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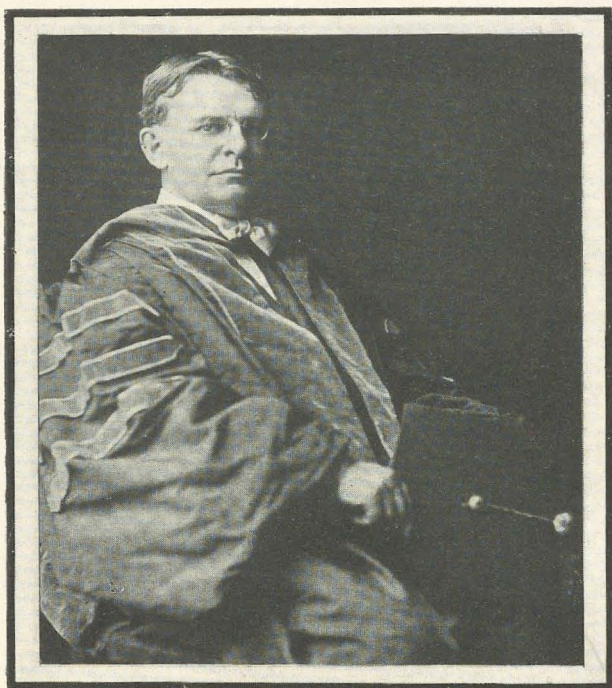
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*FRATERNITIES AND SORORITIES IN STATE UNIVERSITIES**

IF I had been alive one hundred years ago as the head of an institution of learning, and if I could have foreseen exactly what the influence of fraternities would be, as we have them today, I should have opposed very earnestly the organization of the American college fraternity system."

The sentence just uttered is a quotation from my first annual report to my board of trustees eight years ago. It was a particularly dangerous thing for me to say. Miami University had given birth to three great national fraternities, and I might have anticipated the protests which reached me after the enterprising newspapers had given the utterance publicity. At that time I defended the position I had taken with what then seemed to me to be unanswerable arguments. The excuse I plead for beginning with this pronounced personal reference is that I am supporting an entirely different proposition today, and I would not have you excuse my seeming inconsistency on the ground of my forgetfulness. As a fraternity man, I laid myself open to indictment for treason against the system by the position assumed in that report, and I do not wish to add to the obloquy of nineteen hundred and three an arraignment for cowardice in nineteen hundred and ten.

Seventen years had passed since my own college days when I assumed the obligations of my present position, and during that time I had been connected with institutions where college

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fraternities were under the ban. Coming back into a college strong in its fraternity life, I found myself, that first year, making hasty contrasts all favorable to the non-fraternity college. I understand very well in confessing these hasty conclusions that I make admission of having assumed an attitude directly contrary to that taken by the true scholar. The modern specialist of the highest type of excellence is the one who holds himself open to conviction. The real scholar is willing to surrender preconceived judgments when, having sought for the truth, he finds them to be wrong. The best atonement I can make for the superficial conclusions of that first year, is to declare, in this presence, that since then I have applied the same tests in studying the college fraternity problem as I employed in my own library, to work out problems having to do with the line of specialization I had chosen for myself before ever thinking of a college presidency. By using the scholar's method I have reached a somewhat different conclusion, and I desire, now, to offer it as my testimony that the college fraternity has been to me a strong arm of power, a forceful ally in maintaining institutional ideals.

The problem confronting all institutions in reference to the American college fraternity system at this time is not a problem of elimination but of utilization. The Greek-letter fraternity has been so long a part of college life in America, and most of our leading colleges and universities are so thoroughly ramified with fraternity customs, that, for any one institution to essay the role of the fraternity iconoclast would be to attempt the destruction of much that is best in the sacred traditions of that particular college.

Approaching the study of this question in the spirit of investigators, let us first of all discover, if we may, the objectionable accessories of the fraternity system, and then set over against these their neutralizing influences—those forces which may be employed for the destruction of the bad features, and with them all the possibilities of good in fraternity life.

There are some universal college standards. I take it that

all colleges recognize the necessity of a high requirement of scholarship. That there are forces working against good scholarship in many fraternities must be apparent to all who are not blind, and there are none so blind as those who will not see. The college fraternity as it exists today is a product of evolution. In earlier years, those who belonged to a fraternity were wont to meet in the academic groves after night had fallen, or under cover if absolute secrecy in the room of some student. Later it was the custom to rent a hall, high up in some business block of the college-town. And now we have the modern chapter house as an expression of the highest conception of fraternity dignity. The national conventions of all the great fraternities are urging the fraternity house as an evidence of the thrift necessary to guarantee the respect of the college world. The fraternity house may be, and frequently is, hostile to the formation of right habits of study, and in some instances it is a formidable hindrance to the development of real scholarship. The menace of the mob often finds its best exemplification in the modern fraternity chapter house. The destructive power of a crowd can hardly be over-estimated in its possibilities for injury to him who needs to form habits of concentration,—and in the fraternity house there is always a crowd. The “ragtime” piano is omnipresent and ubiquitous. The gossip corner has attractions hard for the curious young man to resist. The table of the gaming-room lures him who should find the way to his study.

Not only may the fraternity house prove disastrous to standards of scholarship, but too often it shows itself unfriendly to the lofty ideals of morality which should obtain in college life. None will be so bold as to deny the degrading influences attendant, as a natural consequence, upon a houseful of men only. No one of clear vision wants the college man to run to the softness which effeminacy begets. We want a virle manhood in the next generation, but it must be a manhood that is not coarse or vulgar or brutal. The youth who feels no restraint of modesty upon him will hardly develop those finer feelings

which produce the real gentleman. The young man, with no compunctions of propriety, will be the swaggering man who defies the conventions of tomorrow. Lack of true refinement is worse even than masculine prudery. The boy who goes to college clean of heart and pure of speech is bound to be affected by daily contact with men who feel no necessity for checking the stream of foulness and profanity which flows from impure hearts through unclean lips.

A fraternity house where the universal standard of morality is not high certainly does not compare favorably as an elevating influence on student life with the old-fashioned home, and I have sometimes wished we might substitute for the modern fraternity house, where the evils of the ancient dormitory are often accentuated, the rooming-house of other days. There, from one to four students had their rooms with some good family, and the retaining and refining influences of the mother and the daughters in the home placed the young men under the constant necessity of deporting themselves according to the requirements of the highest propriety.

It is doubtful if there are any colleges or universities whose authorities would care to encourage the formation of the drink habit, and yet there are chapters of college fraternities that make both drinking and gambling easy to learn. It is pleasing to record the fact that there are some great fraternities which put the seal of disapproval upon the use of intoxicants. In recent years I have been a guest at the conventions of two prominent American fraternities. In one of these conventions I was pleased to hear the national president, in announcing the banquet to be held in the evening, say: "It is against the law of the fraternity to serve liquors of any sort at our banquets, and we shall consider any brother who orders drinks on the side as guilty of an offense against every individual member, and as offending against the ideals of the fraternity at large." In the other convention there was entire absence of intoxicants from the banqueting hall, and I was told that the same law obtained.

Ill health is immorality, and fraternity men, correct in other respects, are often immoral because they violate the laws of health. I call to mind a chapter of a certain fraternity in which six years ago, one member became the victim of tuberculosis. Since that time three other promising young men of the same chapter have fallen prey to the dread disease. The members, insisting that something was wrong with the house in which they lived, sought other quarters. In the process of fumigating the house lately occupied by this organization, the hot-air pipes were taken down, and more than a half bushel of cigar stubs, cigarette butts, and evaporated tobacco quids were removed from these pipes. For five years the men of that chapter had been expectorating and throwing the unsmoked sections of their smoking material through the radiator grating of their living room into these pipes. Does any one wonder, when the furnace was heated during the winter and the fumes thrown up by the hot air permeated the house, that others were infected with the tubercular bequeathed by the first victim and his successors?

