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ETA—Baker University, Baldwin, Kan. Inactive.
THETA—Ohio State University, Columbus, Ohio.
IOTA—Iowa State University, Iowa City, Iowa.
KAPPA—University of Washington, Seattle, Wash.

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A Message for Nineteen Fifteen

ELIZABETH COULTER STEPHENSON

REVIEW with me the events of the past year and we will find much for our encouragement. Our organization has grown in numbers and increased in strength. New departments have been added. Throughout the whole being of our sorority we feel the thrill of a larger fellowship and a nobler striving towards our ideal. New and stronger influences are at work that will be beneficial and lasting.

Our retrospect is not made with entire satisfaction in ourselves. We can also see that we "have done many things we ought not to have done and left undone many things we ought to have done." There can be no real growth in our sorority or in our individual lives unless we do realize our shortcomings—that we have failed of attaining the standard we set ourselves—or realize that our standard is not high enough. Our comfort in the face of such self dissatisfaction is the knowledge that a mistake can be rectified, that we can work harder than we have ever done before and that the goal is all the brighter because we have not quite reached it. If we stumble and fall let us *get up* FARTHER ON.

Let us think of Delta Zeta as a beautiful piece of tapestry upon which we are all working. Let us all work together to make a masterpiece. Each one of us will contribute her best skill, devote her finest ardour, her nicest powers of discrimination and her most thoughtful effort.

Let us choose as the subject for our masterpiece, pure-minded noble-hearted womanhood. Let us depict woman in many situations in life, always good and sweet and true. Each weaver shall have her own place in which to weave.

We will choose only the beautiful the pure and the good so that our piece of tapestry will live through all ages and reflect the souls of the weavers to all the world to come. Ours is not a trivial work but a life task. Moreover, it will be a joyful task for the materials of our tapestry are the most beautiful in hue and delicacy of any fabrics in the world. We work with the characters and souls of college women. We select what is rare and choice and reject the gross and sometime when we have become most skillful we can refine and remake what is gross. Then when a thread is not to our liking with delicate skill and gentle hand we blend and work it into our tapestry, making its innate beauty come forth and the roughness that at first made it unbeautiful, disappear.

Each worker must feel the driving urge toward personal perfection for her responsibility to herself and others is so high and great. She must feel the urge of helpfulness to others in the attainment of their best. Her space in the tapestry must portray a woman performing some worthy act. Nothing coarse or gross must appear in our cloth. It must be fit for the Master's inspection, a living, glowing lustrous work that we have made ourselves.

Already I can see bright and masterly touches in our wondrous fabric. By and by all the dull places will disappear for there will come to us one who can make these dull places live and glow in a remaking that will change that part of the fabric and make it fit for the rest.

Scholarship Cup Won by Iota Chapter

THE SILVER loving cup which was bought year before last by the Alpha graduate chapter, to be awarded to the active chapter winning first place in scholarship, has started on one journey. Iota chapter gains the honor for last year. The announcement is rather late, but it was a very tedious thing to obtain all the grades, and make the averages. The grades were obtained from the registrars of the different colleges, or from some other reliable source—and were carefully gone over by the committee. We are proud of our young chapter, and hope she will continue in her good work. But "other chapters, do not stop in the fight. This cup has to be won by the same chapter for three successive years before it becomes theirs for keeps—so you all have a chance." We are anxious to see what Kappa, our baby chapter, will do this year. Girls try to keep in school. In some cases, illness was the cause of not winning the cup, in others too much social festivities. You will want this cup when you see it, and everyone has an equal chance to win it. Keep working! The standing of the various chapters in scholarship for the past school years is as follows:

Iota, first place; Theta, second place; Beta, third place; Zeta, fourth place; Alpha, fifth place; Delta, sixth place; Epsilon, seventh place.

Notice to Active Chapters

Examination questions will be issued from the grand council and sent to the active chapters the week of March the eighth. All examinations must be taken and papers returned to the chairman of the committee by April tenth. Special information will be sent later by mail.

