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**N**OW IS THE TIME when all our chapters are looking forward to next year, and recruitment of good men is the prime objective. True, some of the chapters do not get into actual rush and pledging until the second semester, but all of the chapters have started looking at high school graduating classes, and the list of freshmen who have been accepted for admittance by their institution for next Fall.

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Gino A. Ratti, Alpha '07 is the last living founding brother of Kappa Delta Rho. He was born in Carrara, Italy in 1885, coming to the U.S.A. at the age of 2. He received his Master's degree from Middlebury in 1909, and his PhD from the University of Grenoble in 1913. He taught at North-

western, Washington University (Seattle), then Butler University where he became Head of the Department of Romance Languages and Dean of the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences. He retired in 1951, with listings in *Who's Who in America*, *Who's Who in American Education*, and the *Directory of American Scholars*. Three of his brothers, Amerigo, Aldo and Hugo were KDR's at Alpha. Both sons, Gino Arturo, Jr. (Omicron) and Emilio Paul (Theta) joined the fraternity. Two nephews, Eugene and Field Winslow are Alpha members. Mayer Maloney was instrumental in convincing brother Ratti to write these remembrances of the early days of KDR . . . and we appreciate the opportunity of having another window opening into our history of those days.

# The Early Days of KDR

Gino A. Ratti, Alpha '07

A FEW DAYS AGO, Mayer Maloney asked my son Emilio Ratti, Theta '42, if he thought I might be willing to write a little sketch of the early days of KDR, since I am now the only surviving founder of the fraternity. That has already been done by George Shaw, the National Historian of KDR, in his *History of Kappa Delta Rho*. All I might do is to add a few details that George did not know, or that he thought were hardly worth mentioning. It would take a whole volume to detail the conditions that prevailed at Middlebury when we got together and decided to start a new fraternity on the campus, and it would take even more space to tell how the nondescript and unprepossessing group of eight or ten men could think of appointing themselves as the ones who should do so. In fact, everything would appear to militate against our success.

In 1903, when I entered Middlebury on a scholarship, there were two colleges: One, "Middlebury College" for male students, and "Women's College of Middlebury." We had the same faculty and academic facilities, but were organically independent. There were three fraternities for the men and two for the women. The organized students were known as the "Greeks;" the rest of us were called the "Barbarians." The "Greeks" were recognized as the aristocrats on the campus; the rest of us did not count. Only one fraternity had a chapter house; the rest of the men lived in the two dormitories, or in private homes. They ate their meals in a frame dining hall, which we called the "Hash House." Social life was practically non-existent, with the exception of what went on among the "Greeks," and one or two annual affairs dominated largely by the facul-



ty. Until 1900, the student body was so small that there was little reason for it. From the year 1800, the growth of the college had been reasonably rapid. By 1836, 168 men were attending classes. I do not have exact figures, but few women, if any, were in Middlebury. A series of faculty-student squabbles brought about a startling drop in enrollment. Then the Civil War broke out. Many of the men were Southerners, and they all went home to fight for the Confederacy. The rest enlisted with the North. At one time, there was not a single Senior student on the campus, so that the faculty had to promote a Junior in order to graduate a class in June. The charter required that a class should be graduated each year in order for the college to continue functioning. Dr. Ezra Brainerd was made President in 1885. He had a small, but excellent, faculty, and by 1900 there were 125 students registered. Brainerd resolved to start a program of student recruitment by combining the efforts that the three fraternities were making on their own account, and the work of a college agent, who would comb the whole state for high school graduates who

might be lured by offers of scholarships. The state of Vermont was already granting a number of scholarships to the University of Vermont, Middlebury, and Norwich University. Some local communities were beginning to encourage high school graduates to seek college degrees. Middlebury managed to scrape up enough money to add to these. I was in the class of 1903, which was the largest class on record up to that time. There were 62 of us.

This is how it came about. One day a Middlebury agent, who was none other than President Brainerd's brother-in-law, came to see me, and offered me financial help if I would enroll in the college. I told him that I was vaguely planning on going to medical school, but he insisted, and President Brainerd invited me and my oldest brother, Corrado, to visit him in Middlebury. The upshot was that I was to get a four year scholarship, and Corrado would help me meet my other expenses.

I must pause here to make a few remarks about the quality of the faculty at that time. President Brainerd was intellectually the most accomplished man I have ever met. He

had taught Latin, Greek, Mathematics, Physics, Rhetoric, and English Lit. He was an expert geologist, was recognized in the field of Botany, famed for his contributions to *Gray's Manual of Botany*. At that time, he was specializing in violets and the thorn apple. A truly great scholar!

His faculty of ten professors, although not as versatile as he, was an exceptional group of scholars, having studied at Harvard, Yale, Johns Hopkins American Botanical Society. Another readily placed his simple "Bachelor of Science in Chemistry" with Dupont, etc. Our Professor Sanford was nationally recognized as an authority on Roman life and costumes, and had done research work in Rome and Athens. The students knew them all personally and had a loving nickname for each one. But that is another story!