There are also particular standards, both of scholarship and morality, which are the property of certain institutions in addition to the universal standards common to all. While all self-respecting institutions insist upon high standards of scholarship and morality, there are those built on certain foundations and fostered by certain influences which have standards exclusively their own. Some of these, for instance, forbid the use of tobacco in any form. Personally, I feel that an institution which places the same penalty upon the user of tobacco as it put upon him who uses strong drink breaks down all distinctions and says to the student, in substance, that the tobacco habit is as bad as the drink habit, an assertion, I dare say, to which few of us would care to subscribe. My opinion, however, or the opinion of any one else not connected with such an institution, is entirely beside the point. The universal standards should be respected. A particular standard should be respected by all those who voluntarily associate

themselves with the institution where this particular standard obtains. The question of concern is, can the college fraternity be made an ally in maintaining institutional standards, both universal and particular? The answer coming out of my own observation is an unqualified affirmative.

Once more, at the risk of bad taste in giving conclusions reached as the result of personal experience, let me say that I have found the fraternity a most potent factor in maintaining standards, both of scholarship and morality. There is no body in the world so easily controlled as a company of college students when rightly approached. The upper classmen among undergraduates, when appealed to by those in authority to see to it that the men in the entering classes take high rank in scholarship and that they maintain a character which shall command respect, will make answer to that appeal in labors of most effective compulsion upon their younger brothers. There is no man so gracious and courteous as a fraternity upper classman during the rushing season: there is no superior so hard on the subaltern as this same fraternity upper classman when he seeks to impress it upon the neophyte that he has united with an organization which expects great things of him. The upper classman can crack the whip over the willing slave below with more effectiveness than could the most accomplished taskmasters among the college professors of the olden day. The victim of the whip looks forward to the day when he may wield it over the luckless ones who are to be his successors. Thus the precedent of upper class supervision once established is forever secure, and that to the great advantage of the organizations concerned when their members make answer in the classroom.

In an institution with which I have some acquaintance, the older men of the fraternity have one of their number appointed whose business it is to call regularly upon the registrar for reports as to the class standing of all their members. These reports are presented at the fraternity meetings and the student not up to grade is handled without tenderness. It is the custom of the dean of the undergraduate college in the institution

to report to the officer of each fraternity, at the beginning of a new semester, the relative standing of his fraternity as compared with the other fraternities of the institution. A report, for instance, was given to the supervising officer of one fraternity to this effect: "Your rank in scholarship, as compared with that of other fraternities last semester, was the lowest in the institution." No one fraternity knows what the standing of another fraternity is, but there is always cause for congratulation and there is increased incentive to excellence when the report reaches any meeting, saying this fraternity stood highest among all during the preceding period. When the report is medium or low, there is also incentive, even though it be the incentive of humiliation to put forth greater efforts for a better ranking.

The fraternity, too, is a most important factor in holding the student to his original purpose in completing his college course. To my personal knowledge, it has often happened that a student has entered upon an undergraduate course of study expecting to be in this line of work for one year perhaps, or at most for two, and by the influence of teachers, insufficient alone but potent when exercised through upper class fraternity brothers, many of these young men have completed the requirements for the baccalaureate degree.

The athletic incentive also is to be reckoned with. No fraternity, with any sense of pride, is willing that men of athletic prowess or promise among its membership should be deprived of the privilege of representing that fraternity with distinction upon the gridiron, the diamond or the track. Knowing full well that excellence of scholarship and character are the necessary credentials for entrance to all these contests, every fraternity is spurred to the highest endeavor in encouraging its athletes to "make good" both in scholarship and in character.

The fraternity, through the influence of the upper classmen exerted upon the lower classmen, is a mighty force leading in the direction of complete self-government. A few years ago, the representatives of the local chapter of a fraternity enjoying high national standing came to me with the information that

one of their members had been guilty of gross immorality. They asked the privilege of dealing with him themselves. The permission was granted. He was told that he must leave college at once or be expelled from the fraternity. He choose the former alternative and the authorities of the college were saved the necessity of action. This same chapter has since pursued a similar course with other violators of the college standards. To say that they go up and down the walks of the campus and in and out of college halls with a consciousness of manly self-respect unknown to those who deport themselves properly simply to avoid the penalties of the institution, is to fail to give full expression to the manifest manliness of spirit ever shown by the men of that fraternity.

College fraternities become allies in maintaining institutional standards through the connection therewith of professors who belong to the various fraternities in a given institution. No political party ever pointed with greater pride to its record than do the active members of a fraternity to the prominent members of the faculty as having membership in their organizations. Professors and instructors are always welcome guests at fraternity houses and meetings, and their friendly advice tactfully given is willingly received and effectively applied. Then the alumni of the institution who are fraternity men have a never-ending pride in the organization to which they belonged in college, and are a strong influence in securing results in scholarship and character which conform to the universal and particular standards honored by the authorities of *alma mater*. Once and only once, have I known the undergraduates to take issue with their alumni, and the issue as taken was most gratifying to those of us who were anxious to maintain high standards of morality in that institution. The chapter in mind had adopted, voluntarily, a rule forbidding the use of intoxicants in any form in the fraternity house. On the occasion of a reunion, a few former members came back, bringing with them dress-suit cases loaded with questionable drinkables. The first visitor to open his case for the distribution of its contents was politely informed by an

undergraduate member that he was violating the rules of the chapter. Utterly abashed, with blushing face and stammering tongue, he said it was not against the rule in his day. He was told that we live in an age of progress, that that chapter was not composed of moral "standpatters," that it *was* against the rule in this latter day, and that he would be offering open insult to the active chapter in thus attempting to do violence to its standards. He closed his case. None of the others were opened, and later the large body of the alumni of that chapter placed the seal of enthusiastic approval upon their successors for the establishment of this newer and better principle.

I know of an institution where moral and religious excellence is a matter of rivalry between the several fraternities located there. Regular and systematic study of the Bible, under competent leadership, in all the fraternity houses has made every organization a puissant agent in promulgating and establishing a larger respect for healthy and holy living.

But, you say that all that is possible to be secured through a national fraternity as an ally in maintaining institutional standards might be secured through the clubs or literary societies of those institutions which forbid the existence in their midst of national Greek-letter societies. True, the appeal through the club and society of local character may be made, as in the national fraternity, through the upper classmen, through professors who are members and through the alumni of the institution, but there the parallel of possibilities ends. The national fraternity, by very reason of its national character, has a grip that no local organization or club of any character whatsoever can exert. The Greek-letter fraternity which cannot be reached in the appeal made to it to become an ally in maintaining institutional standards, through upper classmen, through professors or through its own alumni, can be reached by an appeal to the alumni of the fraternity at large outside of the particular institution involved. It is a well known fact that every Greek-letter fraternity making any pretensions whatever to national quality insists that universal standards of scholarship and morality, as well as particular standards,

shall be observed by its active members in the institutions in which its chapters may exist. Only very recently a fraternity of national prominence, through its general officers, gave its chapter, in one of the greatest universities in America a limit of two weeks to fall in line with the requirements of that institution, under penalty of having its charter withdrawn for failure to comply at the expiration of the time. No such strength of appeal can be made by undergraduates, teachers or alumni of a given institution, through local club or society, as can be made by a fraternity of national character when its desires are made known.

Every great national fraternity gives its endorsement to the particular as well as to the universal standards of American colleges. Many of the leading Greek-letter societies have gone on record by national enactment, as favoring the honor-system in class-room, in examination and in general conduct. More than that, by legislative enactment many national fraternities have impressed the importance of standards by adopting systems of reports on scholarship that all their chapters are required to make with regularity. The leading American college fraternities have devised or are devising methods of supervision over the undergraduates which shall enable the president, deans and class officers in all our state universities to see the fulfillment of their desires in scholarship and character.

