was to me reminiscent of certain social niceties that are no more. The next night in Ithaca I heard a modern jazz orchestra hammering out the jungle tom-tom discords that the modern student classifies as dance music. I confess that I cannot bring myself to believe that the distance between the two performances measures social progress.

I am always disturbed when a freshman comes into my office with his little cap on his head and a cigarette in his mouth. I am distressed when he reappears as a senior, hat on head and pipe in mouth, having made no progress in good manners, but like Omar of old coming "out the selfsame door wherein he went." Much of our campus automobile trouble is caused by simple bad student manners, and the utter disregard of the sensitiveness of some older people to tobacco, on the part of students of both sexes, betokens thoughtlessness at least. In my opinion, also, the much greater freedom between the sexes has tended to break down certain niceties of good manners, though probably it does not indicate lowered moral standards.

I have lived in frontier towns and have seen social life at low levels. I saw San Francisco's Barbary Coast and New York's Bowery when they were in their prime and cannot therefore be accused of being uninformed or unsophisticated. And yet because of these experiences, or in spite of them, the sight of a young woman sitting at a bar lapping up cocktails deeply offends my sensibilities. And, mark you, I object less to her drinking the cocktails than I do to her presence in the

bar. Cocktail drinking may be a harmless or a hazardous occupation depending upon the time, the place, and the company; but a bar room is always low, always common, never conducive to good manners, and the young woman who enters one lowers herself in her own estimation and in that of her escort, if he has any manly instincts. And so on *ad finitum*.

The causes of this decadence are several, if not many. First I would place the general effect of the great war which gave our social structure a severe wrenching. And second our colleges and universities are and have been for some time drawing students from social strata that heretofore have not been represented so largely upon the college campus. It is a natural manifestation of our attempt at universal education. Of course, there are still many students who can say with Marcus Aurelius "From my grandfather Verus I learned good morals and the government of my temper. From the reputation and remembrance of my father, modesty and a manly character. From my mother, piety and beneficence, and abstinence not only from evil deeds but from evil thoughts." But I believe the proportion of such students is less than formerly, though here again we should be careful not to confuse bad manners with bad morals. However, I am less concerned with the causes than I am with the remedies, if there be such, and I think myself that something constructive could be done.

First there must be a recognition on the part of trustees and faculties that the college graduate should be not only educated to the extent that is possible,

but also that he should be moral and well mannered. This has already been recognized by some educational groups. The Newark College of Engineering for several years has invited Mrs. Joseph Barker to deliver a series of talks to its students on this subject, and her little booklet "The Technique of Good Manners" will repay reading. The new housing plans of Yale and Harvard are moves in this direction. One of the best attempts known to the writer is Balch Hall, a residential hall for women at Cornell. This building consists of four units, each housing seventy-five girls and each with its own housemother, dining room, and social rooms. The student union building, now becoming so popular, can do much, I think, to set higher social standards, especially as concerns social functions such as dances. It is along these lines, I believe, that progress may be made, and once the full significance of this need is appreciated it will greatly affect all of our ideas of housing for students, both men and women. The American dormitory for men is in general an "abomination before the Lord." There is usually not a single refining influence within its walls. The fraternities are generally not much better, although here are groups in which much could be accomplished.

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I have in mind one such group, not exactly a fraternity, but similar in many ways. In the beginning for a number of years it was composed exclusively of engineering students, and they were so fortunate as to be given a beautiful endowed house, the donor of which contributed considerable initial

idealism to the organization. This group has succeeded in establishing a fraternity life that impresses itself upon the scholarship and manners of succeeding generations of students to a greater degree than any other of which I have knowledge. If a boy lives in the house a while, he cannot fail to feel its beneficent influences. And what this house has done, others can do if they are only so minded.

The question naturally arises as to whether the American male student can be regimented in his social surroundings, having enjoyed the widest liberty consistent with the accepted moral and legal code. Probably this cannot be done without considerable difficulty, and the tendency at present is for men and women to demand greater personal liberty upon the campus. Whatever is done must probably be done by precept and example and by surrounding the student with social influences and standards which he cannot escape. These must necessarily be closely connected with facilities for living at the university and may change somewhat the accepted and somewhat stereotyped conception of residential halls. It probably means a somewhat different conception of university life on the part of trustees and faculty, or possibly it may mean a different type of trustee and faculty member. Possibly we should start by securing trustees and teachers who are learned, highly moral, and well mannered, though I am not sure that some of us would enjoy such a highly rarified atmosphere. But it might produce the desired results, for the old proverb truly says—"Good life and Manners maketh man."

Plato, to whom we still must go for wisdom and advice, makes Socrates define the problem thus, "Whom, then, do I call educated? First, those who manage well the circumstances which they encounter day by day and who possess a judgment which is accurate in meeting occasions as they arise and rarely misses the expedient course of action; next those who are decent and honorable in their intercourse with all men, bearing easily and good-naturedly what is unpleasant or offensive in others, and being themselves as agreeable and reasonable to their associates as is humanly possible to be; furthermore, those who hold their pleasures always under control and are not unduly overcome by their misfortunes, bearing up under them bravely and in a manner worthy of our common nature; finally, and most important of all, those who are not spoiled by their success and who do not desert their true selves, but hold their ground steadfastly as wise and sober-minded men, rejoicing no more in the good things which have come to them through chance than in those which through their own nature and intelligence are theirs since birth. Those who have a character which is in accord, not with one of these things, but with all of them—these I maintain are educated and whole men, possessed of all the virtues of man."

This classic definition stresses learning, manners and morals in that order, and the criteria of the educated man laid down by Plato still hold for us and present a challenge that we shall not long be able to ignore.

Alumni—Help or Hindrance?

By Prof. Whiton Powell, Beta '24

HOWIE ORTNER asked me to write about the ways in which fraternity alumni are, or should be, useful to their active chapters. My own experience is limited to the last ten years of Beta Chapter's history. Consequently, I shall write only about the relationship of alumni to undergraduates of Beta Chapter in recent years. The experience of other chapters may have been quite different.

In their relationship to the fraternity's affairs, the alumni of Beta Chapter have firmly divided themselves into two groups. One group, consisting of about one-third of the membership, has lost all interest in the fraternity and in their college friends. They ignore our annual post card questionnaire concerning their present addresses, employment, and progress in life. A number of them have been completely lost.

The other two-thirds still harbor a lingering fondness for the fraternity and its friendships. Every year or two they answer a questionnaire about their personal histories. Some notify the chapter of personal events. They apparently enjoy hearing about their friends and acquaintances in the fraternity and realize that the active chapter can pass on only such news as it receives. For them we mimeograph a biennial news bulletin called "Beta Briefs."

Many in this second group help vitally in the maintenance of the chap-

ter. Cornell enrolls annually in the neighborhood of a thousand freshman men each year. The university has established no method by which these may readily become acquainted with the preceding classes. Rushing during the first weeks of school is of the "lead pipe" variety. Under these circumstances, it is vital that the active chapter have a preliminary list of eligible freshmen. Picking casual acquaintances among the freshmen after they arrive is too slow a method to be depended upon in the present state of interfraternity competition. The alumnus who sends the names of prospective freshmen to the active chapter, contributes to its maintenance far out of proportion to the effort involved. Quite possibly in smaller colleges with better control of rushing procedure this effort on the part of alumni is unnecessary, but for Beta Chapter it is imperative. Without the fairly steady addition of new members from year to year, the chapter cannot maintain itself as an economic unit.

I digress to explain my point of view implied in that phrase, "economic unit." The prime function of Beta Chapter is to furnish students with a home during their undergraduate years. The chapter is a cooperative home for young men, serving as a stepping stone from life in a home run by parents to the establishment of homes of their own. Like any other home, it must meet its expenses and pay its bills.

Failing in this, it must either quit or depend upon charity of its alumni. Neither alternative is desirable. Consequently, the chapter must succeed as a business institution. To succeed as a business, the active membership must be large enough to hold the expense per person in line with the cost of similar services offered by competing sources. There must also be sufficient managerial competence to build on the foundation of adequate membership a safe and sensible financial structure.