To make a modern reader understand why it became evident that the time was ripe for the starting of a new fraternity at Middlebury, I must now sketch briefly the conditions that prevailed at that time. Our founder, George E. Kimball, known to the whole student body as "Bunch," found that a feeble attempt at organ-



izing the non-frat men into a "Commons Club" was very unsatisfactory. He proposed that a few of us, who had similar ideas, should get together and form a fraternity that would embody high ideals to which we would adhere, instead of merely giving lip service to them. There were things going on that we knew were wrong, and that the three older fraternities smilingly called student pranks and condoned. Of course we knew that the majority of the Greek letter men were serious and intelligent men, but their viewpoint was that of a privileged class, not through personal merits, but by virtue of having been selected. What the rest of us thought to be wrong could be laughed off as mere student pranks. Each of the three established frats had only a small minority of these self-styled supermen, but, as the old saying goes, "Only a few rotten apples can spoil the whole barrel."

Let me mention only a few instances. It was an old Middlebury custom for one of the frats to give a turkey dinner at Thanksgiving to all the Greeks on the campus and, perhaps, to one or two of the popular professors. No one ever mentioned it, but it was generally known on the

campus that the turkeys were stolen from neighboring farmers. Just a student prank, you know! Often those farmers would lose porch furniture that would turn up in the dormitories — student pranks, too! Well, the first year KDR was organized, we gave a turkey dinner to special faculty men and students, both organized and unorganized. This dinner served turkeys that we had bought; the first time this had happened, so it was said. That statement is borne out by the fact that when the attic of Painter Hall was cleaned out subsequently, they found it almost knee deep in turkey feathers; the accumulation of the results of several decades of turkey dinners!

One evening when my room-mate, Moody Holmes, and I were busy getting the next day's lessons, a Senior of Holmes' frat, burst into the room in a most bedraggled condition. He was caked with mud from head to foot. The sky was clear, but it had rained hard that day. Our visitor fell into a chair, and when we asked him about his condition, he said, "I've been lying out on the campus, watching the stars go 'round and 'round." He was only one of that fraternity,

who regularly got drunk, and about which nothing was ever done. Drunkenness was merely a laughing matter among the elite on the campus, you know.

One more incident will suffice to bring out the reason why we in the group planning KDR objected to the older frats. They spoke of fraternity and brotherhood, but acted as though those words could apply only to the select few. One of the leading Delta Kappa Epsilon Seniors invited me up to his room to talk about pledging to his organization. Instead, he promptly ordered me to take his rug out to beat it. I asked why I should do that. He answered, "Because you are a Freshman and I am a Senior!" I promptly informed him that I had come to college for an education and not to learn how to beat rugs! "If you think you have the right to give me orders like that, you are mistaken. Your having been born three or four years before me does not mean you can order me around like a slave." He spread around that I was too big for my britches. The other frats never approached me on the subject after that.

Hazing of Freshmen was common.



The Greeks were more inclined to be brutal in dealing with non-frat men, and saw nothing reprehensible in ganging up on a poor helpless Freshman. In class scraps, theoretically it was Freshmen against Sophomores, or vice-versa, but in fact the Greeks saw to it that the Greeks were the heroes of the fights.

In athletics, the discrimination against the Barbarians was obvious. Everything was run by the students, and the Greeks were in control. They hired and housed the seasonal coaches. The team Captains and student managers were chosen by the teams of each year for the following year, as well as the professional coaches, who came from the ranks of the teams of big schools. As a result, a mere handful of non-frat men made each year's athletic team. In my Junior year, two KDR men earned our letters in baseball. In football, it was harder. We were allowed on the squad, but, since in order to earn a football letter, a player had to play "At least one half of more than half of the scheduled games," it was obvious that the coach, manager and team Captain could determine who could qualify for the next year. In 1975, such con-

ditions seem like the product of a fevered mind, but I can swear that it is the truth.

Shaw's *History of Kappa Delta Rho* starts with a sketch by Kimball telling of our early days. He tells of the men who started out in 1904. By the Fall of 1905, Beecher and Coates had dropped out of Middlebury, Pierce Darrow went to Wesleyan College for a year and then to the Philippine Islands. Roy Wood dropped out of the group of founders after a stormy session, in which Wood tried to turn the frat into some sort of Y.M.C.A. We told him we had daily chapel, required church attendance on Sunday, and did not see what would be gained by having perpetual prayer meetings all week long. He never attended another meeting of our group, and I don't see how he can be called a founder.

Before closing these rambling remarks, I wish to correct Kimball's statement regarding our choice of the fraternity colors of orange and blue. Kimball was a voracious reader, and at that time he was fascinated by the history of the Dutch Republic, especially the stories of William of Orange. That made him think of the

color orange to go with the blue, which we had already chosen.

One other thing occurs to me: Kimball was the only man in college, when I got there, who did not have a scholarship. When President Brainerd offered him one, he turned it down, saying that he had ample means to pay for his own tuition. In a few years, the supply of scholarships gave out. I evidently came under the wire, just in time.

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*Sue O'Brien*

## 1975 Sweetheart

This year's sweetheart is the entry from Eta chapter, Miss Sue O'Brien, who amassed a total of 14 votes from the 14 chapters who participated in the balloting. Sue is a freshman at the University of Illinois, majoring in Interior Design. She is a Little Sister of Eta chapter and was named Miss Niles 1974 (Niles is a Chicago suburban community).

Runnerup Kathy Hart is Sigma's entry. She is a sophomore at Oregon State majoring in Elementary Education. She enjoys sewing and cooking, and is pinned to Dave Holman, Sigma Consul.