Admitting all the possibilities of evil present wherever groups of men exist, it must in the same breath be admitted that these evils are not confined to the groups commonly known as Greek-letter college fraternities. Man is a social being. He is bound to find companionship. Congenial friends will flock together, and wherever they gather the possibilities of evil are present, whether they call themselves club or society or fraternity. The possibilities of evil may be neutralized by the co-operation of the college authorities and fraternity officials, professors, alumni and upper classmen in a national organization as cannot possibly be done with the same effectiveness in an organization purely local.

The one obstacle in the way of making the fraternity entirely

ideal in maintaining institutional standards is the fact that all men in college do not belong to fraternities. If every student could find his way into such a group, we should have in these organizations combined, an ally of great influence in maintaining institutional standards. No crowd so appeals to my sympathy as that great unorganized, heterogeneous mass called in the parlance of the campus "the barbs." My heart often bleeds in pity for the non-fraternity man, because, in many instances, some one has been chosen to fraternity membership for purely adventitious reasons who is far his inferior. The man who feels himself worthy of a place in a fraternity, and who remains uninvited outside the pale, often becomes so disgruntled and sour during undergraduate days that he lays the foundation for a future which marks him as an obstructive cynic. It is not much wonder that these neglected outsiders, usually in the majority, should gather themselves together in loosely-bound organizations of questionable ideals, to control the politics of an institution, thus exerting an influence inimical to all that is best in institutional life. The non-fraternity man enjoys all the advantages which come to a fraternity man save one, and that is the vital one to the collegian. He may have offices and honors in both athletics and scholarship, but social privileges, as a rule, are denied him. A fraternity pin is a badge of admission to social circles which gives to its wearer the love and confidence of womankind denied to the man without this credential, and the life of the non-fraternity man is embittered because of a distinction that seems to him utterly bad in its artificiality.

A distinguished state university president has said that it might be possible to make the college fraternity unnecessary. I am hoping that the institution which has given birth to three great American Greek-letter college fraternities may establish a new precedent. I want that institution, by the perfection of a new organization recently founded, to make it possible for every man who enters its student body to find his way to membership in a company of congenial and helpful men. When every student has membership in a group of national affiliation,

guaranteeing to him all the high privileges which are the inalienable rights of college students, not excepting those of the social circle, I shall write another report, and at its beginning and its conclusion I shall say: "If I had been alive one hundred years ago as the head of an institution of learning, and if I could have foreseen exactly all the splendid possibilities of fraternities, I should have encouraged, with all earnestness, the organization of the American college fraternity system."

If in this paper I have spoken repeatedly of the fraternity as though it were purely a college organization it has been because it is primarily an association for undergraduates. It is true there are some professional and graduate fraternities, but the fraternity problem in our state universities offers its largest challenge by the possibilities of the fraternity for good or ill among those students who are looking forward to the baccalaureate degree. The deans of women in our institutions of state support will find the sororities differing in ideals and possibilities from the fraternities only by trifling variations.

GUY POTTER BENTON, *Ohio Beta*, '86.

LETTER FROM OUR GRAND PRESIDENT

Dear Delta Zeta Sisters:

AS time flies and our fraternity increases in chapters scattered over the United States, I am more and more convinced of the urgent necessity for greater chapter diligence and personal effort. Any organization is no greater, nor better, nor worthier than its individual members. When the fraternity was a tiny infant some of us at times felt the constant necessity for strenuous effort; always alert for anything that would make Delta Zeta a national sorority. But as I see it now there is still greater need for work, not work in increasing our numbers, either in chapters or members, but in developing what we have. The original intention of the founders of Delta Zeta was to make it the best and most exclusive Greek letter institution, and you know what that means. Just look around you and you will see what I mean. As good as are most of the other sororities, the desire to expand has been their drawback. They are to be excused to a large extent because it is a severe test, the heat of a victorious "spike," the inability to say "no." On they go until they have a large, unweildly chapter and finally a cumbersome sorority. It should be our policy to install other chapters but not a single one unless we are absolutely convinced that the proposed chapter is the best lot of girls in the institution. Too often a girl is not broad in her views when contemplating affiliation with a sorority, she only thinks of the good it can do her and not what benefit she might be to the sorority at large. A very narrow and selfish thought, but each sorority I know has this with which to deal.

Then too, limit your chapter membership. The best sorority I have known had but ten members. Never allow your expenses to grow to such an extent that you need members to pay the bills. Ruination of a chapter can be accomplished in no surer way.

Strive to develop all sides of college life. That is why you

are in school. Use your books until they are well worn but not to the exclusion of your duty to your college at large. But in so doing I urge you not only as a sorority but as individuals to strive long and constantly to help Delta Zeta. The more you give her, the more you will receive.

In your chapter meetings be childish in your enthusiasm and praise of Delta Zeta, but without remember the greater and real purpose of your institution; not sorority rivalry but life in its sweetest, best and noblest form. The sorority house should be to your college mates as a family to citizenship. It should be the hot-house to your latter activities. It should teach you how to treat your neighboring sororities. Do not be snobbish in any form, but, be charitable. Let your sorority life impress the world as your religion. Let others see that the sorority has broadened your life and made you a better woman. Do not be clanish but make friends out side of your chapter. To be broadened in the better sense one must come in contact with others. If you will do this, non-sorority members as well as professors will deem your cause truly laudable.

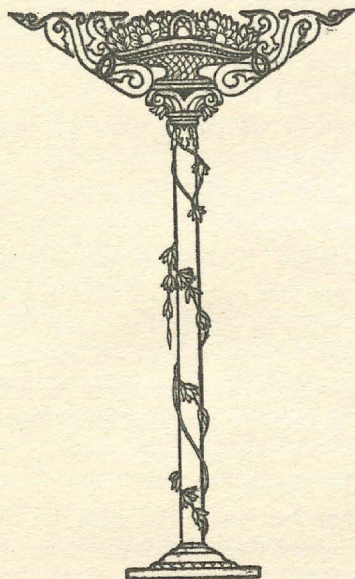
As a personal favor I wish every member would familiarize herself with the constitution and ritual. No girl is an ideal member until she has done this and assumed some personal responsibility with it.

If you have not subscribed for THE LAMP, you should do so at once. As you are aware it is required that each active member be a subscriber. Let me urge the alumni who have not already done so, to feel it a privilege, as well as sorority duty, to write to Miss Gaddis at once and place your name on the subscription list.

I am advised that there are some of our graduate members who at times seem to forget that they were once undergraduates and received valuable assistance from the older ones. A word or a suggestion now and then and last, but not least, the payment of your dues would do so much to help make Delta Zeta the strong fraternity of her early ambitions.

And now, girls, remember your purpose in coming to school, attain the highest possible standard in scholarship and womanhood and strive to be a credit to the fraternity which has honored you with membership.

A. L. HAYES, *Grand President.*



SOCIAL VALUE OF COLLEGE FRATERNITIES

BY GLADYS MARINE, EPSILON CHAPTER

FROM the beginning of the time when the first fraternity was organized, fraternities have flourished because they have played a useful part in the college world. Especially among the women has the college fraternity been useful, because it protected them when the feeling was very bitter against them, at the time when ladies were first admitted to colleges. The establishment of women's fraternities was coincident with the higher education of women.

The fact that many of the college fraternities are legally incorporated and own thousands of dollars worth of property shows their prosperity and value to society as a whole.

Fraternities are charged with being antagonistic to the authorities of the colleges. This could not be true for the organization wishes to get the esteem of the best class of students from whom they wish to draw their members, and could not possibly do that and have the much desired esteem of the authorities of the schools if they were hostile to the faculty. Furthermore the governing body of each fraternity would not allow any such act on the part of members that would cause the hostility of the faculty.

The national organization works with the college authorities. The fraternities compel their members to live up to the regulations of social life prescribed by the college authorities.