The contribution of Beta's alumni in maintaining membership has already been discussed. They are not expected to participate more directly in rushing. Undergraduates normally do the job better. Alumni contribute their experience more effectively in financial supervision. Responsibility automatically falls upon those who live in Ithaca or within easy traveling distance.

Groundwork of Beta's financial structure is a membership corporation of which every initiate becomes a member. The affairs of the corporation are directed by a board of five, one of whom is the president of the active chapter, and the others, alumni. Like the directors of any other corporation, this board has legal charge of its affairs. The deliberations of the board have been confined chiefly to problems of financial policy. Most of the actual transactions are carried on by the undergraduate housemanager. An independent auditor prepares monthly statements from his books. Copies of this report go to the housemanager, the president and the treasurer of the corporation, and the Executive Secretary of Kappa Delta Rho. The house-

manager and the treasurer confer over the report for about an hour each month, giving particular attention to the relation between income and expense and to the accounts of active members. Each spring, the housemanager prepares a budget for the coming school year and recommends to the board of directors rates of dues, rent and board. The corporation treasurer handles payments on the mortgage, insurance, taxes, and repairs of the house. Repairs are made upon recommendation of the active chapter through the housemanager and president.

This arrangement offers three advantages. First, considerable responsibility for the operation of the house is placed upon the undergraduates, and few decisions of importance are made without previous discussion by them. Responsibility develops in the members of the active chapter the capacity for more responsibility. Second, the participation of alumni lends stability to the financial reputation of the organization. The corporation, with a board of directors composed partly of permanent citizens of the community, helps to impress upon bankers and business men the responsibility of the chapter. Moderate supervision of current affairs forestalls possible financial difficulty. Third, the joint participation of undergraduates and alumni in the annual meeting of the corporation helps to give new members some understanding that they are sharing in a continuous enterprise. Discussion by the officers outlines the organization of the chapter and brings out that present undergraduates are benefiting from

the effort and sacrifices of those who preceded them.

In participating in the affairs of the chapter to this extent, there is a serious danger. It is easy for the few alumni concerned to let their mental attitudes become those of the proctor or guardian angel. The alumni of Beta Chapter have avoided interference in the social and scholastic affairs of the active chapter. We have tried not to "run the show." It is a valuable privilege of the undergraduates to make mistakes and learn what they can in the process. Otherwise initiative would be inhibited, and education for responsibility postponed. The fundamental significance of the chapter is to the undergraduates, not to the graduates. It should be left as adaptable as possible to current needs and desires. Nevertheless, the alumni are identified by the same fraternity badge, and have a right to protect its reputation. They should guide only sufficiently to keep the boat on a reasonably even keel and straight course. They should take charge only

when it is definitely headed toward the rocks.

These thoughts have been set down as they came to mind without much previous thought. Beta's present plan may not be best even for our own conditions, let alone for conditions elsewhere. I should be delighted to have suggestions from others who have thought or worked on similar problems. If anyone wishes additional detailed information concerning any phase of Beta's present system of operation, I shall be glad to correspond with him.

(Editor's Note.—Believing that the Alumni support is one of the most important factors in the success of the Chapter, the Editor has asked a few of these who have rendered unusual service to their chapters to send in information which may be helpful to other chapters. Seldom do chapters succeed without Alumni guidance. Therefore THE QUILL AND SCROLL and the Executive offices hope to be of some service as a clearing house for disseminating this information. Brother Powell has successfully and steadily guided Beta Chapter through the last few years and his financial reports are models for any chapter to follow. Will other Alumni officers send in some of their ideas and some of their problems?)

Honoring the Middlebury Football Team

A FEW years ago Coach Andy Kerr spoke of his Colgate team as unbeaten, unscored upon and uninvited, and now Coach Beck of Middlebury comes along with the statement that his 1936 Middlebury team as is unbeaten, untied and unpaid. THE QUILL AND SCROLL is glad to honor this undefeated team, the only one in the East with such a record for 1936. It was a privilege of the editor to meet the coaching staff of

this team on his initial visit to Middlebury. Since our fraternity was founded at Middlebury and since this undefeated team had five of its members from the Alpha Chapter, our fraternity takes just pride in this accomplishment, and is happy to honor the only real undefeated and untied team in the East for the season of 1936. Congratulations Coach Beck and the members of the team.

Chivalry—A Lost Art

By Major John Griffith

Commissioner of Athletics for the Big Ten

SOMEONE has recently suggested that chivalry is one of the lost arts. Ours is an age of cynicism, and the above is a cynical statement with which we do not agree. If chivalry is not in some circles as much in evidence today as formerly, at any rate it is not a lost art in amateur athletics.

In the Purdue-Wisconsin game of this year, a splendid Purdue player was taken out of the game. The captain of the Wisconsin team went over to the side lines and shook the hand of his opponent, thereby registering his respect and admiration for a competitor. This incident is mentioned not because it is unusual but because we wish to call attention to the fact that similar examples of chivalry and good sportsmanship are common occurrences in school and college games. Since these things are more or less common, they seldom excite notice and are taken for granted. The coaches and the boys do not boast of their virtues. Perhaps

we have been derelict in not calling attention to the fact that chivalry still is in evidence on the playing fields. Perhaps more attention should be paid to inculcating in the minds and hearts of the players the thought that those who compete are gentlemen and that gentlemen instinctively do those things that are the mark of a gentleman. We are reminded of the statement of John Galsworthy which stresses the point in question. This is a familiar quotation, but it may be read and re-read with profit.

"Sport," Galsworthy said, "which still keeps the flag of idealism flying, is perhaps the most saving grace in the world at the moment, with its spirit of rules kept, and regard for the adversary whether the fight is going for or against. When, if ever, the fair-play spirit of sport reigns over international affairs, the cat force which rules there now will slink away and human life emerge for the first time from the jungle."



Chapters

Alpha

Middlebury College

VARSITY FOOTBALL

AT the close of another football season Middlebury remains one of the few undefeated-untied teams in the country. Its record of eight victories and no defeats is certainly an enviable one and speaks well for the spirit which has pervaded both the team and the college throughout. K. D. R. is proud of its five Junior lettermen: "Shorty" Anderson, Paul Guarnaccia, "Swede" Liljenstein, "Red" Williams, and "Slim" Winslow. "Shorty," because of his dependable work in the guard position and his excellence in placement kicking, has been chosen guard on the little All-American team, a small college line-up picked by the Associated

Press. Besides this, Andy has been elected captain of next year's team, which will face an unusually stiff season. He received his preparation at Gunnery Prep, where he played three years of varsity football. A tall handsome 210-pound blonde, he is one of the few three-major letter men in college. Guarnaccia, rugged veteran of last year's team, turned in a consistently good performance again this season. A greatly improved back over last year, Paul has been a mainstay in the line-up in the left halfback position, and did his share of the scoring as well as being responsible for many spectacular gains. He came to us from Roxbury Prep.

Liljenstein, a jolly Swede hailing from Bulkley Prep of New London,



ALPHA'S CONTRIBUTION TO MIDDLEBURY'S CHAMPIONSHIP FOOTBALL TEAM

Guarnaccia—front row, fifth from right

Liljenstein—second row, sixth from right

Williams—last row, first from left

Winslow—last row, fifth from right

Captain-elect Anderson—last row, fourth from right



CHARLIE HARVI
*Manager of Winter
 Sports
 Alpha '37*



DUDE JOHNSON
Alpha '38



BOB LEONARD
Alpha '37



HAROLD LEWIS
Alpha '37



RED WILLIAMS
Alpha '38

Connecticut, was characterized by his line plunges and spinner plays. As fullback, he accounted for a good part of the yardage gained in many games.

Williams, light and speedy track man, earned his letter in the halfback position with his fast shifty running. He is a graduate and football veteran of Fairhaven, Vermont, High School.

Winslow, lanky end from West Rutland High, saw frequent service in the line-up. "Slim" is a good all-around athlete, being also a basketball and baseball man.

ATHLETICS

Under the capacity of Brother Kingsley, K. D. R. reached the finals in the intramural touch football tournament, only to be nosed out by D. U. At the time of writing, the volleyball season has not yet been completed, though the present standing is fairly high. Phil Brown leads the squad.