ALFA LLOYD HAYES,
Chairman of Examination Committee.

Social Service

MILDRED VAN DUSEN MCKAY

THE LATENESS of our November issue, combined with Christmas vacation, gives no time for letters from chapter heads and others to reach this department, before the last date for material for our January issue comes. While I had expected that many others were to do the talking this time, I am rather glad that the above circumstances force me to do it myself.

I want this time to try to clarify our ideas as to what social service consists in. Let me ask you: What do we mean by social service? Shall we all with one accord answer: settlement work, Mission classes, free dispensaries, friendly visiting, Christmas baskets, et cetera? Yes. And what else may we mean by "social service"? This time we may not have such a flood of things to mention. Why not? Possibly because that thread-bare phrase "social service" has come to stand as work for the poor, the helpless, the inefficient. The capable, the comfortable, the normal, these are not supposed to require social service labor for their improvement. They are, so to speak, born improved! Yet if we think for a moment, we shall surely acknowledge that we—I who am writing, and you who are reading—while we may have been fortunate enough to have been "born improved", are occasionally conscious that possibly there may be room for a little more improvement! Is it possible that we need any social work done on ourselves!

To come back to our question: What do we mean by social service? I know of a certain fraternity chapter that undertook the beautifying and care of its college campus for one year. To one with eyes, city-sick of ugliness and stain, that campus was an exquisite thing, giving forth peace and spiritual reinforcement. Yet, in their yearly report the chapter announced, rather regretfully, that "they had done no

social service work that year". It seems to me that they rendered very efficient social service. What do you think?

I know of another chapter that, by initiating a certain college function, obtained a means of coming in contact with the non-fraternity girl in an intimacy otherwise impossible. Harmonizing through a better mutual understanding two poorly unified parts, they rendered superb social service to their college. A somewhat unusual idea, is it not; that of a college needing social work done in its midst for its improvement.

In each of the above instances, the starting point was with something already normally good, yet the service was such as to make each one better. Is there any social service of this kind that our chapters can also render? A recommendation of one of the committees in the last National Pan-Hellenic Congress bears on this point. In reference to city Pan-Hellenics it recommends that: When located in a college town it should assist in solving the problems confronting the college. How much better fitted is some chapter actually *in* the college to attack such problems. This is particularly so of those problems intimately connected with the making of the college life and atmosphere: entertaining, rushing, rivalries, studying even: these are all things that we need to work at a little more sanely—to the infinite advantage of ourselves and our environment. Talking ideals is easy. To bring them down to everyday practicality is hard. I know of no better way to get ourselves to working out ideals through practical, concrete action than by taking some such local problem in our own college and planning out a campaign for its improvement. If we can find no such problems to attack we must be living in some Paradise, while our feet only appear to touch this mundane earth.

One last word: Before we can have anything to give out to others we must have something in ourselves worth giving. The prerequisite for this is "strong, exquisite, personal living". In this one thing each one of us has an individual responsibility

in the social work of Delta Zeta which we cannot shift from our shoulders. Each one of us influences the spirit that stamps our own chapter. This is one task we cannot choose to leave or take. If our personal lives are strong and exquisite so also will be our college chapter and it will reflect that influence in a spiritual force that shall lead in the college itself. This is the starting point of our social service work.

Which Will You Keep for Your Friend

One woman is tall and graceful. Her dress is suited to her, the colors are subdued but you know that her eyes are true blue and that the curl that seems to caress her ear is nature's own. Her voice is low and sweet. When she talks her hearer thinks "Isn't the English language expressive"? She interests you in a good book she has read, she tells you of a need for your efforts along some line of woman's endeavor. You know that in her home her presence means kindness and consideration for others.