The fact that the fraternity is a secret society is not a well founded objection to it. The constitutions of the fraternities show the higher ideals of both social and ethical life. Their secrets are purely nominal consisting only of a motto, a grip a ritual of initiation and a constitution, which is shown to the college faculty on request.

The fraternity brings together those persons who are agreeable to one another and keeps out those who are disagreeable.

It strives to advance its members in social and educational life. From associating with other members of the university, a member is inspired with enthusiasm, strength and wisdom have similar ideals and aims and take them from whatever class in classes of people but in ideals. They seek the people who have similar ideals and aims and take them whatever class it finds them. The wealthy girl is found side by side with the girl who makes her way through school. The fraternity strives to be democratic and such things, which tend to make it undemocratic, are reproved by the society. It makes a home for its members and gives them in that home the love, sympathy and friendship which they get in their own homes. The members are impelled to proper conduct and urged to exert all their talents. The college society is the gainer.

The fraternity aids in the development of strength of character. It gives a social finish and assurance to its members by pushing them out into the social world. The fraternities take in the persons who show potential strength on entrance or who develop strength during their college life.

Free social organization arises when there is sufficient mutual liking, confidence or admiration to enable a society to overlook slight disagreements and this is one purpose of the fraternity. The fraternity as a purpose group will always be self-sustaining and will have a strong tendency to go on. The society projects itself far beyond the school or college and its effects on the social world are the most valuable results of the college course.

When we make the college more social, fewer people drop out. Their work becomes a pleasure when they become highly developed socially. By giving sympathy, encouragement, high ideals, social advancement, the fraternity places its members on a very high social plane. The society is a number of people held together because they have a common spirit, are working along common lines, and with reference to common aims. The common needs and aims demand a growing interchange of thought and a growing unity of sympathetic feeling.

The college finds the fraternity social activities very useful and necessary to the maintainance of their social efficiency.

The fraternity imparts to its members a personal will which is itself derived from previous social contact. These are the true starting points of farther social organization.

The society leads its members out of narrowness which is a menace and hostile to the best developments of society. The possibilities in the individual is latent until he comes in contact with a group. If that group promotes the high ideals and insists upon them as the fraternity does, society as a whole will be greatly benefited.

The best people in colleges are formed in the fraternities. Generally the persons who are not desirable, who are not sociable who do not have the principles of humanity in them—the small and insignificant persons—are the individuals who are not in the fraternity. The fact that very few members leave a society or turn against it in any way and are truly thankful they have gone into it and have the best associations, is a strong point in the college fraternity's favor.

The influence of the society is good and does not interfere with the discipline but strives to command it of its members. The violation of honor is not allowed to go unreprieved by the society and if carried on the member is sent from them.

The fraternity is not inimical to the work of the school, but is a powerful force which should be enlisted in the cultural world to a greater extent, to promote the social education.

INSTALLATION OF THETA CHAPTER AT OHIO STATE UNIVERSITY

BY MARTHA RAILSBACK

“ALL good things come to those who wait.” We waited and have now the pleasure of introducing our latest—Theta chapter.

Last December before Christmas news came to me through our Grand President Alfa Lloyd Hayes that affairs looked very promising in Ohio and that a crowd of girls had become so enthused with the spirit of Delta Zeta that they were clamoring for a charter.

So one Saturday morning, Lois Higgins of Alpha chapter and I journeyed to Columbus, Ohio, where we were met by Mary Collins, one of our original six charter members. It was a great pleasure to me to become acquainted with one who had helped to found our sorority.

Through her influence, we met eight charming girls, chosen students of the University and girls who represented all phases of college life. We spent a very busy afternoon getting acquainted and discussing in general Delta Zeta matters. That evening we were delightfully entertained at a most sumptuous spread at the home of Gretta Tully. Mr. and Mrs. Tully received us with such hospitality that we left hoping that we would be there again. On Sunday we departed feeling as if we wanted each girl for a Delta Zeta but of course no definite arrangements could be made yet.

After the round of correspondence was completed by the National Assembly and the decision was favorable, I was again delegated to make the same trip to install the chapter. So on January 21 I arrived in Columbus, and my joy was great when I learned that another girl had joined making ten in all.

This time there had come for the installation two other girls from Alpha chapter—Frances Knapp and Faye Bunyan. We had expected Grace Alexander from Epsilon but a blockading on the street car line in Indianapolis delayed her arrival until after initiation. As only two hours intervened between our arrival at Columbus and the time set for initiation, we hurried to make preparations.

Soon we were ready and with all our paraphernalia we drove to the Tully home where we had been so royally entertained during our first visit. Installation without Mrs. Hayes was a new experience, but the four of us—Mary Collins, Faye Bunyan, Frances Knapp and I initiated to the best of our ability the girls into the sacred bonds of Delta Zeta. Never did I see a more impressive ceremony. The girls were ready to receive and learn all for which Delta Zeta stands, and so earnestly did they enter into their obligations that we were rejoiced.

There was not much time for exultation and conversation after initiation as there was planned a six o'clock dinner at the Hotel Hartman, and almost immediately we were whirled away there in taxicabs.

In one of the private dining rooms, was a long table with covers laid for seventeen. At each end of the table was a beautiful French basket filled with pink roses and ferns. Around at the places with our menu cards were more roses. In one corner of the room were our sorority letters in our colors, beautifully illuminated with electric lights. The whole effect was exquisite.

As we began our banquet, a telephone message came that Grace Alexander was in town, but had been misdirected and had at last reached the home of the president of the university—clear across town from where we were. She finally appeared and how glad we were for we were so anxious for our new sisters to meet as many of our older ones as possible.

We heartily enjoyed the following menu:

	Blue Point Cocktail	
	Salted Almonds	
Olives	Salad	Celery
	Tomato Bouillon	
	Wafers	
	Medallion of Salmon—Hollandaise	
Roast Squash Stuffed		Strawberry Preserves
	Julienne Potatoes	
	Wax Beans	
	Lettuce and Grape Fruit Salad	
	Peach Ice Cream	
	Assorted Cakes	
	Coffee	

During the banquet between courses we had our toasts.

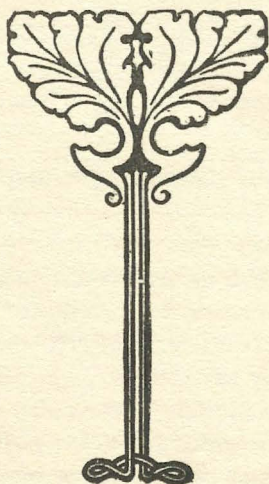
To the National Chapter.....	Mapel Sherman
To our Patronesses.....	Julia Christmann
To our Charter Member, Miss Collins.....	Mae McElroy
What Delta Zeta Means to Beta Gamma.....	Gretta Tully
A Patroness of the Theta Chapter of Δ Z.....	Mrs. W. F. Gephardt
History of Theta Chapter.....	Florence Loewell
Thoughts on Sorority from the Faculty.....	Mrs. W. W. Boyd
Delta Zeta at Ohio State.....	Hazel Karshner
Relation of Delta Zeta to Sorority and Non-Sorority Life.....	
.....	Madeline Baird
To our Rose.....	Marguerite Hanna

Mary Collins, though under protest, was also requested for a toast and we were more than delighted to hear her as it is to her noble and enthusiastic efforts that this chapter was established. Residing in Columbus, she had every opportunity to learn of the girls and spent many a day with university officials as well as with the girls. The new girls have grown to love her so that we feel sure that with her advice and constant aid, Theta chapter will continue to be one of which we all will be justly proud. We were so glad to have with us the three patronesses—two of whom are wives of faculty members and all charming and influential women.

Our good times here had to end sooner than we wished as it was approaching eight o'clock and we were going to see Grace George in the "Sauce for the Goose." There Delta Zeta occupied two of the most prominent boxes.

You can imagine with what regret we finally said our good-byes in the lobby of the theatre after the play. The girls had put forth every effort to entertain us in the best way and the whole day was a success in every respect.