The 1975 contest was the most heavily represented in candidates. Voting was slower than usual, but at time of publication, these were the results: Sigma 10, Theta 2, Iota 3, Epsilon Alpha 2, Gamma Alpha 4, Rho 2, Zeta 5, Lambda 5, Nu 3, Eta 14, Psi 6.



*Kathy Hart*



# KDR well represented athletically at Colgate

Martin S. Erb, *Iota '72* and George Clemens, *Theta '52* have been appointed to prominent positions on the athletic staff at Colgate.



**George Clemens**, has joined the Varsity Football Staff as Chief Assistant Coach and coordinator for defense. Prior to his new responsibilities he had been Defensive Line Coach for Army (1973-74), Coordinator for Defense in Football and Head Baseball Coach at the University of Rochester (1969-72), Assistant Football Coach, Harvard (1968), First Assistant Football Coach, Boston College (1962-69) and Assistant Coach, University of Detroit (1960-62). While at the college level he has coached more than a dozen players who have graduated to professional football. He has defended nationally recognized teams such as Tennessee, Army, Navy, Penn State

and Miami. His defenses were instrumental in upsetting major powers and several long winning streaks were broken through his efforts. One of his high school teams (1952-60 period) was undefeated and unscored upon.

**Marty Erb**, currently Assistant Head Athletic Trainer and Instructor of Physical Education will assume the position of Head Trainer of Athletics in July 1975. Following graduation with a B.S. in Biology, he enrolled at Indiana University for his Master's in Athletic Training. He joined the Colgate staff in 1973. In addition to his teaching and athletic training responsibilities he works and speaks at sports clinics in the central New York area. He is a member of the National Athletic Trainers Association and the American College of Sports Medicine.



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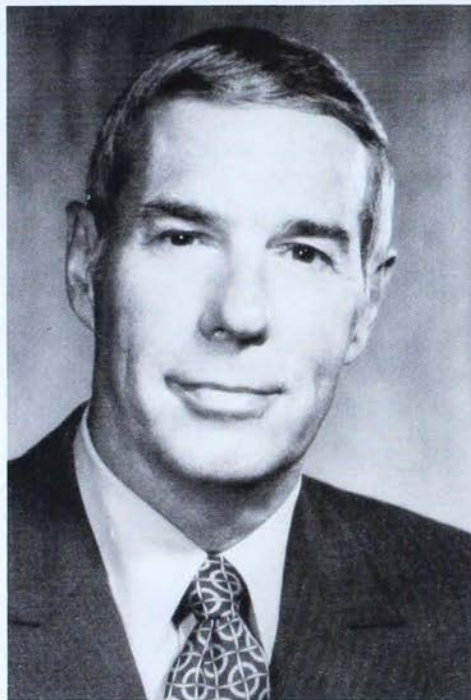
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J. W. Van Gorkum, Eta, '39, has been president of Trans Union Corporation since 1963. He has recently served as a member of the Advisory Council on Social Security, which was charged with making a comprehensive view of the system. He was chairman of the Subcommittee on Finance and this article grows out of his experience.

# The Social Security System

*J. W. Van Gorkum, Eta '39*

ABOUT 90% OF ALL WORKERS are covered by Social Security, and there are over 30 million persons drawing benefits today. Obviously the system is of vital importance to the nation. It is very discouraging, therefore, to read articles in the news media on Social Security which are so misleading and irresponsible. The subject is too complex to be covered in depth here, but I have endeavored to describe the basic elements of the system and to outline briefly the problems which it now faces.

Social Security is not financed in the same way as private pensions. In the case of the latter, premiums or contributions are collected during the life of a worker and they are invested in order to accumulate a fund from which benefits will ultimately be paid. Social Security operates on a "current cost" basis. No fund is created during the life of a worker, from which his benefits will be paid. The Social Se-

curity taxes paid in by workers today are immediately paid out in the form of benefits to those who are already retired or disabled.

The current cost method would be unacceptable for a private pension plan but it is a perfectly viable method for Social Security, because the government has the right to tax future generations of workers. Workers in the future cannot refuse to pay the necessary "premiums" in the form of taxes. In essence, the plan transfers money from one generation to another, with the amount taken from the one generation being measured largely by the older generation's benefit requirements.

Use of the current cost system does not make Social Security less sound than it would be if it were "funded." It is estimated that it would take between one and two trillion dollars to fund Social Security benefits. That money would be largely invested in



government bonds, and the value of government bonds depends upon the government's future taxing powers. This is the same kind of security that stands behind the system now.

Another little understood fact of the system is the weighting of the benefit structure. The Social Security tax is uniform for all workers, but the benefits are not equal. Persons with low average earnings receive a higher benefit in relation to the taxes they pay than do people with high wages. This represents society's effort to obtain a basic minimum benefit for the lower paid workers. Critics of Social Security sometimes say that it is financed by a regressive tax. Since the tax is uniform for rich and poor alike, the statement is true, but this regression is sharply offset by the very progressive nature of the benefits, and critics of the system are prone to overlook this fact. The weighting in favor of the low paid worker is very pronounced. On the first \$110.00 of average earnings, the retired person receives a benefit of 119.89 %. On the next \$290.00 of average earnings, the benefit falls to 44 %, and it goes down eventually to 20 % on wages in the highest bracket.

There are other aspects of the plan in which social goals have taken precedence over individual equity. For example, married and single workers pay the same tax, but the married man receives protection for his family as well as himself, while the other has no family.