Alpha is unusually fortunate in having several captaincies of sports: Anderson, captain-elect of football; Richarson, of cross-country; Harvi, captain of the ski team and manager of winter sports; Johnson, captain of golf; and Brown, of tennis. With the opening of the basketball season, Brothers Anderson, Johnson, Kingsley, Winslow, and Pledge Lewin answered the call. Our worthy consul Paul Foster and "Red" Williams, veterans of last year's indoor relay team, and Pledge Dick Creed, have been training hard for this event.

PLEDGES

Joyce Kingsley, rushing chairman, and his assistants Brown and Soule,

deserve plenty of commendation for making this year's rushing season such a successful one. Its carefully planned organization may well serve as an example for the future. Fourteen men have been formally pledged: Bob Anderson, Dick Creed, George Fairchild, Fred Grab, Dave Goodell, Art Jamieson, Ed Langey, George Lewin, Win Pierrel, John Rice, Fred Van Buren, Gene Winslow, Phil Wright, and Vernon Wright. Cleon Gillette and Bob Rosenberg have been given house privileges.

Anderson is the potential Phi Beta of the group. Five of the pledges were freshman football men: Creed, Fairchild, Goodell, Jamieson, and Pierrel, with Winslow as assistant manager of the squad. Creed and Fairchild excel also in track, and Goodell and Fairchild are out for the winter sports team. Pledge Crab was a member of the first year cross-country squad. Lewin is a very promising basketball man. Ed Langey has athletic potentialities which we hope he will have opportunity to exercise another year when his work does not conflict. Phil Wright is outstanding along a musical line, with his cello, and as a member of the glee club and choir.

Keep up the good work, Pledges!

ACTIVITIES

K. D. R. is well represented on the boards of the various publications this year. Dick Soule is an assistant editor of the *Campus*, college weekly, and Ed Hallock is doing intensive work as assistant business manager for both the *Campus* and the *Saxonian*, literary

publication. Soule is athletic editor of the yearbook, the *Kaleidoscope*, of which Williams is class editor. Bob Jewett and "Rod" MacDonald are sophomore try-outs for the editorial and business boards respectively of the yearbook. Charlie Harvi is art editor of the *Saxonian*, and Bob Leonard its associate editor, in which capacity he has become outstanding for his literary contributions. Brothers Leonard, Richardson, Sprague, and Carriere brought credit to themselves for their rôles in two of Eugene O'Neil's plays presented at Thanksgiving time.

Sid White, the outstanding musician on campus, continues his work again this year as a member of the orchestra, band, glee club, and choir, and as college chimer and fraternity song leader.

Plans have been under way for some time in preparation for the annual Winter Carnival to be held February 19 and 20. The affair has been a grand success the past few seasons and promises to repeat itself. Eddie Hallock is chairman of the program committee and Harvi will be doing his share as manager of winter sports. Middlebury invites everyone to come and enjoy the big event.

Beta

Cornell University

INITIATION

SUNDAY, December 12, Beta had formal initiation for seven men. In this group were Brothers Charlie Kotary '38, Nelson Bryant '39, Al Cole '38, Dutch Maynard '40, Howard Spence '40, Phil



GEORGE CROWTHER
Beta '37

McCarthy '39 and Dick Hubbard '40. Following formal initiation came the banquet at which Monty Miller '36 was toastmaster. The guest speaker was Nicky Bawlf, coach of hockey, lacrosse and intramural sports, at Cornell.

SOCIAL

Saturday night, December 12, twenty-seven couples joined together around the groaning board in the chapter house and proceeded to enjoy themselves. After the dinner everybody went down to the Bank building for the formal pledge dance, where approximately two hundred couples danced to the rhythm of the Rhode Islanders. The next big event in the house will be the Junior Week house party. This doesn't come off till February but with the promise of some novel entertainment from the social committee, we are all looking forward to this time. Also the fact that the Student Council of Cornell

University is trying to get Bennie Goodman for one of the orchestras at the prom, tends to make this said week-end the most promising of the year.

ATHLETICS

So far this year Beta hasn't done any too well in the intramural side of sports. We lost in the finals of the football championship by a score of 6-2. This seemed to take the pep out of the brothers for a while but now we are coming back strong in the basketball spotlight. With a team that averages around 6'4" for four of the five men and with the fifth man being just as good in the playing end as the others are in height, we are going to go places, especially with the rest of the men out for the team being just as good as the ones referred to above. This was indicated in our first game in which we used all our man-power and won by a score of 29-14.



BETA SENIORS

Back row: M. Coggshall, C. Hall, D. Chaffee,
G. Crowther
Front row: L. McNair, R. Rogers, O. Smith

Varsity

George Crowther has just won his letter in soccer and is now on the basketball team where he will get another letter.

Don Chaffee and Joe Lasher were out for the basketball team but due to the fact that they both haven't the time necessary to devote to the cause, had to drop the sport.

We have two frosh, Brothers Hubbard and McCarthy out for the freshman team this year. Both have had experience and are smooth players and should go far.—CHARLIE HALL.

Gamma

N. Y. State College

Initiation

GAMMA welcomed ten new members as brothers on December 15, 1936, when formal initiation was held at the chapter house on 117 South Lake Avenue. The new men, all but one from the class of 1939, include: Frederic Bowman, Myndert Crounse, John Edge, Robert Gorman, Joseph Leese, Denis Peper, Thomas Roberts, Roland Waterman, Clement Wolff, sophomores, and Harold Haynes '38.

Pledging

Thirteen freshmen pledged membership to Gamma Chapter at the end of the fall semester's rushing period. This marked the conclusion of State College's first organized fraternal rushing under the direction of the Interfraternity Council. The new neophytes are: Paul Colyer, David Dickson, Otto Howe, Joseph McKeon, Robert Martin,

William McKracken, John Newstead, John Ryan, John Shearer, Walter Simmons, Stewart Smith, Robert Stevens, and Max Sykes.

Interfraternity Ball

New York State College's newly-formed interfraternity council conducted its first Interfraternity Ball on December 12 in the College Lounge. This formal is to become an annual event and will replace the fall dances sponsored previously by each fraternity separately.

Gamma seniors who attended were: Fred Byrnes, Fred Dexter, Ed Sabol, Al DuMont, and William Young.

Athletics

Three of the brothers who were lettermen last year have again captured berths on the varsity basketball squad. They are George Bancroft, Fred Byrnes, and Tom Barrington. Brother DuMont is manager of the squad.

News Notes

The State College Choral Society conducted its first concert of the season on Thursday, January 21 at Chancellor's Hall in Albany, New York. Gamma brothers participating in the concert included: Charles Matthews, Thomas Meehan, and Ed Sabol, seniors; Ed Reynolds '38, and Myndert Crounse and Donald Loomis, sophomores.

Warren Densmore '38 represented the varsity debate squad of State College in a round table conference at Colgate University on December 10. Brother Densmore also went to New York City during the Christmas vaca-

tion as State's delegate to the convention of the National Student Federation of America.

Robert E. Hertwig '39 has been appointed sophomore desk editor on the staff of the *State College News*.

Ralph Van Horn '37 is editor-in-chief of the State College "Directory," an annual publication listing the names, and local and home addresses of all students, faculty, and personnel of the college.—ROBERT E. HERTWIG.

Already, several of them have shown their merit at State. Simmons is president of the freshman class and center on the freshman basketball quintet, while McKeon is assistant manager of the frosh squad.

BASKETBALL

The limelight of varsity sports again shines brightly in State College as the sound of excited voices and bouncing balls in the gym announces the opening of basketball season. True to past traditions and pre-season expectancies, several K. D. R.'s are again to be seen among the few chosen to help lead State College to court victory.

Alonzo DuMont '37 is manager of the varsity basketball squad. George Bancroft '36, Fred Byrnes '37, and Tom Barrington '37, three of last year's lettermen, have again captured berths on the college quintet.