It is with great pleasure that we introduce the following initiates: Hazel Karshner, '11; Mapel Dell Sherman, '11; Gretta Tully, '13; Madeline Baird, '13; Julia Christmann, '11; Florence Lowell, '11; Marguerite Hanna, '13; Ethel Scofield, '13; May McElroy, '13.



EDITORIALS

Welcome to Theta Chapter.

SINCE the last issue of THE LAMP Theta chapter at Ohio State University has been admitted in the bonds of Delta Zeta. Welcome to you Theta chapter! May all the dearest, fullest things our sorority ideals hold forth be yours.

THE plan that one of our chapters has tried for years of not initiating the pledges until after Thanksgiving has proven commendable. Why not all try it next fall? It gives the older girls a chance to know the pledges real well just as friends before the bond is made stronger. They can recognize the strong and weak points of their younger girls. As for the pledges, it gives them more opportunity for the college activities in general before entering her sorority as a member.

Then, too, another item of as vital a nature is the matter of grades. Very often a splendid attractive girl during the first months of her college life is apt to neglect her work. But, if, she knows her initiation cannot take place unless she lives up to certain grade requirements she will spend more time on her class room work. Although we cannot and do not wish to place Delta Zeta's standards on class room work alone, still a girl must prove herself efficient in her studies to be a strong sorority girl.

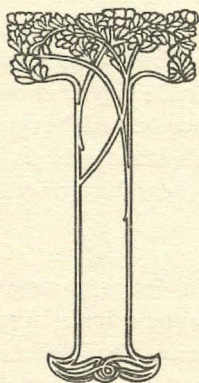
HAVE been glad to learn through correspondence that several of the chapters have been successfully carrying out the suggestion made in our last issue of having a regular program for frat night. The literary and musical program may now and then be diversified by a little play or farce. It is a good plan to divide the chapter in groups and have one group responsible for an evening.

SINCE this is not our Convention year I hope as many chapters as can will follow Delta chapter in having a house-party this summer.

Suggestions to Chapter Editors:

1. Have material written plainly on one side of paper.
2. Material must be in the hands of the editor not later than one month before publication.
3. Remember the chapter letter is to reflect all of interest from the university which you represent. Not only items of interest about your own chapter—but your school at large. Surely we can be broad minded in this as in our other views.

IT is with pleasure we publish the address by our Grand Patron, Dr. Guy Potter Benton. He has promised an article written expressly for us, *soon*. When we consider the multitude of duties which evolve upon him we doubly appreciate all he has done and is doing as our Grand Patron.



CHAPTER CORRESPONDENCE

OHIO ALPHA, MIAMI UNIVERSITY, OXFORD, O.

Dear Zeta Sisters:

THIS year has been one of work and prosperity for Alpha chapter. To our list of pledges given in the first issue of THE LAMP we wish to add the name of Georgia Saylor.

On January 21, Faye Bunyan and Frances Knapp went to Columbus to assist in the installation of the Theta chapter at Ohio State University.

Six of our girls Lois Pierce, Dorothy Sloane, Elsa Thoma, Lois Higgins, Frances Halliday, and Frances Knapp were in the Mardigal Club which gave a very enjoyable concert the evening of February 11.

During Junior Prom. week February 20-25 the chapter had many guests who had come to Miami to enjoy the festivities. Rose Pierce, Flora Easton and Iva Stock were guests at the house party at the $\Phi \Delta \Theta$ chapter house.

Frances Knapp played admirably the leading rôle in "The Admirable Crichton" given during the week.

The chapter initiated seven girls January 27-28. Hazel Bryan came from Belle Center, Iva Stock from West Alexandria, and Miss Mabelle Minton, one of our charter members, was here from New York.

March 1 the chapter gave a farewell party for Gertrude Grose who left school owing to her family's moving to Chicago.

Lois Higgins was assistant manager of the Circus given by the girls of the university for the benefit of the girls' rest room in the gymnasium. Lucille Fitzgerald and Helen Trimpe took part in the Wand Drill in the indoor track meet. Lois Higgins and Elsa Thoma are on the Grand Cabinet of Y. W. C. A. and they and Helen Coulter were sent as delegates by

the Y. W. C. A. to the East Central Conference held at Granville.

We wish to announce the arrival of Bruce Emerson a Delta Zeta, Phi Delta Theta boy at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Bruce Lloyd in Middleton, Ohio.

April 29 the chapter gave a reception for the ladies of the faculties and two representatives from each sorority.

May 12 the students of the university gave "The Chimes of Normandy" for the benefit of the Oratorical Association. Dorothy Sloane had the leading part and several other Delta Zetas were in the chorus. Georgia Saylor was to have had the second part but had to give it up because of illness.

Frances Knapp has the leading part, "Sister Beatrice" in the play "Richelieu" which is to be given commencement week. While Lois Higgins has the leading part in the Normal commencement play.

Hazel Bryan sails the first of July for a trip to Europe.

Greetings to our other chapters and a pleasant vacation to you all.

Yours in Delta Zeta,

ALPHA CHAPTER.

BETA CHAPTER, CORNELL UNIVERSITY, ITHACA, N. Y.

AT Cornell, we have had a very interesting and in some respects an exciting year. The excitement lasted during the whole rushing season, and reached the culminating point on the nineteenth of January of the new year. To our great delight, the three girls whom we had asked to join us accepted our invitation.

Nannie Mac Farland came to Cornell last fall and entered the junior class. She is from Virginia. Her specialty is Latin and her "marks" are wonderful. Edna Alderman and Viene Caswell are freshmen. They are both very popular young ladies. Edna is on the freshman entertainment committee of the Agriculture College. Viene is a basketball player. She played on the freshmen team in the inter-class game which took place before the Easter vacation.

At the beginning of the second term Sabina Murray was pledged to us. We had held off our initiation, in order that we might initiate all our pledges together. The night of the preliminary initiation was very successful and the literary achievements of our new sisters quite startled us.

Sabina Murray, Nannie Mac Farland and Marguerite Douglass are members of the Southern Club. Sabina's home is in Ithaca at present, however.

Abbie Dibble was chosen head of the committee for the recent basketball games.

During the Christmas holidays, Erma Lindsay went to Brooklyn to visit Ida E. Nightingale one of our charter members who graduated in 1910. Miss Nightingale is now at Cornell and if possible we hope to keep her till June. Soon after her coming Mrs. Barton our chaperon at Sage College gave a luncheon in her honor.

In the Senior Stunt which took place directly after Christmas vacation, Erma Lindsay had an important part. She was also to have taken part in the Dramatic Club play but was forced to give it up because of eye trouble.

Gertrude Young was recently made treasurer of the Y. W. C. A.

The junior class stunt took place a week before the Easter vacation. Irene Gladding took part in it.

During the short vacation of four days, four of our girls went home. Mrs. Barnard, one of our patronesses invited the rest of us to a card party at her home, on one of the evenings. Mrs. Hoy and Mrs. Farr, our other two patronesses were also present and we all spent a delightful evening together.

Somewhat earlier in the season, our chapter gave a tea for the partonesses in our chapter room. Miss Gertrude Young and Irene Brooks were on the committee. Of our seniors, Erma Lindsay and Eleanor Edwards presided.

Edna Foster, another of our seniors, is ill just at present. She has not been able to be with us very much this winter because of sickness in her family.

Our girls have been keeping in touch with the graduates of former years by means of a Round Robin letter, an idea which originated with Miss Ida Nightingale.

Mabelle Hobart, one of our girls, who did not come back this year, has been traveling in the west with friends. We all hope she will be with us again in Cornell next year.

We send greetings to the new chapter at Ohio State University. We are glad to have Theta chapter in our ranks.

Yours in the bonds,

IRENE B. GLADDING,
Chapter Editor.