Benefits are based on average wages and the tax paid is also based on wages. It can be said, therefore, that the benefits are "paid for" and are received as a matter of right; one does not need to prove that he needs the benefits in order to receive them. These are important characteristics of the system and have caused the worker-taxpayer to feel a real sense of responsibility for it.

From the very inception of Social Security, it was designed as only one part of a three-part system. Social Security is the wage-replacement part. Private resources is the second part and consists of both individual savings and private pensions. The third part is composed of welfare programs or "need" programs where benefits are paid only when need is established. Each of these parts is necessary to the total plan and each has a different function to fulfill. It is important to

remember that the Social Security system, itself, is not designed to provide adequate retirement for all workers. Some workers must also receive help from one of the other two parts of the plan.

The system does have a financial problem. Recently analysts have calculated that it faces an estimated, long-term, actuarial deficit of 6 % over the next 75 years. It must be emphasized that this deficit is based on forecasts of future changes in wages and prices and on the future birth rate of the nation. Obviously, any of these estimates could be far off the target because they are factors that cannot be known with any certainty for such a long period in advance. On the other hand, it can be said that there is as much reason to think that the deficit is understated as overstated.

The deficit really rises from two different causes and analysts, therefore, speak of a short-term deficit and a long-term deficit.

The short-term deficit is the more serious, because it requires an immediate response. Until 1972, Congress was accustomed to raising both the benefits and the related tax on an ad hoc basis whenever it thought such



action desirable. In 1972 it made a basic change in the law by providing that thereafter the benefits would rise automatically whenever the cost of living rose by 3 % or more. No action by Congress would be necessary to trigger this automatic rise.

At the time that Congress made this change, wages had shown an average rise of 4.5 % over the preceding 20 years, while the cost of living had shown a compounded rise of 2.3 % in the same period. With that kind of relationship between wages and prices, it was possible to allow the benefits to rise automatically with the cost of living without increasing the Social Security tax rate, because the correspondingly higher wage increases would produce the additional tax revenue needed to pay the increased benefits.

Unfortunately, the traditional wage and price relationship has been violently disrupted in the last two years and it is not expected to return to its historical relationship for several more years, if ever. During this period the automatic increases under the new law will cause the expenditures of the system (about \$75 billion per year and rising) to exceed its income, because

the benefits will be rising much faster than the tax receipts.

There is no immediate danger to retired persons, however, because the system has a kind of "emergency fund" of some \$45 billion from which it can continue to meet its obligations. In 1975 that fund will drop by about \$3 or \$4 billion. On the basis of present forecasts of wages and prices, however, this cash deficit is expected to increase each year, and by 1981 the fund will be exhausted. It is very clear, of course, that Congress will act long before that happens. It would never tolerate an interruption in the payment of benefits. Meanwhile, the Advisory Council has recommended that there be an immediate 1 % increase in the Social Security tax, such increase to be split evenly between the employee and the employer at .5 % each. This would prevent further erosion of the emergency fund. If the present long-range forecasts of wage increases at 6 % and price increases at 4 % are actually borne out, the tax rates will eventually have to rise significantly higher to accommodate the benefit structure.

The long-term deficit is another matter. It arises from changes in the

composition of population. After WW II, the birth rate rose sharply to a peak in 1957 and then came down gradually until the early 1970's. Recently it has dropped below the replacement rate and it is forecasted to continue falling for some years before it gradually works itself back to the replacement rate by the year 2000. If that rate forecast is borne out, the deficit will begin to grow substantially about the year 2005 and will require a large increase in the tax rates.

This longer-term deficit grows out of the fact that there were a large number of people born between 1945 and 1970, the so-called "war babies." In recent years they have constantly been increasing the working population as they came of age, and their additional tax payments have helped hold the cost of the system down. Starting about 2005, however, the situation will begin to reverse. Then the war babies will begin drawing benefits and the number of beneficiaries will grow very substantially in the succeeding years until all of them have become beneficiaries. In the meantime, because the birth rate after 1970 is projected to be at such a low level, there will be relatively few



taxpayers joining the work force, and this will produce an imbalance in the ratio between beneficiaries and workers. Today there are approximately 30 beneficiaries for every 100 workers, but by 2030 there will be 45 beneficiaries for every 100 workers.

This demographic factor, combined with the changing relationship between wages and prices, could eventually result in an increase in the Social Security tax rate of 200 % to 300 %.

I emphasize that it is extremely difficult to forecast birth rates because so many intangible factors are involved. However, there is enough evidence to cause serious concern about this future problem. In the meantime, there is the very real short-term problem and something will have to be done about it within the next two years.

Today the most serious controversy revolves around the use of general revenues to fund Social Security. Retirement and disability benefits have always been funded entirely by the Social Security tax on wages, and this has been considered a sound financing device because the benefits are geared to wages. Those persons who would finance a part of the system by the use of general revenues feel that the

benefits must be increased further but that the tax rate cannot be increased because it would produce an intolerable burden on the low wage earner.

Opponents of general revenues, of which I am one, believe that the problem should be solved by providing additional benefits to those who are in real need but providing such benefits *outside* of the Social Security System in a needs program. If general revenues are used in the system it will destroy the benefit-wage-tax relationship and this will seriously dilute the worker's sense of responsibility for the system. Use of general revenues will also lead eventually to a needs test, meaning you will have to demonstrate a need before you receive a part or all of your Social Security benefits. These two factors will destroy the system as we have known it.