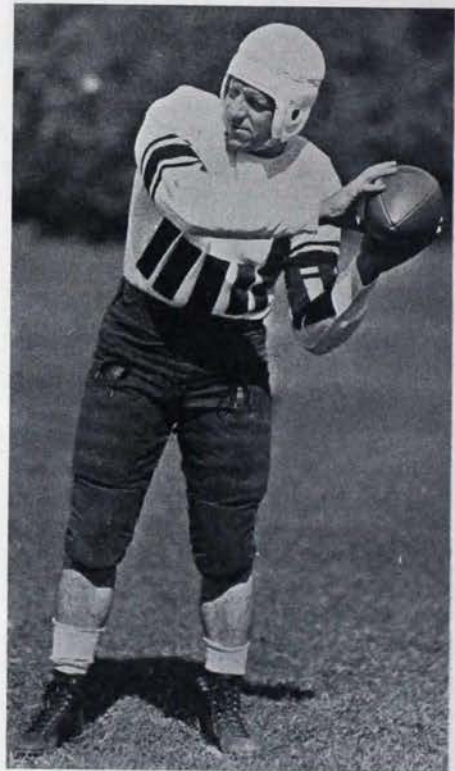
Pledge Walt Simmons '40 fills the pivot position on the frosh team. In intramural basketball, the senior members of K. D. R. are represented by J. Campbell, E. Hulihan, A. DuMont, and E. Sabol. Junior players are: P. Dittman, C. Gaylord, T. O'Brien,

and Al Trehanon. Sophomore basketballers include: Joe Bosley, Don Loomis, Joe Muggleton, S. Porcino, F. Quottrochi, and Johnny Edge. Pledge Max Sykes looks like good material on the frosh squad.

Paul Bulger '36 has been appointed to succeed Miss Loweree as secretary of the Appointment Bureau of New York State College for Teachers. Brother Bulger, while enrolled at State last year, was president of the student council.

Delta

Colgate University



CAPT. VADAS, Colgate, Delta '37
About to make a lateral pass



JOE CHOBORDA, *Delta '37*
Colgate Left Halfback
Only three-letter man at Colgate

Eta

University of Illinois

DADS' DAY

APPROXIMATELY twenty-five fathers of members and pledges returned to the campus on the occasion of Dads' Day, held on Saturday, November 14 this year. Although the Illinois lost the Ohio State game, it was a good battle and a swell day for the event. The fathers of the following fellows in the house were present: Watling, Simmons, Aurand, Darke, Sheppach, Cronican, Tesar, Fryer, Buell, Fleckinger, Broaddus, Avery, Julian, Prystalski, Haag, Shannon, Hizer, Abney, Olsen,

Van Gorkham, Flora, and Schacht. Mr. Schacht is a former president of the University Dads' Association. Besides attending the football game and enjoying the many activities and events planned especially for the fathers, the chapter dads were entertained at a banquet given in their honor following the game. With vice-president John T. Vernon as toastmaster, Mr. Haag spoke for the fathers of the actives, while Mr. Broaddus made a few remarks in behalf of the fathers of our pledge class. The fathers were entertained by the members that evening, with many of them staying over for Sunday and Sunday dinner.

NEW MEMBERS ADDED

We have pledged another man, and one of our pledges has become a brother. The new initiate is Wilbur L. Dunn '39, Chicago, who is taking an engineering course; while Robert Farris '39, taking a pre-legal course, has been pledged. James Teague '40 a pledge, and Keith Young '38 have dropped out of school to attend a commercial art school in Chicago.

The pledges will give the customary Christmas party on December 21, a couple of days before school closes for the holidays. The usual gifts (good, bad and just so-so) will be passed around and the chapter will have its Christmas tree. Entertainment has also been planned.

The pledge dance on October 31 was a good success with several alumni augmenting the crowd of actives and pledges who were present. Guests (dates) of the members were entertained the next day (Sunday) at dinner.

ACTIVITIES

With Bob Partlow, prexy of the Union showing the way, work on Union committees and functions is a popular activity with members. Robert Aurand did a first-rate job as editor of *The Illinois Union News*, quarterly publication of the organization. *The News* is devoted to informing students in the University and Illinois alumni about the varied and numerous worthwhile activities carried out by this organization. A total of 4,000 copies is circulated.

The chapter's commerce students appear to be going places and doing things. Aurand, Harry Hynd, and Hal Jester are members of Band of X, honorary commerce organization. Among the freshmen in activities at this time are Bob Avery, out for the freshman fencing squad, while John Muth is connected with Pershing Rifles, crack R. O. T. C. drill organization.

INTRAMURALS

With the present semester getting into its final stages, intramural activities are in full swing for Eta Chapter. Under the able and efficient management of Arley J. Ball, the chapter is entering ice hockey and bowling at the present time. In the former sport, Ball has an even dozen from the house out running through the practice sessions preparatory to opening the season a little later. From all indications, our puck chasers should give a good account of themselves this year. In bowling, the Eta pin spillers are near the top with Bob Aurand taking all honors with the high score of the week of December 1 to 4 with a 230 game

score. The chapter is also getting set for the annual cage tourney, which will get under way when the second semester opens in February.

Here's News About Eta Chapter Alumni Everywhere

Here's news from Richard M. King '34 who is a radio operator on the *S. S. Steel Trader* of the Isthmian Steamship Company. "I am at present making the run between the East and West coasts, occasionally calling in the Gulf and also at Hawaii and the United Kingdom. I intend to enroll in Columbia Law School in about a year." King prefers to be addressed in care of his home, 110 East Oak Street in Kewanee.

"Have spent the last six months getting acquainted in Naperville, where I have taken over the practice of a lawyer who had practiced here for about forty years," writes Charles N. Flanders '31, who has legal offices in Naperville at 133 South Washington Street. "Norm," who is married lives there at 427 West Jefferson Street.

Kund Anthon Larson, III '30, who was married on July 28 of this year writes that his wife is a first cousin to the three Rosborough Brothers (Joe, Bill and Jim). "Kal" is a clergyman and can be addressed in care of the First Presbyterian Church at Eldorado, Illinois. He attended the Presbyterian Theological Seminary from 1932 to 1936, receiving his B.D. degree.

John E. Buck '36 requests that his mail be addressed to him during this winter to 1111 Highland Avenue, Knoxville, Tennessee. John is a civil engineer with T. V. A. He writes that he is doing part time graduate work at

the University of Tennessee as well as full time work with T. V. A. Buck's home is located in Beardstown, Illinois, on Route 2.

Charles D. "Christy" Christensen '33 is a collection teller for the Mutual National Bank, located at 7844 South Halsted Street in Chicago. Christy lives in Chicago at 7725 South Lowe Avenue. Married, he has a son, Charles Delber, Jr., who was born on July 27 of this year.

Theoren J. Murvin '26 has moved from Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, and can now be addressed in Wheeling, West Virginia, in care of the White Swan Laundry, we learn from a post office forwarding card received since the last survey.

New addresses have been received for Arthur G. Higgs '23, a lawyer, who has moved from Geneseo, Illinois, to 601 North Jackson Street, Arlington, Virginia; and for John R. Locke '29, who has moved from Marion, Ohio to Mt. Vernon, Ohio.

In Chicago the following alumni have new residence addresses: Donald E. Larsen '34, who has moved from 1100 North LaSalle to 7640 Bosworth Avenue; Chester M. Campbell '39 to 1701 West 90th Street; William H. Holden '30 to 6519 North Newcastle; and H. C. Vagtborg '29 to 8200 South Aberdeen Avenue.

HELP! HELP! HELP!

In order to keep our files up to date and in the best of shape, we need addresses of several alumni who have become "lost" in our files. Please help us locate these men in order that we can send them issues of *The Eta Sur-*

vey. Addresses are needed for Roy B. Beistle '31, Brooks H. Duncan '29, E. B. Hand '24, Louis W. Huber '21, Edward L. McAdam '31, Russell F. Sanquist '28, F. W. Sielinger '26, Loren D. Whitaker, and J. M. Wilbur. If you cannot supply us with information as to the whereabouts of these men, perhaps you can give us an idea of someone who can. We'll appreciate your cooperation in this matter!!—FRANK A. CRONICAN.

Theta

Purdue University

MEMBERS OF HONORARIES

BROTHER DWAYNE SLOAN was initiated into Eta Kappa Nu, honorary electrical engineering fraternity. Brother Sloan has always been a distinguished student, at both Butler and Purdue. Dwayne won this recognition in face of the competition of one of Purdue's best E. E. classes.