The other friend is large and moves with slow grace. The fabric and color of her dress emphasize her charms of face and figure until you know them by heart before you have known her two minutes. About that time you hear her say "How da yuh like my new gown? Ain't is swell? Some of my friends think it's extreme but my dressmaker says it just suits my figure." Later on she will ask "Have yuh read that new book of So and So's? It's rather suggestive but then such things don't bother me! I like to keep up with all the late novels. I like anything with lots of pep. My, Gosh! there's my car, I'll have to hustle for it. So long! Glad to have met you!"

Discussion

THESE comes a time in all great movements when discussion forms an important item in the progress. This thought came to the editor as she wrote her requests for material for this issue to the active chapters. Two subjects, student council in your own college and opinions of rushing in your own college were submitted to the chapters for discussion. Judging from conversation at the convention this summer, the editor decided these subjects above were ripe for general discussion. The chapters have responded nobly and the articles sent in to the editor were very much appreciated.

We hope that this department of discussion will meet with the approval of our readers and that generous contributions for it will be received. Don't wait to be assigned a subject and asked to write, but send in voluntary material written on some subject which you feel is in close touch with our sorority life and which needs discussion.

Student self-government has made rapid progress in the last few years. At first it was thought to be a very bad idea to give self-government to the student body but by a few colleges and universities leading the way, it has come in—and to stay is my opinion.

The true preparation for life as a democratic self-governed man or woman consists in a democratic school life. The only way to learn judgment and righteousness, and to care for truth and for order and the other social virtues is to exercise these qualities in school. If we think of education as a preparation for life,—why not give the students self-government. In self-government they will make their own laws; see that they are enforced, and that they are obeyed. After having self-government they are better trained for our state and national law making.

We have had self-government at Ohio State for four years and we are all pleased with it. We have divided the University district into small districts and over this a group president

is appointed by the executive council of the self-government association. She is responsible to the council for the girls in her district. As I have said all the girls are proud to think we have been given self-government, and hence very few break the rules. All rules are drawn up by the Executive Council, and then placed before the girls at a mass meeting to be voted on. In this way, every girl in the university has a vote on all rules proposed by the Council.

The Self-Government Association of the Western Conference met at Northwestern University at Evanston, Ill., this last November. It was an interesting conference; new ways and means of self-government were discussed by the various universities and colleges represented. Two Delta Zetas were among the delegates. Hanna Ward of Iowa University and I represented Ohio State University. I wish every Delta Zeta would become interested in self-government and work for it in her own school, for really it is the only effective way to govern college girls.

AREMA O'BRIEN, *Theta Chapter.*

Dear Sisters:

This surely is a grand opportunity we have of learning from each other something of the inner workings of our schools.

Here in DePauw we have another body besides the Students' Council which was only organized last year. It consists of the president of the university, four other faculty members, a representative from each sorority and fraternity, one from each literary society, and the other important organizations. We meet the first Friday afternoon at four o'clock in one of the recitation halls. Then after the roll call we discuss any business that has been left over from the last time and then the president who is also president of the meeting asks us all if there is anything we would like to discuss. By us, I mean faculty members as well as students. You all know how, when some times we get together in crowds, we discuss what the school does we don't like usually—also rules that have been passed and such like. The student council may have done

something we don't like. These things we discuss and talk about. If they are worthy of further action they are then given to the proper body having such things in charge. This is simply a talking body which talks for about an hour every month.

ANN YOUNGER, *Delta Chapter.*

This being the first year that sororities have had "Sophomore pledging" at "Ohio State," and since the year is scarcely half completed, as yet, a final opinion either in approval or disapproval can hardly be given. We, as you know, can rush no freshman girls until they have completed and received credit for two semesters of work, which will be the latter part of May or the first of June. In addition to sophomore initiation, which was effected by the faculty, the sororities as a Pan-Hellenic body have decided to have no rushing whatever, in which first year girls are included. So, you see, that with the exception of a little rushing for upperclass girls, of whom there are very few desirable as sorority girls, sophomore pledging creates a rather quiet and unexciting season.