There is no real reason to use general revenues in the Social Security system. If there are persons who do not receive adequate minimum support from Social Security and who have no private resources, then the third part of the plan, welfare or needs programs, should provide the difference. These latter programs are financed by general revenues and

should be. There is no reason to destroy the basic character of the Social Security system when the same goal can be accomplished by using general revenues in need programs.

The Advisory Council was generally well impressed by the caliber of the people who administer Social Security. They mail over 30 million checks a month and keep records on over 100 million people, all at a cost of less than 3 % of the tax receipts — a commendable performance.

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## Lost Alumni

DURING THE PAST SUMMER, the National office spent considerable time and money trying to locate lost alumni, with fair success. The alumni office of all institutions, where we have Chapters, was contacted, and we picked up a number of current addresses from that source. In other cases, we wrote parents for their son's current address, but we still have too many of our brothers who are "lost" from our address lists.

We are anxious to have current addresses for everyone, since the National has an obligation to send the *Quill & Scroll* to each brother for life. Please assist us in this endeavor!



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**SIGMA**

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**Gerd Hoeren** has been a very active member of the chapter, holding the following posts: Quaestor, Social Chairman, Scholarship Chairman, Rush Chairman, Custodian and Junior Tribune. His ideas and enthusiasm have been a tremendous asset to the house. His accumulated GPA is a 3.2. Gerd has been one of the top soccer players in intramurals. He will be married August 9th and has a job at graduation with Tektronics, Inc. as an engineer.

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**ALPHA**

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**John J. Kalbacher** was president of Alpha chapter and of the Interfraternity Council. Under his leadership the IFC grew from an unorganized collection of men into a unified body whose influence has become very powerful in student affairs. John was a member of the varsity football team for two years, as a starting defensive lineman. Among other activities he is

a member of the National Guard. He majored in Economics and plans a year off before continuing his education in the business field.

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**RHO**

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**Timothy T. Cooper** is an Economics major maintaining a 3.9 grade average and was elected to Phi Beta Kappa in his junior year. He has been a feature writer for the school newspaper, a member of Student Government, and a member of the Student Affairs and Academic Affairs Committees. He also served as House Treasurer and Song Leader. Future plans include attending Harvard Law School next year.

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**PSI**

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**Kenny McCabe** will be graduating from Lycoming with a B.A. in political science. Kenny starred as captain of Lycoming's football team and served one term as Vice-Presi-

dent of Psi. His long range goal in life is to work for the F.B.I. He will be entering the Marine Corps in August for a twelve week period of basic training in Officers Training School after which he will serve a two and a half year hitch as a second lieutenant. He plans on using this as a stepping stone towards his goal of working for the F.B.I.

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**OMEGA**

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**Robert W. Dantonio** is an accounting major in the School of Business at Indiana University of Pennsylvania. Robert comes from Aston, Pennsylvania, which has been the root of his nickname in that most brothers and alumni know him as; "Aston." He has served as house-manager, vice-president, and pledge-master for Omega during five semesters. He has been active in many intramural sports including football, soccer, and billiards. Aston hopes to secure a job in the corporate accounting field after graduation this spring.

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**ETA**

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**Steven Gary Arnold** from Rock Island, Illinois, has been selected as Outstanding Senior for the 1974-75 academic year. He majored in Business Administration and is currently looking for a job in the systems analysis field. While at Eta he served in the capacity of Social Chairman, Custodian, Senior Tribune, and Consul. Acting as coach and captain, he led the house football team to an undefeated season and the small house intramural championship. In addition, he served on the University of Illinois Interfraternity Council.

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**NU**

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**John Myers** is majoring in History with hopes of entering law school in the fall of 1976. He plans to find a job as a sales representative for a firm in Fort Wayne, Indiana.

John has served as Senior Tribune for two years at Nu Chapter, as well as holding other minor house offices. The rush program has been very suc-

## 1975's Outstanding Seniors



J. J. Kalbacher



Steve Arnold



Kenny McCabe



Timothy Cooper



Mark Adamiak



Joseph Ruff, Jr.



John Myers



Steve Woodman



cessful under his leadership. He was also voted the most outstanding active in the 1973-74 school year.

As a Sophomore, he was a committee chairman for the I.U. Student Athletic Board. John was also active in the I.F.C. rush Committee as a Junior, as well as serving two years as an I.U. Foundation member.

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### —THETA—

**Joseph E. Ruff, Jr.** will graduate from Purdue University next December with a BS degree in Supervisory Management Technology. His future plans include work and possibly a masters degree in Business Ad-

ministration. Since becoming a brother in Kappa Delta Rho, he has served as steward, rush chairman, Sr. Tribune and Consul of Theta Chapter. This past year he has also served as president of Purdue's Chapter of the American Society of Training and Development.

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### —BETA—

**Mark Adamiak** is a senior in the school of Electrical Engineering, majoring in power engineering. A Dean's List student, he is a member of Eta Kappa Nu; I.E.E.E. (student branch), and is a co-op student on a work-

study program with American Electric Power. He was active in the marching band. A rank leader in his senior year, he is a member of the band honorary and holds the position of awards chairman. He was a Junior Representative on the steering committee of the IFC in his sophomore year. He plans to return to Cornell for his Masters degree and hopes to work in power system design.