DELTA CHAPTER, DEPAUW UNIVERSITY, GREENCASTLE, IND.

Dear Sisters:

WE are very glad to be able to greet all our sister chapters once more this year and to welcome into our midst the new Theta chapter. It does us so much good to hear from the different schools where we know there are bands of girls working for the same end that we have in view, the advancement of Delta Zeta.

DePauw has this year entered upon the semester plan for the first time and just before our vacation between semesters we pledged a fine girl, Helen Pearson, of Indianapolis.

This year we have worked out a plan of entertainment for a few minutes after frat meetings on Saturday nights which has added to our interest and has been the source of a great deal of fun. We are divided into four divisions of about five each and take turns in furnishing half an hour's entertainment. Usually some very short play or pantomime has been given but we have enjoyed it all so much.

For the thirteenth of March we issued invitations to over two hundred town ladies and members of the faculty for an afternoon reception. The rooms were darkened and decorated with pink carnations and smilax, the dining-room being more elaborate than the others, Music was furnished by

the different girls and readings by Lutie Wolverton, ex-1909, of Tuscola, Illinois. We had in the receiving line the chaperone, our patronesses, two of the girls' mothers, and Stella Moor, one of our seniors. Our formal evening party is to be the twenty-ninth of April and we are looking forward to a good time because so many of the old girls are coming back.

During the latter part of April and the month of May there are many interesting things going on at old DePauw. This year we have a three days' music festival during which time the Minneapolis Symphony Orchestra will be here and several noted vocalists will sing. Then there is a whole day devoted to ye olde tyme May-day festivities in which it is the object to have every girl in school take part if possible and many other things perhaps of lesser interest to those outside. We of Delta chapter are planning fine times for this summer at a house party near Monticello, Indiana. As many girls as possible are going and we have all become so enthusiastic over the event that we can hardly wait for the time to come.

We wish you all a very happy summer and a very successful rushing season next fall.

MINNIE PRATT,
Local Correspondent.

EPSILON CHAPTER, INDIANA UNIVERSITY, BLOOMINGTON, IND.

Dear Girls in Delta Zeta:

IF any of you chance to be fond of rainy weather just come down to Bloomington. We have that variety seemingly nine months out of every year. Wet weather however has never put a damper on Delta Zeta spirit. Its the kind you cannot drown.

In September of this school year nine of the old girls came back but they, undaunted, took up the reins determined to cross the line neck and neck with every other sorority down here.

We "rushed" madly for three days before spiking time.

Took the girls driving, danced, had dinner parties and picnic suppers. Thursday we had a spike breakfast as the last of our rushing stunts and nine of the best freshmen in college tripped forth with our colors on.

During fall term we had a big Open-House Dance at which we entertained all the frats. These large affairs are however rather unsuccessful in the sense that the girls meet so many strang men at once that they cannot feel really acquainted with any of them. Minnie Pratt, a Delta Zeta from DePauw visited us at this time and attended the party. Also Gladys Marine, Flae Ballinger, Edith Lando Brineman, Ada May Burk, Edna Kidwell, Elmira Case and Ida Calvin were here for this affair.

After this the rest of fall term was spent building up among ourselves the usual Delta Zeta spirit.

People certainly were good to us. Edith Lando—now Mrs. Brineman—gave us our silverware bearing our ΔZ monogram. Mrs. Goodwin, Kate Goodwin's mother gave us a beautiful chocolate pot, gold-edged and monogramed and a dozen and a half cups to match. Franchion Campbell's mother and father gave us a mission desk to match our library furniture. We are furnishing our house in mission and we own practically all of our furniture.

During fall term Crystal Hall one of our freshmen, was taken into "Strut and Fret," the dramatic club down here and she has during the year appeared in plays where she did more than well for Delta Zeta. Frances Hankemeier, also a freshman, was taken into "Goethe Gesellschaft." Pansy Ingle into "French Club" of which Grace Alexander was already a member. "In English Club" we have Grace Alexander, Emma Brunger and Joy Shutt. In fact to make a long story short, we have been represented in every student affair this year.

Winter term we gave a series of nine parties entertaining individually every frat down here. We found these parties, little informal dances, to be very successful.

During the year we have held little afternoon "At Homes"

for our girl friends and the faculty. These have proved very enjoyable and we have really liked playing hostesses.

Several of our old girls have visited us from time to time among whom have been Kate Goodwin and Ada May Burke besides those who were down for big Open House in the fall.

Spring term brought us a new pledge, Helen Hall of Alexandria and three of our old girls Glad Marine, Ida Calvin and Flae Ballinger entered school again. This gives us a chapter of twenty.

Our prospects for next year seem very bright. We have leased the Kappa Sigma house for fall. This is a stone house situated on the northeast corner of the campus.

We expect to have a week end house-party this spring term to entertain girls who will be in school here next year.

With June we lose our three seniors. Joy Shutt, Emma Brunger, and Verne Hardman all trip the "Sheepskin Row."

Well girls here's joy and luck to the rest of you. Though trials may come to the best of you, remember we're all in the bond.

CAROLINE L. HILDEBRAND.

Delta Zeta House, Bloomington, Indiana.

ZETA CHAPTER, LINCOLN, NEBRASKA

Zeta Chapter sends greetings:

AFTER a rather strenuous year. Zeta chapter is beginning to see the flame ahead.

On March 18, we held our second annual banquet at the Lindell Hotel. It served also as an occasion to honor our new members who were initiated the same day. The tables were beautifully decorated with rose and green candles, placed in crystal, while the pink rose was very prominent, banked as a centerpiece, and surrounding each cover. The menus were water colors of roses—the work of some of our girls.

Mrs. Aldrich—our governor's wife, became our patroness and she responded to a toast most delightfully. Mrs. Avery

was also there and congratulated us on our growth and prosperity.

The following Saturday one of the girls gave a dance in honor of the new Delta Zetas.

We are not going to give a formal this year, but instead are going to give a dance at St. George Studio, April 29. This is a most delightful place, artistically decorated. It is not too large, and has besides the dance hall, several pretty rooms, to chat or play cards in for those tired of dancing.

In the near future we are going to have an "open house," a formal reception at the frat house in honor of our patronesses, we shall invite the dean of women, representatives from each sorority and our other friends who are interested in our chapter.

Several of our girls have been honored by the university. Emiline Walfe is Phi Beta Kappa; Kathryn Knepper is a "Silver Serpent" (junior society); Lee McCorkle is a Xi Delta, (sophomore society).

The university made a comparison of the school standing of each sorority. Every girl's marks were actually computed. We are proud that Delta Zeta ranked *third* among all the sororities in scholarship. This was considered very good for we are the newest sorority here.

One of our alumni, Nettie Wells Shugart, has opened a studio recently in Lincoln. It is the finest china painting and art work studio here. At the opening the Delta Zetas helped serve and receive guests. Mrs. Shugart is chairman of the Art Department of the Nebraska Women's Club. A novel feature of our banquet was the use of a beautiful large toast-cup, painted in pink roses, and adorned with a golden ΔZ monogram. This with a beautiful chocolate set, monogrammed were given to Zeta chapter for its birthday present by Mrs. Shugart.

University of Nebraska.

TEKLAH W. EGEN,
Chapter Editor.

ETA CHAPTER, BAKER UNIVERSITY, BALDWIN, KAN.

THE Eta chapter is glad to send greetings to her Delta Zeta sisters. We at Baker are a happy family and many interesting things have taken place since our last letter.

December 12, before going home for the holidays we had a jolly little Christmas party for a few of our friends and ourselves. It was very informal, we dressed as "school youngsters" and spoke pieces and sang songs as they do at "district schools" the Friday before Christmas.

At midsemester time after all exams were over, Mrs. Deel our patroness invited us to a spread. The dining-room was a big surprise. There spread on the floor in picnic fashion was a banquet. Paper Delta Zeta roses with a tiny electric light in the center of each, formed a wreath around the table on which good things to eat were piled.