One great advantage of this sort of rushing is the long time left to us in which to become well acquainted with the freshmen and also to know something of their school standing. On the other hand, it gives the freshman girls more time to really know the different sororities and the members of each. This last is I think an important advantage for it is extremely difficult for a girl to know a sorority in a few weeks or the first week of school as we formerly had rushing the first week of each year. It certainly is a great mistake to take a girl into a sorority, who does not know all the situations with which she will surely meet, and what her sorority is really going to mean to her. Of course, there are some disadvantages to sophomore pledging, still, I think the advantages quite overbalance the disadvantages.

RUTH ELIZABETH MURRAY, *Theta Chapter.*

We are just trying out a new scheme, new to us at least, here at Ohio State and it is yet too soon to tell how successful it will be. We have most stringent rules regarding freshmen. We cannot call on the girls we have known for years if they happen to be first year students. We cannot invite freshmen to our homes for any purpose whatever and no "double dates" are tolerated. We *are* allowed to speak to the girls, however, when we meet them but there can be absolutely no "campus" rushing even. You can see how careful we must be in order to avoid breaking rules.

Each sorority is allowed to have one party, (the kind and cost to be limited) in May, just before pledge day. The dates are chosen by lot so there can be no conflicts and we are free to invite as many freshmen as we desire. Then on pledge day the bids of all sororities are sent out at the same time and there is to be no communication until answers are received.

Before this, we were allowed to initiate after a girl had passed her first semester's work without condition. Now we pledge in May but must wait to initiate until the girls have passed a year's work without condition and have matriculated for their sophomore year. This is, of course, a long time to wait but there should be no objections if there were any way to really get acquainted with the girls during the year. With such strict rushing rules it almost seems that our real acquaintance will have to be made at our one freshman party.

Everyone watches everyone else for infringements of the rules. What we need, I think, is more trust and confidence in each other, friendly criticism when it is needed and then more natural relations with our freshmen will result. They seem now artificial, forced and almost absurd. It is a splendid thing to make scholarship a basis for selection and sophomore initiation is, no doubt, a good thing. We are willing to give it a good, fair test and the rushing rules we have now can easily be remedied if experience warrants that step.

GRETTA TULLY.

We are all here at school again after so many good times during Christmas vacation, and we are full of Delta Zeta spirit, ready to begin work once more and to do some hard spiking. We have been rushing girls ever since the beginning of school, but now we are ready to make our last impressions and to get a good hold on them before pledge day, which is only about five weeks from this time.

Of course, our rush is different here from that at a lot of colleges. Our one semester rush of this year seems almost as hard as that of two semesters last year. In the first place we are bound by so many things not called rules, for such are not supposed to exist in our "spirit of spike" this year. We are not allowed to bring the freshmen to the house or to eat and sleep with them. Then they emphasize especially the fact that we are allowed to make no "dates" with the freshmen. This makes it difficult, for at times we may have to go many different places before we are able to find a certain girl to take somewhere. But in spite of all this it is hard to find a more ambitious and enthusiastic lot of girls than this is.

We are working especially hard for some of the finest girls in DePauw—girls with strong characters and high sense of honor and girls who will mean something and really be an addition to our chapter and to Delta Zeta as a whole sorority. These are the kind of girls we want—girls who are willing to do all they can to make our sorority grow, to make sacrifices for it and at last to be able to say that they have really done something for Delta Zeta. We can always find such girls if we just look for them and that is what we have been doing all year.

There is always a question that comes to my mind when we talk of "spike." You sometimes hear a girl say, "There is no use of rushing this girl any longer for another sorority has begun to 'spike' her." Is this the attitude for a girl to take? We all see that it isn't. Of course, there may be times when there is no use, but this is usually after we have waited too long before we put our efforts on her. This is a thing that

our chapter is trying to avoid though, and to do this we must rush hard in the very beginning of school, on the girls that we would like to have for our Delta Zeta sisters and then if another sorority comes in, we can keep right on and instead of (what we call) "dropping" the girl, we are able to continue, and show others how strong we are and what we can really do. Don't you think this is a pretty good attitude to take?