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### —ZETA—

**Steve Woodman** has accomplished many tasks which have improved KDR's reputation at Penn State.

Through these accomplishments he became one of the most respected brothers in the chapter.

While Steve was pledging in Winter of 1973 he was chairman of Zeta's victorious efforts in the IFC dance marathon. In the Fall of 1974 he served as rush chairman and brought Zeta seventeen acceptances. He also served as Junior Tribune for these acceptances during Winter term.

Upon graduation in May Steve will be employed by Armstrong Cork Co. He will start in a sales training program at Armstrong Manor in Lancaster, Pa. The brothers of Zeta believe that Steve has done a great service for Zeta chapter and KDR.

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## Alumni Worldwide

### Wilfred P. Allard

*Gamma '35* retired in December 1972 after serving 28 years overseas and in Washington, D.C. with the Department of State. His last overseas assignments were as Cultural Attache in Kuala Lumpur, Saigon and Vientiane. (Some of you may remember his series of 2 articles in our May and September 1963 issues). Since retirement he has been escort-interpreter for international visitors from Latin America invited by the Department of State to visit this country and confer with Americans in their field of special action. A recent assignment under the aegis of an American firm under contract with the Algerian government brought him to Algiers to help select 80 students for placement in

American Universities in the field of engineering. He will return to Algeria in July to select an additional 200 students after a 6-week visit to Hong Kong and the People's Republic of China. A married daughter lives in Peking where her husband is the Deputy Trade Commissioner for the Canadian Embassy.



**Capt. George R. Bailey**

*Rho '68* recently graduated from pilot training at Sheppard AFB, Texas. He received the Academic Trophy for attaining the highest grade average in the academic portion of the course which included airmanship,

aerospace physiology, principles of flight, navigation and meteorology. He is being assigned to Travis AFB for training in the KC-135 Stratotanker.

### John B. Hoben

*Delta '30* former National Director, privately published a new, 56 page book of poems, entitled "Cockleshells". This is his third volume in the past ten years. It may be purchased from the Colgate bookstore at \$2.95.

### Ellsworth P. Johnson

*Delta '44* has joined Crozier Brothers, Inc., White Plains, as Representative for commercial account development.

A resident of White Plains since 1928, Brother Johnson is a member of the Church-in-the-Highlands, White Plains University Club, Board member United Way of White



Plains, and Falcon Chapter Air Force Association. He was Manager Marketing/Sales Alrac Corp., Stamford, Conn. before joining Crozier Brothers. Prior to that he was Manager of the Ban-Lon Hosiery Licensing program, Indian Head, Inc., N.Y.C.

#### **"Joe" Lasher**

*Beta '39* since retiring from the USAF in 1967 has been working as County Veterinarian in Broward County, Florida. His home is in Pompano Beach and he hopes any Beta alumni coming to Florida will give him a call.

#### **William Levett**

*Delta '20* has just retired from the ITT headquarters legal department in New York after more than 31 years with the company and over 46 years in the practice of law.

#### **Robert W. Luzadder**

*Nu '60* recently was promoted to wire editor of *The News-Sentinel* in Fort Wayne, IN. He has served the newspaper for over 11 years and in addition to his new duties, he will continue to write his travel column, "Aside Trips". Brother Luzadder is a member of the Midwest Travel Writers Association.

#### **Dr. Ben W. Miller**

*Nu '31* Professor of Kinesiology, University of California, Los Angeles Campus, has been granted The Distinguished Service Award of the International Relations Council of the American Alliance for Health, Physical Education, and Recreation "For significant achievement in International Affairs which has brought Distinction and Special Recognition to Physical Education."

He was named in April 1975 to the Nominations Board and also elected Vice Chairman of the Board of Governors of the recently inaugurated California Distinguished Award Foundation, a non-profit organization and state-wide shrine honoring all kinds of distinguished service to California (the original domain, or the State).

#### **Howard G. Neuberg**

*Eta '52* has been working as Press Officer of the American Consulate General in Rio de Janeiro.

#### **Robert E. Schweitzer**

*Nu '64* is a consultant to the Indiana State Department of Public Education. He is also a church choir director and is active in the Indiana State Teachers Association and the National Education Association.

#### **John F. Webster**

*Omega '63* received his PhD from the University of Pittsburgh on April 27, 1975, in the Graduate School of Business.

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## **Chapter Eternal**

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#### **Paul C. Bennett**

*Nu '44*

#### **Harold Crounse**

*Gamma '28* suddenly in November of 1973

#### **Everett Hess**

*Pi '28* on March 13, 1975 at Coral Gables, Florida.

#### **Kenneth L. Kimmel**

*Theta '40*. President of E. W. Ensroth Co., Warren, MI., ventilating contractors, died January 12, 1975. He was a member of the Purdue Club of Detroit and the John Purdue Club. He leaves his widow, two sons and a daughter.

#### **Henry L. Letherman**

*Nu '46* passed away September 11, 1974 at his home in Hammond, IN. Brother Letherman had an intermittent Residency in the Calumet area for the past 35 years. During a residency in Lang Horne Manor, Pennsylvania, he served on the School Board and Library Board of that Community. He was a member of the National Safety Congress; was a former employee of Gary Works of United States Steel Corporation.

#### **Dr. Harold M. Osborn**

*Eta '22*. An active supporter of Illinois track, Dr. Osborn gained worldwide recognition last September when he was enshrined as a charter member of the Track and Field Hall of Fame, along with Jessie Owens.