Mrs. Stewart, Margaret's mother had a "Tea" for us. In spite of a pouring rain we reached there all right and sipped our tea and plied our needles. Another pleasant afternoon was spent at Flo Allderdia's home.

We have adopted a plan of having a small affair each month. The first of these was an afternoon for our mothers and our patroness. The second was a "St. Patrick's Tea" for the ladies of our faculty and the wives of the professors, which proved quite a success.

One of the most pleasant occasions was Dr. Benton's visit to Baker. The whole student body enjoyed his address at chapel in the morning. In the afternoon we were so pleased to have him come to our chapter house and talk with just us Delta Zeta girls. We were glad to hear of you other girls through him and more about Delta Zeta as a whole.

We are anxious to tell you of our two freshmen pledges Hazel Shellenberger of Westboro, Mo., and Helen Barnes of Kansas City, Mo. Both of them are very dear girls and will be an honor to Delta Zeta.

The junior play is always quite an event at Baker. This year March 28, the junior class gave the "Count of No-a-

Count." Nell Evans, as French Maid, was the heroine of the play. Edith Moore as a young society girl did her part well.

Valera Haworth is to take part in the coming music festival. She will sing in the opera Mignon and also in the Ladies Quartette. The quartette is to travel during the summer giving concerts.

We are looking forward with pleasure to the visit of Flordella Counts and Grace Kumler our two alumni at commencement.

Our largest affair of the year is to be a formal reception to our fraternity and sorority friends of Baker.

A new sorority has been organized at Baker the Alpha Theta Nu.

We are planning for the very best of years for next year.

MABEL EVANS, *Chapter Editor*.

THETA CHAPTER, OHIO STATE UNIVERSITY, COLUMBUS, OHIO

THE Theta chapter was installed in January of the present year, with nine charter members four of whom graduate in June. The local Beta Gamma was organized and with the help of Miss Mary Collins who is now living in Columbus, we secured the charter.

The wife of the dean of the college of education, Mrs. W. W. Boyd, and the wife of the secretary of the same college, Mrs. W. S. Gephart kindly consented to act as patronesses.

Those who were present at the installation were Miss Martha Railsbach, Francis Knapp and Miss Benjamin from Miami and Miss Collins. The initiation took place at the home of Gretta Tully. After the installation, which was in the afternoon, a banquet was given at the Hartman Hotel and immediately following the banquet a box party at the Colonial Theatre. Miss Alexander from Indianapolis arrived in time for the banquet and theatre party, although too late for the installation.

We have been favorably received by the other sororities, being congratulated either formally or informally by all. Lambda Alpha, a local sorority extended an invitation to their reception given at the opening of their new house. Delta Delta Delta very shortly after opened their new house, giving a house warming to which all of the fraternities and sororities were invited. As yet these are the only sororities at O. S. U. to open chapter houses.

Gretta Tully, as a representative of our sorority, attended the formal given by Kappa Kappa Gamma. Miss Mapel Sherman has been invited to the Kappa Alpha Theta formal to be given the 21st of this month.

A Washington Birthday Party was given at the home of Gretta Tully to which guests were invited. The evening was spent very enjoyably in games appropriate to the occasion, with a spread taking up the latter part of the evening.

At O. S. U. carnival given recently, for the benefit of the new student's building, Delta Zeta assisted the Alpha Gamma Rhos in the presentation of a "husking bee." It was quite a success. We also presided at a taffy booth which brought in a large amount of money.

Our senior member to the local Pan-Hellenic is Mapel Sherman and our junior member Gretta Tully.

The Alpha Gamma Rho fraternity entertained for us Tuesday, 18th with a dance at the student building.

We feel honored to have among our number a member of Phi Beta Kappa—Julia Christmann, '11. She is also a member of the French club. Mapel Sherman is secretary of the History club and a member of the French club. Marguerite Hanna is a member of the Aid Association having had the honor of being appointed "Aid" this year. She also belongs to the Philomathean Literary Society. Madeline Baird is an assistant in the chemistry department.—Philomathean Society. Florence Lowell—Y. M. C. A. cabinet—French club. Gretta Tully Philomathean.

We take pleasure in announcing the following pledges: Marie Bluett, '13, Adelaide Hixon, '14, Helen Murray, '14, and Margaretta Brown, '14. The initiation has been set for Thursday and Friday April 20th and 21st.

With best wishes for all of the girls.

MARGUERITE HANNA,
Chapter Editor.

TOAST SONG

(AIR: STEIN SONG).

Here's to thee, Delta Zeta,
Our dear sorority,
Oh we will ne'er forget thee
Wherever we may be.
We love you, oh dearly,
We say it, yes sincerely,
Each member avows it
Oh Delta Zeta, dear.

Here's to our dear old colors
To the pink and to the green
To our lamps all burning brightly,
Oh long may they be seen
For we love thee so dearly,
We say it, yes sincerely,
Each member avows it
Oh Delta Zeta dear.

Now here's to all the good times
In which all of us delight
To dances, spreads and frolics,
And revels in the night.
For its always fine weather
When D Z's get together
Each member avows it,
Oh Delta Zeta dear.

ELSA THOMA.
Alpha Chapter.

EXTRACT FROM DR. BENTON'S LETTER

Executive Offices Miami University

GUY POTTER BENTON, PRESIDENT

Oxford, Ohio, February 20, 1911.

THE LAMP has reached my desk and I have turned through its pages with a great deal of pleasure. First of all, let me say that I feel highly honored in having my name appear on the very first page as Grand Patron of the Delta Zeta sorority. I have had many honors in life, but I appreciate this, I assure you, as one of the highest. I hope always to be worthy of the confidence of the girls who have thus recognized me.

Let me congratulate you on the splendid work you have done as editor. I think this first number is simply a prophecy of greater things yet to come under your leadership. What splendid strides Delta Zeta is making! I am tremendously proud of it.

Always sincerely your friend,

GUY POTTER BENTON.

MISS RUTH LOCKWOOD GADDIS,
Charleston, Illinois.

A LATER LETTER

I am indeed very glad to be honored with the position of Grand Patron of the Delta Zeta sorority. Perhaps you will be interested in knowing that I visited the girls of the chapter at Baker University a few weeks ago and was delightfully entertained by them. They are a fine set of young women and I am sure will be no discredit to the sorority in which they have found their membership. They were particularly interested in hearing all about the mother chapter and I was pleased to tell them how Mary Collins and Alpha Lloyd came to my home to present their scheme for the new enterprise and how a little later I wrote the ritual and constitution and by-laws for the organization which I believe is to be one of the greatest for young women in the colleges of America.

PERSIAN DANCE

GIVEN BY ZETA CHAPTER

During the rush week we had a most entertaining Persian dance. No men can attend these functions, so we were able to wear Persian costumes, the forerunners of the new "harem skirt."

The dance was held at the home of one of the girls—the whole lower floor can be thrown into one large room. All chairs were removed, and cushions were scattered about in profusion. The lights were shaded, in blue, green and dull red. Tabourets were placed about the rooms; insense perfumed the air in true Oriental fashion.

The guests were met at the door by a Persian maiden dressed in the flowing bloomers, full waist and velvet jacket, famed as the costumes of the harem. All wore silken scarfs around their waists and, twisted about their heads.

As the guests came into the room, another maiden met them and after making the oriental bow, sprinkled them with rose water and offered them dates, figs, and other oriental sweet meats.

For the programs, the Persian idea was also carried out. They were in water colors, having designs of scimatrs, camels, veiled ladies, etc.

The different brightly colored "dresses," the glittering jewels, looked beautiful under the shaded lights.

The different confections were placed upon the tabourets, so they could be enjoyed through the evening. Orange ice, the famous desert of the Persians was also served, with almond shaped cookies.

The dance was voted our most interesting event, and could be easily carried out by any one.