Brother Otto Hunziker was initiated into Catalyst club, a club of chemical engineers. H. H., as he is now known, didn't break more than five flasks of dicromate that he carried about the campus.

Brother James Beers was pledged to Alpha Phi Omega, a fraternity of fellows interested in Scout work, Jim is also serving as the scoutmaster of a troop in West Lafayette.

Brother Albert Lutgens was initiated into Gimlet club, the campus bigshot club. Al who is manager of the baseball team is one of the more noteworthy figures of the E.E. school.

ATHLETICS

While we have not won any championship, Theta Chapter has been right in

the thick of intramural athletic events. The excellent pitching of Slim Kriegbaum, backed by the heads up ball of Brothers Claus, Hunziker, Lynch and Lutgens carried Theta Chapter to the finals of the softball tournament, where the D. U.'s emerged victorious 5-2.

Theta Chapter was eliminated from the winners bracket of the touchball league by the Phi Psi's 6-0, after Theta Chapter had gone through the regular season undefeated.

Theta's basketball team is now in the midst of the basketball league. The team seems to be good, with Brothers Suesse, Lynch, Claus, Kriegbaum and Sloan showing up well.

Theta has also placed teams in the intramural cross-country and bowling events. As a result of this participation athletic manager Blaney says that we have a darn good chance of winning the intramural trophy.

ALUMNI

Mr. and Mrs. Ray Neighbours '34 became the parents of a baby girl, Judith Ann, November 18, 1936 at Lansing, Michigan.

Brother Don Royer '33 is a frequent visitor at the chapter house. He is in charge of forestry work at an Indiana CCC camp.

Brother C. H. Skinner '35 came back for the Indiana game. Brother Skinner is now working Buffalo, Brother Yungbe's home town.

Nearly all the members of the class of '35 are frequent visitors at the house on the hill. Les Leonard, Wally Krzewinski, Dusty Rhoades, Bill Cymer, Tom Kanally, Gene Pauley, Bill Baur,

Pat McIntyre and Norm Stanley have been here for week-ends. The only members of the class we haven't heard from are Horizontal Ed Jiorle and Medicine Man Filippo. We think they're back in those Jersey swamps, but wherever they are, we'd surely like to hear from them.

CHRISTMAS PARTY

Theta Chapter played host to fourteen needy children from Lafayette at a Christmas party. These children, each about eight, received toys, candy, etc.

Afterward, when the children had been taken home, the Christmas celebration was held. The refreshments were furnished by the class of '35 and the other essentials by the pledges. We got the low down on some of the fellows after we were able to tell what we thought about the fellows, anonymously. Everybody had a good time, except Jo Lynch who couldn't stand a cigar.

INITIATION

Midnight, December 6, 1936, neophytes James Kriegbaum, James Kirkpatrick, James Beers, Ralph Hill, L. Stanley Billman and R. Berg Newhouse were inducted into our Brotherhood. This was the culmination of a Hell Week that everyone, even Billman enjoyed.

Iota

Bucknell University

K. D. R. is still holding its own on the Bucknell campus this year. With ordinary luck in rushing our chapter has continued working and improving itself in the year's program. The en-

gagement of Mr. H. S. Eisley as our outside treasurer has proved successful so far, and with the cooperation of a number of our graduates he should be able to do much for the chapter.

Brother Anthony Chernefski '32 has contributed much time and several good ideas to the boys, who, in addition to their regular duties of keeping the house in running condition, have been desirous of interesting the alumni in refurnishing the house. Because of difficulties in getting parts for our mimeographing machine replaced, we have been delayed in restoring the publication of *Iota Items*, but we hope to have a few issues out before the end of the term. Through this medium we hope to acquaint our alumni with a few of our needs and also let them know of the progress of the chapter. One house on the campus has just installed new furniture throughout and several other fraternities are taking up the idea in this manner. New living-room furniture for the front room, a number of floor lamps, smoking stands, end tables, single chairs, and paper for individual study rooms are a few of the specific items that would be worthy remembrances from K. D. R. alumni to their former home, or "almus frater." It was our impression that *THE QUILL AND SCROLL* was more far-reaching in carrying news of our activity to the Iotan graduates, but with closer, individual correspondence, we expect livelier reunions.

SOCIAL

K. D. R. members are participating earnestly in extracurricular activities and are taking active parts in promi-



ROBERT BONN
Consul, Iota

nent club events on the campus. Charles Schaeff '38 played a leading rôle as a soloist in the presentation of the "Messiah" by the glee clubs and the mixed chorus of the University. With several violin selections, Schaeff also leads student interest group meetings on Sunday nights. During the holidays he appeared with a prominent Philadelphia orchestra in several concerts. With his many musical abilities, Schaeff has scaled the heights formerly occupied by Harry Coleman, who graduated last year, and has received a bid from Phi Mu Alpha Sinfonia, national musical organization.

Brother Paul Walton, a recent addition to our Active roll, has been chosen secretary of Alpha Chi Sigma, national professional chemical fraternity. Brother Walton is also an honor student, which reputation he achieved

while he was attending Junior College at Wilkes-Barre.

At present we are planning to have an informal dance sometime in the middle of January. Our social chairman, Brother Schaef, has already contacted a number of popular orchestras from Harrisburg. We already enjoyed an informal open house the first weekend after Thanksgiving vacation, but we are interested now in setting the pace with a popular orchestra.

Recently we received the news through the *Bucknellian* that Kappa Delta Rho ranks in sixth place in the annual contest for the all-year Pangburn Interfraternity Cup. Our success in the cross-country run and the soccer campaign as well as our representation in other social functions gave us a number of points toward the prize.

In speaking of the progress which Iota Chapter has made in the last year, we should mention the work of Brother Robert Bonn, whose term as Consul expires at the end of this semester. Brother Bonn brings to a close this year two years of real work as an Active. He pledged K. D. R. in his sophomore year, when he entered as a transfer student from Junior College. He is a graduate of Central High School, in Scranton, and is one who makes friends easily. Rather quiet and preferring to remain in the background, Bob cooperated willingly and wholeheartedly in every undertaking of the chapter, from hauling wood for the fireplace to putting the final touches to decorations for our dances. In his second year, he was our representative to the Sophomore Cotillion Committee. Thence he served as Custodian and

Junior Tribune. Under his presidency the house underwent several changes, and we set up our new financial order. Now our chief problem is rushing, and under Brother Bonn's leadership we are initiating a new campaign with Brother Bean as chairman. Bob is also popular among his fellow chemical engineers. He not only deserves this office but also carries out ably its duties and responsibilities.

SPORTS

With the showing that the K. D. R. boys made on the soccer field this last season, our hopes ran high for a championship basketball team. However, the opening of the intramural season saw Kappa Delta Rho losing its first three games. The difficulties that come in presenting a new combination on the floor and the poor luck that followed us in our shooting contributed greatly to these losses. In the first game of the season, the Iotans emerged on the short end of a 12-4 score with Phi Lambda Theta. The game was as rough as the score indicates, with little success shown on the part of either team in field goals; most of the points were made by fouls. As the season continues we can notice the improvement in our passers. Craig has revealed himself as a handy shot from under the basket, while Qualters has not had much of a chance to cut loose with his flashy shots of last season, it being necessary for him to confine his efforts to guarding and floor work. Mueller has handled himself exceptionally well on the court, oftentimes breaking up the opponents' passes and sneaking down to make a basket or two. Pledge

Brother Wall has been consistent in recovering the ball and Williams has come through in the pinches. The floor work of our boys has drawn much favorable comment from onlookers and is bound to lead us to the top during the remaining games of the season.

Volleyball, the next sport in line, affords us our best opportunity to win a championship this year. With the form and vigor displayed in this sport by fraternity men here, we are depending much on the spiking ability of Ernie Mueller, George Craig, and Bob Wall, while Qualters, Walton, Schaef, and Bonn will undoubtedly score a number of points for us if they live up to their previous showings.