Last June, Dr. Osborn was honored at the 50th anniversary of the Tailteann Games in Dublin, Ireland. In 1924 he competed in the Olympic games in Paris before traveling to prestigious games in Ireland.

In the 1924 Olympics, Dr. Osborn became the only athlete in the history of the games to win an individual event (high jump) in addition to the decathlon. He set an Olympic record in the high jump with a leap of 6 feet, 6 inches, and he won the decathlon with a world and Olympic record of 7,710.773 points (6,877 under the modern scoring system.)



It was at that year's Olympics that Dr. Osborn provided the University of Illinois with its brightest achievements, accounting for 35 points in the unofficial scoring system, more than any other school. He remains the only athlete to win both the decathlon and an individual title.

In the 1928 Olympics, he tied for the silver medal in the high jump.

Dr. Osborn's list of track achievements is endless. From 1917 through 1939, a span of 22 competitive years, he participated in 35 AAU championships—track and field, decathlon and pentathlon. Continuing his competition after leaving the UI, Dr. Osborn held six world records, two Olympic championships, 20 American titles and one British, two Canadian and several European championships.

While a member of the Illini track team, he helped the UI win indoor and outdoor Big 10 crowns in 1920-21-22.

Before departing for Dublin last June, Dr. Osborn said his proudest achievement throughout his illustrious track and field career was winning the gold medal in the 1924 Olympics decathlon event with a mark that stood until 1936.

From 1922 to 1933 Dr. Osborn was a coach and teacher at Champaign High School, and he had been an osteopathic physician since 1937. During the 1940s he was an assistant UI track coach.

Dr. Osborn was an elder at the First Presbyterian Church in Champaign, and he served as advisor of Eta chapter, Kappa Delta Rho fraternity since 1941. He was a member of Sachem, the Tribe of Illini, and the I-Men's Association. He was also a member of the UI Athletic Association and the U.S. Olympic Society.

Dr. Osborn was a member and past president of the Midwest Olympians. He was elected to the Helms Hall of Fame in 1956, and in 1959 he was inducted into the Drake Relays Hall of Fame.

He was a past president of the Illinois Osteopathic Association. He was an active Mason, a member of the Osage Archery Club, and for the last three years, president of the Eta Alumni Corporation.

### **Paul R. Owens**

*Zeta '25* on March 15, 1975 of malignant lymphoma at El Paso hospital, New Mexico. From 1938 to 1967 he had owned and operated the Paul Owens Floral Co., Grand Forks, N.D. In the latter year he moved his family to Deming, N. M. where, although supposedly retired, he worked in the Holdredge Home Furniture Store. An avid gardener, he made the desert bloom each year, on his one acre plot. In both S. D. and N. M. he was an active member of Kiwanis and the Masons.

### **Richard "Bud" Price**

*Lambda '41* a native of Chico, CA and a well-known insurance agent and financial planning consultant, died of cancer recently at his home. He majored in music and earned an associate arts degree at Chico State University before attending UC, where he majored in economics and graduated with a BS. He was first trumpeter for the UC band. He joined the Army Air Corps in 1942, was commissioned a pilot and served as flight instructor until his discharge. He was involved in many community and fraternal

activities, serving as Chico City councilman, vice-mayor, member of the Chico Airport Commission, Recreation Commission; past president Chamber of Commerce and the Chico 20-30 Club. A member of the Elks, American Legion, Rotary, and a 32nd Degree Mason, he still found time for an active interest in Boy Scouts, serving as cubmaster, scoutmaster and advisor. He won the highest adult scout honor, the Silver Beaver and was a past vice president of the Mt. Lassen Area Council.

### **Robert E. Shaw**

*Eta '27* President of Authorized Supply Co., Los Angeles, CA, died on April 1, 1975 after a very brief illness.

### **Merritt G. Smalley, Jr.**

*Lambda '50*

### **Ernest F. Staub**

*Delta '27* a former partner in the law firm of Schumacher, Gilmore, Staub, Wade & Jones in Chicago, passed away December 30, 1974. He had received his law degree from Columbia in 1930. A Navy veteran (1943-45), he served as Director of the Colgate Alumni Corporation (1951-54) and as an alumni trustee (1957-63). Colgate awarded him a Maroon citation in 1956 for his work in student recruitment and development. Active in his community, he was president of the Glencoe board of education 1959-62 and of the Skokie Country Club.

### **Ralph Way**

*Rho '23* on February 21, 1974



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### Zeta Marathon Winner

The Interfraternity Dance Marathon at Penn State was again won by Zeta chapter, for the second year in a row. The annual affair raised \$10,800 for Easter Seals surpassing last year's mark by about \$800. Of the 37 couples who started, only 10 survived the 48 hour grind; including Budman (Gus Mittaga, Zeta '73) and Robin, a sister at Delta Delta Delta.

The fraternity is now financially stable with the advent of better management and greater numbers. The physical plant has been greatly improved with the help of \$27,000 from the Alumni Association plus hard work by the membership. In the fall the house should be at capacity with most probably a waiting list.

### Nu Again A Power

This year has seen a remarkable rise in Nu Chapter which is again asserting itself as a campus power. Through hard work by all of the brothers our rush program has proven itself. This year Nu Chapter has doubled its size and by the fall semester of next year, the house should be near capacity.