Dr. Guy Potter Benton, now president of Miami University has accepted the position of president of the University of Vermont, and will assume the duties of the office this autumn.

MISS CRYSTAL HALL

(Special to The Indianapolis News.)

Bloomington, Ind., March 4.—Miss Crystal Hall, of Indianapolis, will have a star's part in the Indiana University minstrel next Tuesday night. She is the first girl in years that has won a place in the annual event. Between fifty and sixty men will take part. Miss Hall will play the lead in a one-act travesty by Don Herold, of Bloomfield, entitled, "After the Dance." She is a freshman and a member of Delta Zeta.

Miss Hall is a daughter of W. Pink Hall, the musician.

ROSE AND GREEN

We're the girls that wear the fairest colors,
Rose and Green,
Fairer hues in all this world
Were never seen.
Firm and true we'll stand to-gether
Nothing can our true love sever,
Rose and Green.

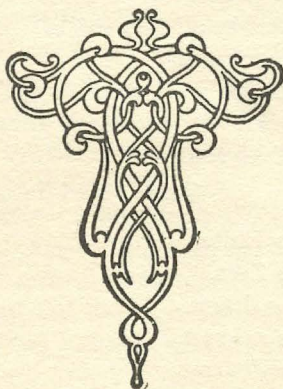
Tune (Cuddle up a little closer.)

Here's to Delta,
Here's to Zeta,
Drink her down.
She's the nearest,
She's the dearest,
All the world around;
Dear old rose and green, girls,
Pledge your faith for aye,
We'll be true, be true to you,
In Delta Zete.

Tune (The Merry Widow Waltz.)

DELTA ZETA

Oh, Delta Zeta is the frat
We all adore,
And as every day goes by,
We love her more and more;
No other frat in all this world,
Means half so much as she,
Oh, Delta Zeta is the frat,
For you and me!
Tune (To-night will never come again.)



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May 1911 Kappa Alpha Theta is an attractive convention number. The convention is to be held in Pasadena, California, July, 1911.

Alpha Xi Delta announces the installation of Pi chapter at Ohio University, Athens, Ohio, April 28, 1911.

"A fraternity, like every other institution, cannot stand still. We know, from Greek-letter history, that it is impossible for an organization like ours to rest securely upon laurels already won and expect to maintain its coveted place. We must grow; we must strengthen our organization in every judicious way; we must keep pace with collegiate growth in the country. Otherwise we shall fall behind in the race for supremacy. The development of a fraternity is manifested, generally speaking, internally, as suggested above, and externally, by the extension into new colleges. We believe that Phi Kappa Psi has been materially strengthened internally during the past few years, and that our careful attention should now be turned toward conservative extension. It by no means follows that, in order to accomplish the latter, it is necessary to neglect the former. We should always be awake to internal needs, but not to the exclusion of healthy, deliberate and judicious external growth.

"We should, of course, not endeavor to expand merely to secure the largest number of chapters or the largest membership; nor should any charter be granted until a thorough and careful investigation of both the petitioners and the institution has been made. But, on the other hand, there is as great danger in falling into the ultra-conservative class, and refusing all petitions merely upon a general principle.

"There is a wide field toward which Phi Kappa Psi should give intelligent thought, and from which she should choose. Great universities throughout the west have made remarkable

strides during the past few years, and strong fraternities have been quick to grasp the situation. We sometimes labor under the illusion that only the larger or state universities should be considered desirable institutions for Phi Psi cultivation. A study of our own history will reveal the fallacy of such an assumption."—*The Shield* of $\Phi \text{ K } \Psi$. *The Anchora* of $\Delta \Gamma$.

Pi Beta Phi announces the establishment of three new chapters—Oklahoma Alpha, at the University of Oklahoma, September first at Norman, Oklahoma; Wyoming Alpha, at the University of Wyoming, September eighth, at Laramie, Wyoming; Ohio Gamma, at the University of Wooster, September twentieth, at Wooster, Ohio.

Delta Delta Delta announces the establishment of Theta Delta chapter at the University of Oregon, Eugene, Oregon, on October twenty-first, also a chapter at Miami University in May.

Alpha Chi Omega announces the establishment of Rho chapter at the University of Washington, October thirteenth.

The reasons why the college fraternities should oppose the high school societies can be summed up in a few words. The "frats" do not help their members to become better "material" for the college organizations. On the other hand, the "prep-school Greeks," as a class, do not show due interest in their college chapters, at any rate, until late in their college lives. They often spend time that might be of much value to their fraternity in various kinds of work for their high school organization. Their previously formed association often prevents an undivided loyalty to their fraternity and makes ill-feeling between them and the rest of the chapter. In short, if a "prep-school frat" takes no hold of a man, it may spoil him for the real thing later on; if he does keep his loyalty to the earlier organization, it is almost sure to interfere with his duty to his college fraternity.—*Rainbow* of $\Delta \text{ T } \Delta$.

A marked increase is noted in the number of women students at German universities. An enumeration taken at the commencement of the present winter session disclosed 1,856 women, as compared with 1,108 a year ago. The favorite universities among female students are Berlin with 638, Munich with 183, then Göttingen with 160; then follow Heidelberg with 142; and Bonn with 135. The entire number of matriculated students at the German universities during the winter session has been returned as 52,456, an increase of 3,739 since the corresponding period in 1908. Of these Berlin has 9,249, Munich 6,537, Leipsic 4,761, Bonn 3,652, Breslau 2,405, Halle 2,393, Göttingen 2,230, Freiburg 2,167, Strasburg 1,995, Heidelberg 1,934, Munster 1,906, Marburg 1,878, Tubingen 1,760, Jena 1,496, Würzburg 1,424, Königsberg 1,367, Kiel 1,290, Giessen 1,261, Erlangen 1,221, Greifswald 930, and Rostock, 707.—*American College*.

"There are at least eight college fraternity clubs in New York City. The St. Anthony club of Delta Psi is at 29 East 28th St.; the St. Elmo club of Delta Phi at 105 West 43rd St.; the Alpha Delta Phi club at 136 West 44th St.; the Theta Delta Chi club at 1424 Broadway; the Beta Theta Pi club at 46 East 25th St.; the Phi Gamma Delta club at 34 West 44th St.; the Kappa Sigma club at 304 West 58th St.; the Delta Tau Delta club at 66 West 36th St. The last four clubs have been established within the last three years."—*The Palm*.

Happy is the institution where the bold assertion of power is never made, where authority is so exercised that the students are unconscious of it, where the students are so consulted and advised and quietly led toward worthy standards that they seem to make the laws which they obey.—*The American College*.

Under the act of the Connecticut legislature fraternity emblems of insignia may be "filed" in the office of the secretary of state, after which any use of the insignia by unauthorized

persons renders the offender liable to fine or imprisonment.—
Σ X *Quarterly*.

Vassar College authorities have filed an injunction restraining a candy manufacturer in Kansas City from using the label 'Always Fresh' on a brand of chocolates called "Vassar Girls."

Sigma Kappa announces the establishment of chapters at the University of California and at the State University of Washington, in April.

A fraternity man spends \$150 a year more than a non-fraternity man, according to the figures presented by a student at Illinois.

Oxford University, after one hundred years' existence, has decided to favor co-education, so hereafter women may compete for the Rhode's scholarships.

A college is soon to be established at Fort Hare, Cape Province, South Africa.

The University of Paris was founded by King Philip II, about 1200.

The oldest Spanish University is that of Salamanca, founded in 1240.

The first college of the University of Cambridge was founded by Hugo Bishop of Ely, in 1257.

The first University in the German Empire was at Prague, Bohemia, 1348.

The University of Upsala, Sweden, was founded in 1477.

The University of Copenhagen, Denmark, was founded in 1479.

Trinity College, Dublin, was incorporated by royal charter in 1591.

The University of Edinburgh was founded in 1582 by a charter granted by King James, VI, of Scotland.