Again, with the advent of late winter sports, we look forward to the shouldering of K. D. R. laurels in wrestling by Brothers Mueller and Qualters. The former lost a hard match last year in the wrestling eliminations tournament after he had piled up a tremendous time advantage over his opponent. Consequently, we are expecting nothing but the best this winter. The return of Brother Batog next semester will add greatly to our prospects of clinching a cup, also. On the other hand, we shall miss the services and performances of Brother Bean, who is graduating this February. His propensities in commercial lines and his interest in campus activities lead us to believe that we shall hear much of him later on, however.

ALUMNI

In addition to the previous paragraph addressed to the alumni group, we are glad to say that we are still in contact with Brothers Zimmerman '24,

Eaton '26, Haines ex-'31, Phillips '32, Payne '34, Birchard '35, Bergen '35, Ravenell '34, Knights '35, and Rohr '36. These are a few of those who have returned at Homecoming or written of their whereabouts.

Any further news of K. D. R. graduates would be appreciated not only by the present group of Active members but by brother classmates. Let us have enough news to devote more space to the alumni section of the next issue.—

JOHN F. WORTH.

Kappa

Ohio State University

INITIATION

ON Saturday, November 14, three men were formally conducted into active membership of Kappa Delta Rho. These men, all members of the class of 1940, are: Paul Lindberg, Cleveland; Beryl Keechle, Waverly; and Lloyd Gooding, Dellroy. A banquet was held Sunday at noon in honor of the new initiates, with President Cronk, Ad-



C. P. ENGELMAN, Kappa '39
"Katie" their mascot



NOT DOING FROSH DUTY

*Pledge Weaver, Kappa 40, demonstrating
WPA work*

visors Cecil and Smith, and the new members themselves giving short after-dinner speeches.

SOCIAL

The annual Homecoming Dance was held November 21 at the chapter house, with Chick Milligan and his Band furnishing the music. Decorations were carried out in the colors of the two opposing teams, Ohio State and Michigan. Brother Edward Campbell of Mu Chapter and his wife were the chaperones. About twenty alumni were present, which made this year's dance one of the largest and most successful we have had to date.

The Winter Formal of Kappa Chapter will be held February 13 at the Hall of Mirrors of the Deshler-Wallick Hotel from ten until two. Harold Greenameyer and his NBC Orchestra will furnish the music. Many alumni expect to be present.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Word has been received of the marriage of Robert Sherwood, Kappa '34,

to Miss Evelyn O'Dell of Columbus. The event took place on October 30, 1936. We extend congratulations and best wishes to Brother Sherwood and his attractive bride.

Pledge James Harrington has received a 3.95 scholastic average for the quarter which has just closed. This is an unusually high average, and makes Jim eligible to join Phi Eta Sigma, National Freshman Scholastic Honorary.

Kappa was unfortunate in losing Paul Cecil as alumni advisor when he left December 13 for Evansville, Indiana where he is now employed as a ceramic engineer. Brother Cecil was very helpful in building up this chapter, and all wish him success in his new position.

Lambda

University of California

ELECTION

At the last meeting of the semester new officers were elected. Merle Garing replaced Gene Berkenkamp as consul; Nolan O'Neil succeeded Ted Thompson as senior tribune; Paul Bernhard inherited the post of junior tribune from Merle Garing; Don Goodwin took over the position of quaestor from Charles Shaw; George Eveland relieved Paul Bernhard of the praetor's job; Fred Nettell gets propraetor from Cyril Haworth; Tom Williams replaced Ralph Thursby of the office of custodian; Cyril Haworth received the job of centurion from Tom Williams; Paul Ayer annexed the position of pontifex from George Eveland; and Gene Berkenkamp was made advisor succeeding Bob Russell.



LAMBDA TACKLE FOOTBALL TEAM

INTRAMURAL

In intramural sports so far we stand fifth in the combined standards. We managed to get through three-quarters of the elimination in touch football earlier in the year. We gained championship of our division in tackle football before losing a heart-breaking game in the playoff for the University Championship. We also were beaten in the semi-finals of bowling after a sub-par game. We had to drop out of tennis because we didn't have three good players. So far we have one loss and one win in basketball. Unless we forget again to put a team on the court, we should go far.

BIG GAME HOMECOMING

On November 20, the eve of California's 21-0 win over Stanford, Lambda Chapter shot the works and went overboard on the Biggest Big Game Rukus in the history of the house. The living room was converted into the deck of the good ship "Golden Bear" for the purpose of the K. D. R.

cruise over the week-end. One of the basement rooms was converted into a gambling salon, with portholes looking out onto the sea.

Another basement room was converted into a bar room, and was decorated with submarine paintings of mermaids and other fanciful and real denizens of the deep, including King Neptune. A very up-to-date bar stretched clear across one side of the room. Over sixty couples attended; and the alumni, to whom the week-end was dedicated, went out of their way to compliment us on the evening.

After the game Saturday, which was an experience in itself, the K. D. R. cruise led us to the Bal Tabarin, San Francisco's finest night club, where we had secured reservations during the summer. We disembarked and travelled across the magnificent Bay Bridge to the Night Club, where we celebrated the homecoming of the "Golden Bear" and also the victory over Stanford, as we watched the floor show and danced

to the music of Bal Tabarin's two orchestras.

It was the biggest week-end of the semester, and it really gave us something to remember.

CHRISTMAS PARTY

Saturday evening, December 5 we held our annual Christmas Party. Names had been drawn from a hat secretly, and the presents were limited to the customary ten cents. The table was piled high with gifts. Every piece of junk in the house had been used to pad the packages, and a "pome" accompanied each present. Startling originality showed itself in the gifts, and the poetry was as wild and diverse as the gifts. Lyman "Tiny" Fink acted as Santa Claus.

ENGAGEMENTS

The Lambda Chapter broke out in its annual rash of engagements, this

time affecting Tommy Williams, Santa Cruz, who placed his pin on Patricia Cloud, San Jose St. Teachers' College; Fred Nettell, Grass Valley, who pinned his on Virginia Sack, College of Pacific at Piedmont; Nolan O'Neil, who picked Frances Walker of Sacramento; Bill Tatum, Dinuba, prefers Kathrine Krause of Dinuba.

ALUMNI NOTES

"Tiny" Fink '32(?) has his B.S., also an E.E., an M.A., and is now working for his Doctor's. He plans on taking a trip to Denmark next summer with his brother George.

Asa Meudell is still at the General Electric school at Schenectady, New York on a scholarship. He claims the California women far out-class the Eastern talent.

Bill Stemen, Bakersfield, married Marie Rodkey, Bakersfield, November



BIG GAME RUKUS

Barroom, Lambda

Outgoing Consul Berkenkamp on left end
Incoming Consul Garing on right end



BIG GAME RUKUS
Living Room, Lambda

6, and honeymooned in southern California.

Wayne Lobdell is in Sweden on a scholarship studying Forestry after having been in government service for some time.

Glen Bultman, Bakersfield, has returned to Boalt Law School for his third year.

Gardiner Johnson is an Assemblyman in the California State Legislature and was one of the main speakers at the December University meeting.

Harvey Rudolph is S. E. R. A. Director, in Santa Barbara now, and Jack Lewis is the Santa Barbara County Clerk.

Mu

University of Michigan

RUSHING

EARLY fall rushing at Mu was quite successful, especially in the quality of

men we pledged. The group was made up of seven men: Claire Paulson, Pontiac, Michigan; Robert Bartnik, Grand Rapids, Michigan; John Bell, Olean, New York; David Smith, Pittsford, New York; Frank Haight, Omaha, Nebraska; William Parkinson, Detroit, Michigan; and Robert Huey of Ann Arbor, Michigan.

Bill Parkinson is a musician, playing the French horn in the band. John Bell spends most of his time trying to find a rabbit's foot that isn't unlucky. Last summer John accompanied Mr. William G. Hassler of the American Museum of Natural History, on his scientific research expedition to the Dominican Republic. While in the thick of the Haitian jungle John contracted malaria fever. At the present time we again find John in the University Health Service trying to keep from getting pneumonia.

GENERAL

The latest addition to Mu is a dog, somewhat on the order of a small sized horse. His name is Bud; a giant, dapple gray, Great Dane. We feel quite lucky in obtaining him as a gift. He is a thoroughbred dog, his mother being judged International Grand Champion two years ago.