Campus activities, scholastic achievement and intra-murals have played a large role in Nu's success. Nu Chapter has

men on the I. U. Student Foundation, Student Athletic Board, Union Board and many involved with Greek activities and Inter Fraternity Council. Nu Chapter boasts one of the highest academic averages on campus. Our intramural teams ranked at the top in their respective leagues. The Little 500 Bike Team qualified for the race for the first time in three years, as our Regatta Team proved to be one of the best 10 teams in the race.

This year's social picture saw many events. Participation in Homecoming, and Little 500 gave Nu the opportunity to inter-act with many of the sororities on our campus. This past Spring the chapter initiated the best group of Little Sisters that any house could ever ask for.

There is a feeling that Nu Chapter is back at the top where it belongs on campus. All are anxiously awaiting next year and hoping that it brings the great success enjoyed this year.

### Record-Holder A Scholar at Omega

*The following newspaper article about Kim Burke, Omega's Treasurer, appeared in a local paper:*

#### Kim Burke Burns Up IUP Track, Books

Most people enjoy a brisk walk through the woods, some people enjoy a brisk run through the woods, but running 15 miles every day would be a little too much for

most persons, especially a college student who has maintained close to a perfect straight A average in the classroom.

Kim Burke, a sophomore social science education major at IUP, runs between 10 and 15 miles every day. He claims that, at times, running becomes "almost an obsession" with him.

"I think it's aesthetically very pleasing to run through the woods on a spring day," he said. "It's the kind of thing you can't let up on if you want to be good."

Kim is a member of the Big Indian track and cross country teams. Last month he broke the IUP record for the three mile run with a time of 14 minutes and 30 seconds. The record, previously held by Jake Sorg since 1972, was 14 minutes 34 seconds.

During track season Kim practices an average of two and one-half hours per day. With that kind of a time investment in running, it seems his studies should suffer.

But Kim has managed to maintain a 3.80 out of a possible 4.0 grade point average at IUP. That's the second highest average among all IUP athletes, topped only by the 3.86 of baseball pitcher Craig Stabler. In spite of his love for running, his studies still come first.

"When it comes down to a choice between school and athletics, I always put my studies first," he said. "I hate to lose or be second in anything, so I always put



the same amount of energy into my schoolwork as I do into my running."

After he graduates from IUP, Kim would like to attend law school. He is thinking of applying to Harvard or Yale. "My first choice right now is law school, but high school teaching and coaching also interest me," he said. "I'm leaving the door open for many different kinds of career opportunities."

As a social science major with a concentrate in political science, Kim stated that he is "keeping a careful eye on the political scene" and might someday be interested in running for an elective office.

Kim was a cross country star during his years at Avalon High School. In the fall of 1972 he was on the state championship cross country team. He finished second in the WPIAL in the two-mile run.

During his college career, he ran in the national cross country championship in Salina, Kansas, in 1974 and competed in the national indoor track championships in Greensboro, North Carolina, this past February.

Kim has nothing but praise for the coaching staff at IUP, "Coach (Dr. Lou) Sutton does an excellent job of recruiting from the high schools," he said. "We're really getting some talented people here at IUP that I'm surprised haven't been scooped up by a school that can afford to hand out scholarships."

Kim credits Ed Fry, an assistant track coach at IUP, with the development of

the distance running program. "Even though he's 34 years old," said Kim, "he runs with us at every practice—and beats us all. He's been a real inspiration to me and is definitely one of the reasons why I've worked as hard as I have up here."

In addition to his studies and running, Kim is treasurer of Kappa Delta Rho fraternity and works part-time as a student supervisor for the IUP Intramural Office. Although all these activities leave him with very little free time, he enjoys staying "as busy as possible."

As a runner, Kim's goals are not aimed at breaking records or making headlines.

"Sure I'd like to be an All-American. Wouldn't anybody?" he remarked. "But my real goal is to just keep getting better. As long as I'm improving, I'll be satisfied. Records are really kind of irrelevant."

With two years left in his college career, Kim has a lot of time to work on improving his running. But, unlike many athletes who devote themselves totally to their sport, Kim can also take a great deal of pride in his academic record, which is one that most students with more time to devote to their studies haven't been able to attain.

## 21 Initiates At Beta

Beta chapter has had an active year despite having a relatively small number of brothers living in the house. Fall

semester saw the annual Parents Weekend tradition revived along with Homecoming, with 26 alumni with their wives returning to the active chapter to enjoy dinner with the brothers. Informal fall rush saw Beta participating in smokers, dinners and pizza parties. The annual Christmas party and finals closed out the semester.

During the month-long vacation, many of the brothers were able to get together in Philadelphia and New York City for New Year's Eve; in New York City for the ECAC Hockey Tournament (which Cornell won); in Boston for the Cornell-Harvard hockey game; and in Sugarbush, Vermont for a week of skiing. After vacation, the brothers were ready for formal rush, which found 21 new men initiated in late April. Among pledging activities, there were two pledge hockey games, a pledge party and a semi-formal initiation party. To meet the new pledges, alumni were invited to a Pledge-Alumni dinner planned by the pledges, which was extremely successful. In intramural sports, the house fielded active (and sometimes successful) teams in bowling, basketball, volleyball, hockey, football, and horse-shoes. Besides the three big weekends (Fall, Winter, and Spring), the house also sponsored two very successful mixers.

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