SOCIAL

Mu has held two informal dinner dances so far this year, the last one being held on our fall homecoming week-end. This was quite a big week-end—the climax being the annual tackle football game between the actives and alumni. The actives turned the tables this year in a bruising game and won 6-0.

The dinner-dance idea seems to be going over big here. Large crowds were here for both dances, everyone acclaiming them as the best ever.

ATHLETICS

Mu is actively engaging in fall and winter sports. We went quite a ways in the volleyball tournament and in the handball tournament. At present, basketball is occupying most of our time and we hope to put up a good fight in this sport. Mu has no varsity athletes this semester, Brother Radford deciding to give up his hockey playing.

OFFICERS

Brother John Badger was elected consul for the first semester; Brother Earl Fields, junior tribune; Brother Jack Blaine, senior tribune; Brother Walter Van Hoek, pontifex; and Brother Robert Van Nordstrand, praetor.

Nu

Indiana University

At present Nu Chapter is busily engaged in planning for future activities. Our social manager, John Ling, is now hard at work on plans for our winter formal. This promises to be one of the outstanding events of the season. Then too, it is almost time for the initiation of new members. This, of course, will be followed by our initiation banquet.

Just before the Christmas vacation our freshmen gave a show for the entertainment of the active members. We seem to have a lot of fine amateur talent among the pledge group.

ALUMNI

Dwight Mauck '36 drops in at the chapter house every time he visits the university geology department. Dwight is working for an oil company as one of its field geologists.

Les Farrell is now working in the accounting department of the Carnegie-Illinois Steel Company at the Gary plant.

Clifford J. Myers '36 is now employed in the Chicago office of the Household Finance Company.

INTRAMURAL

Brother Hamrlik, our intramural manager, is making good his boast to add five new cups to our collection. One of our volleyball teams won the school championship and received a handsome trophy. All of the teams engaging in other sports are determined to add other trophies to the collection. It appears that Brother Hamrlik will make good his boast, and that this will be a big year for Nu Chapter.

Xi

Colby College



ROLAND IRVINE GAMMON
Xi '37

Rho

Lafayette College

INTRAMURAL

RHO CHAPTER enjoyed a very successful fall intramural season. The snappy house football team reached the semi-finals, losing out 13-7 in the last game. The members of the team are to be commended on their fine showing and spirit. Dick Baldwin '37 and Walt Gilmour '39 deserve special commendation for their excellent performance. Wes McLaughlin '38 and Bart Elfman '37 were also outstanding.

The soccer team went through its schedule undefeated. In the semi-finals, however, we lost 1-0. In the annual fall track meet Ken Wagner '37 gave a stellar performance of his running ability, winning two first places, a second, and a third in the various events. Bob Nichols and Al Lawrence

also won individual honors. In the fall swimming meet Brother Hay captured several medals.

For the first time in the history of the house, Rho has four teams entered in the intramural basketball competition. It is probably the first time in the history of the campus that any one house has entered this many teams. Tom Stirling, intramural manager is coach of the A, B, and C teams, while Jack Greer is coaching the D team. Manager Stirling has done an exceptionally fine job in the handling of the intramural program. Thus far the basketball teams have played eight games and have won five.

SOCIAL

An informal victrola dance was held at the chapter house on November 14. The brothers and their feminine friends danced to records played on the new Capehart machine. On November 20 the fall interfraternity ball was held in the Alumni Memorial Gymnasium under the auspices of the Interfraternity Council. Hudson-Delange and their orchestra furnished the music. Saturday afternoon the brothers and their guests attended the Lafayette-Lehigh football clash in Fisher Field. Saturday evening a formal closed pledge dance was held. Arrangements for this dance were in the hands of Bob Rinehimer, social chairman. The affair proved to be highly successful and was greatly enjoyed by everyone.

GENERAL

Rho was well represented on the Lafayette varsity football squad this year by Tom Kearns '39, Bill Bell '37, Leo Zochowski '39, and Bill Ryback

'39. Kearns, a back, is a graduate of West Orange, New Jersey, High School. Bell, an end, graduated from Northeast High School, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. Zochowski, played in the backfield, and is a graduate of West Hazelton, Pennsylvania, High School. Ryback, a tackle, is a graduate of Technical High School, Brooklyn, New York.

The freshmen presented their annual Christmas play the evening before the vacation began. In connection with the production, the frosh presented gifts to the upperclassmen.—BOB WADE.

Sigma

Oregon State College

SENIOR ACTIVITY LIST

WHEN the present school year comes to a close, Sigma Chapter will send into the world in various fields of endeavor a number of men who by their scholarship, leadership and prominence in activities throughout the four years have shown themselves to be eminently worthy of the honor of wearing the Kappa Delta Rho insignia. They are:

Bill Marshall. Besides swinging the gavel at the chapter house, Brother Marshall has shown remarkable ability in manipulating a similar instrument for the College Ag Club, which latter has a membership in excess of that of any other club on the campus. Bill is also the house representative at interfraternity council meetings, member of the freshman week committee, and a member of Alpha Zeta, national professional honorary in agriculture.

Hac Collins. When the laurels will have been distributed to those who



HOWARD COLLINS

*One of Sigma's Leaders, '37
Chairman of Home-Coming Day*

made the present Homecoming the biggest and best ever held on the Oregon State Campus, Brother Collins will need assistance to carry him home. He is General Chairman of the event so if any of you grads want any of the finer details of this great celebration, just corner him some time (if you can) and get the "low down." Brother Collins is also Prexy of the Forest Club and the senior class, and a member of Xi Sigma Pi, national honorary in Forestry, and of Blue Key, to say nothing of his masterly accomplishments in matters purely social.

Tom Caldwell. Brother Caldwell is our chorus leader at the house, and has deported himself very capably in this capacity. He also manages the Ag Club radio programs and his activities in that club identify him as one of its star members.

Doc Rinehart. When Brother Rinehart first came to school he pursued a pre-medical course. After fulfilling the requirements for it, he continued in chemistry and by spring he will have his choice of a degree in that subject or in General Science, having completed practically all the courses for either major. At present he is serving the college as a part-time instructor and tutoring several hours a day on his own, besides carrying a full load of class work.

Lee Port, Jr. Brother Port is following in the footsteps of his father and aspires to become a supervisor of a national forest. In preparation for this arduous task, Brother Port is learning all about how to plant, grow and harvest forest crops, and the technique of handling an axe. We feel confident he will hew a straight line when he leaves Sigma.

Roland Schmitt. Brother Schmitt is registered in the School of Engineering and is learning all about the peculiarities and idiosyncracies of metals and other structural manufacturing materials. At the house he has been active in rushing new men and in various other house activities.

Arthur Wirch. Though not technically a senior, having graduated in Forestry last June, Brother Wirch is back on a graduate assistantship, doing some teaching work at the college and working on his Master's degree on the side. He is a member of the Phi Kappa Phi, national all-school honorary, and of Xi Sigma Pi, national honorary in Forestry.

INTRAMURAL SPORTS

The intramural sports program started with a bang this fall when the K. D. R.'s came out on the small end of the score due to an intercepted pass and a run for the winning touchdown by a member of the opposing team.

Due to lack of practice, the house basketball team has been unable to break into the win column. To prove, that in the K. D. R. ranks if found excellent potential basketball stock, we need only cite the opinion of high college authorities on the subject, who believe that in the persons of John Bur-sik, Brick Holstrom, and Bernie Orell the basketball future of Oregon State will rest secure for several more years. With about half of the season left to go and with some practice under their belts the boys are determined to break into the upper half of the league standing.

In the ranks of the K. D. R.'s Lonnie Stiner has discovered what he thinks to be one of the greatest ends Oregon State has ever developed, Dick Sutherland. Especially notable has been Dick's defensive work this season and his ability to snatch passes out of the air.

SOCIAL

Sigma's social season was opened with an informal dance at the College Gardens on Friday, November 13. "Unlucky 13" was the theme of the dance—unlucky for anyone who wasn't there. The orchestra was hot, the floor excellent, the atmosphere appropriate—so who can blame some of the boys for having planted their pins? However, there appears to be sort of

gentlemen's agreement between the boys and the objects of their attraction, for it has been rumored that they will temporarily get the jewelry back again each Sunday to avoid eating their ice cream under the table. Assert yourself, Prexy! Don't let them put one over on you!

INITIATION

Sigma is pleased to announce the initiation on November 8 of three new men into her ranks. They are: Tom Caldwell, senior in agriculture from Hillsboro; Herbert Wymore, junior in chemistry from Oregon City; and Lee Port, senior in forestry from Jacksonville.

These new members have already proven themselves worthy men and will undoubtedly be big assets to the house.

ALUMNI NEWS

Of primary importance under this heading comes the meeting of the alumni and the representatives of the active chapter, held at the Nortonia Hotel in Portland. The purpose of this meeting was to effect a reorganization between these two groups. About twenty-five alumni and six active members were present.

If considerable lively discussion and argumentation are the earmarks of a good meeting, then this was the meeting *par excellence*. A spirited election took place during the course of the meeting, and when the smoke of battle cleared away, the following men wore the laurels: Alling Goss, president; Kay Olesen, vice-president; Verne Severence, treasurer; Don Hood, secretary; Bill Paul, Monroe Smart, and Frank Moser, directors.

According to the mystic signs, great things are in store for Sigma. The Mighty Severance has renovated the financial policies, and we hope he is weighing heavily the possibilities of a remodeling deal in '37. While there's life there's hope.

Al Goss has recently visited the chapter house, having stolen away from his studies at Portland Medical School long enough to give physical exams to O. S. C.'s new crop of rooks.

Stan Chiswell occasionally spends a few days with us and recently did so while on his vacation. Always glad to see you back, Stan.

Karl Dehlinger who at present directs the social, economic and aesthetic activities of the Shepherders Union at Ontario, peeks through the fleece now and then to see an occasional football game at Alma Mater.

John Goss, the well-known insurance adjuster, recently adjusted his silk hat and topcoat and decided to enter into holy bonds of matrimony with a very definite view as to the outcome. Quintuplets, we hope. From the sunny southland come persistent rumors that Carl Zorn has also taken the fatal leap. Let us hope his intentions are honorable.

Wuxtra! Wuxtra! Kay Olesen's preferred stock recently paid dividends in the form of a spanking new baby boy. Congrats, Kay, ol' man, and lots of them!

Melvin Breese '36, in Pharmacy, who at present has his fingers in the Nat'l Carbon Co. pie, will soon have to put an extension on his watch chain to accommodate honorary keys he is ac-

cumulating as a result of his outstanding record in college.

Brother Breese has recently been awarded the Kappa Psi key given only if a student wins all-school scholastic honors during his four years in college. This key has been awarded to an Oregon Stater only once during the last eighteen years.

THE NEW DEAL

No longer do the esteemed members and pledges of Sigma dig their chow from cracked and weather-beaten plates and bottomless cups. Nor is it any longer necessary to sacrifice boards, mattresses and Sears Roebuck catalogs for the purpose of leveling the old table sufficiently to keep dishes from sliding off or tipping over. In a word, the dining room has been practically done over from stem to stern. In place of the cumbersome round table, remi-

niscient of the days of King Arthur and his band of gluttonous horse-thieves, there now stands a group of Masonite-topped tables, which collectively form a large "U." This arrangement accommodates between forty and forty-five men very comfortably. These very practical tables are just half of the story, as has already been inferred. A brand new set of crest chinaware of the finest grade has done most to transform the old room from a growling-stall to a dining hall.

If we can convince the Smithsonian Institute that the old davenport is an authentic specimen of the stone age instead of the middle ages, we might get them to raise their latest bid on it and proceed with the good work begun in the dining room. And if not? "Don't sell the ol' homestead, Pa, give the damn thing away."

K. D. R.'s in New York Hold Dinner Dance Between Holidays

FORTY-THREE K. D. R.'s wives and girls dined and danced at the Cafe Loyale in New York City the evening of December 28. The closeness of the holidays and conflicting events worked to hold down the attendance.

With the expectation that at least sixty would be present, the group had been given the private dining room. The restaurant management got its

revenge by stopping the orchestra and sending the musicians home at 9.30. Even though the party was so bobtailed, many declared that they had a good time.

The officers of the New York group are trying to find a place where the next dinner dance can continue long enough to give every stag a whirl.

Personals

BYRON COLLINS, Delta '37, of Leonia, New Jersey, stepped from his desk as sports editor and donned a Colgate basketball uniform and went into the Niagara game to steal the show and carry off the honors. It will be difficult to keep this boy out of the starting lineup.

DR. LISBON H. SCHMEISKE, Mu '31, has opened an office for practice of dentistry at 173 Court Street, Binghamton, New York.

HERBERT R. JOHNSTON, Beta '17, was elected president of Beta Alumni Corporation.

DUANE HATCH, Beta '15. A letter from D. Spencer Hatch who, with Mrs. Hatch, has been engaged in rural

reconstruction in Trivandrum, Travancore, India, was published recently in the *Greenwich Journal*. Hatch writes: "Last week I returned from an official visit to Ceylon whither I had been called to give advice to the government, Y. M. C. A., and other non-official agencies in starting rural reconstruction. Toward the end of my visit, H. E., the governor of Ceylon, opened a large industrial exhibition. In the course of his address he said, 'I can wish nothing better for Ceylon and her peoples than that she follow the successful work being carried on in Travancore.' It is encouraging and very humbling to have anyone speak like this."



In Memoriam

Irving H. Rodwell, Beta '24

IN the tragic death of Irving H. Rodwell, Kappa Delta Rho lost one of its most loyal and promising sons. Chuck as he was familiarly known by his host of friends was one of those splendid personalities who stood for the noblest and best in life. A handsome man to gaze upon, he was a more handsome man to know and cherish as a friend. He was a born leader and whatever activity he entered he was soon recognized as outstanding and asked to take a leading part, as witnessed by the number of different organizations in which he was selected as president.

Brother Rodwell was born in Holley, New York, June 30, 1902. He was graduated from Albion High School in 1919 and entered the Agriculture College at Cornell in the fall of that year. From the time Chuck

was initiated in 1919, he took an active interest in the fraternity, holding many of the offices and finally in his senior year being elected Consul. During his undergraduate days Chuck was not only a good student but active in campus affairs. He ran on the cross-country and track teams, and was one of the editors of the *Cornell Countryman* and also was in several other student activities always taking a leading part. For the past five years he has been president of the Beta Alumni Corporation and gave unstintingly of his time and counsel. It was not uncommon for him to drive down from Rochester and give a half day to fraternity affairs and then drive back late at night. While Beta Chapter has lost one of its leading alumni and our fraternity an unusual man, it will never lose the impress he has made.



National Organization

KAPPA DELTA RHO FRATERNITY

Founded at Middlebury College in the spring of 1905, by George E. Kimball, Gino A. Ratti, Chester M. Walch, Irving T. Coates, John Beecher, Thomas H. Bartley, Benjamin E. Farr, Pierce W. Darrow, Gideon R. Norton, and Roy D. Wood.

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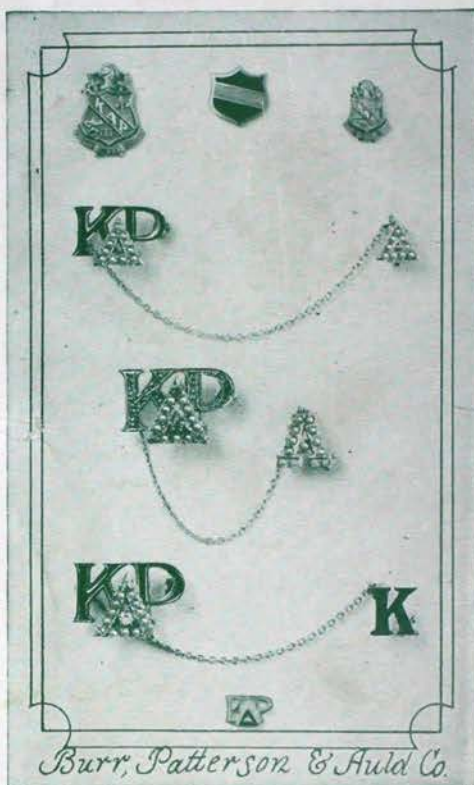
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