Well, I know you are all tired of hearing about our spike but when we get so interested in it ourselves, it is hard to keep from telling other people about it.

We are all hoping to have a very successful year in getting the girls for whom we are working and we know we can't help but be proud of all those who will wear the Delta Zeta pin.

DELTA.

RUSHING AT WASHINGTON

Semester rushing is used at Washington. There is much to be said both for and against this method, but on the whole it has proved, I believe, a failure.

Normal conditions about the campus between the sorority girls and the freshmen is the aim of the local Pan-Hellenic association in passing a semester pledge rule. A sorority may have only five dates with a freshman, no more than two of which may be formal affairs, and no more than two being all day dates. This includes down town dates and parties that might be given by *alumnæ* or pledges.

This method of rushing is only an experiment but is severely criticized by most sorority girls here. We have come to believe that it helps neither the girls, the sororities nor the university, for it defeats to a large extent the true purpose of the university, by placing rushing first, and studying later.

LUCY M. SHELTON.

THE SORORITY ATTITUDE TOWARD SEMESTER RUSHING AT WASHINGTON

Rushing under any circumstances is a difficult proposition. But our present method is not the best solution. It takes too

much time, for the sorority must be constantly planning rushing parties for a whole half year. It takes us from our studies, although that *could* be tolerated if it did not last so long. Semester rushing covers so much time that we must continually keep a line on our rushees or they lose interest. Then too, it increases our expenses, for we have to have so many more affairs, and we feel that we must keep up with the other sororities. It is undoubtedly true, however, that we really get to know our rushees better during a semester than during two weeks.

HILDA KNAUSENBERGER.

THE FRESHMAN GIRL AND SEMESTER RUSHING AT
WASHINGTON

Enthusiasts for semester rushing give, as their biggest argument, the statement that the freshman girls learn to know the girls of the various sororities, and in this way avoid making serious mistakes. Nor is the freshman girl thrust, from the very beginning, of her college career, into the clutches of Greek-letter people, but she has an independent life for one semester, and sees more than one side of college life. After this, she can really, truthfully answer the all-important question. To enjoy these advantages just mentioned, the freshman must undergo much nervous strain and excitement. For one whole semester she is frantically rushed, and there is nothing more detrimental to one's health than a long suspense before the final outcome. With perhaps two or more dates every week, besides various other social affairs, the girl receives a wrong impression of college life. Time that should be spent in quiet and slow adaptation to college life and spirit is frittered away under intensely exciting conditions. I overheard a popular freshman girl say, recently "In high school I always had my lessons, but here I do well if I can attend classes. With all of this rushing I have no time for studying except on Sunday." This is the very worst beginning for a freshman, and an evil which by all means should be avoided.

MARTHA JOHNSON.

Report of the Committee on Local Pan-Hellenics to the Thirteenth Pan-Hellenic Congress

In order for the Committee on Local Pan-Hellenics to get the best results it was decided that information should be secured from the Pan-Hellenics themselves and from the Deans of Women. Letters were written to the Deans of Women at 92 Colleges and Universities, stating the purpose of Pan-Hellenics as revised at the Twelfth Congress, and asking for suggestions in carrying on the work.

The Committee also prepared and sent out a questionnaire to every College Pan-Hellenic (92) with a request for information. The President or Delegate of each N. P. C. fraternity was then asked to contribute anything of value that she might offer so that the local organizations might really become active agents for good in the college community.

The following is the questionnaire sent out:

QUESTIONNAIRE FOR LOCAL PAN-HELLENICS

(1) *Constitution*

1. Have you a constitution?
2. Is it the "Model Constitution" adopted by N. P. C.? Has it been properly amended? Have any modifications been made; if so, what and why?
3. Have you the regular delegates as provided by N. P. C.?
4. Is your constitution efficient? Have you any trouble in maintaining the spirit of the law? What method is used to hold members to the compact? Is this enforced? and is it necessary often? Is there any lifting in your Pan-Hellenics? To what do you attribute this?

(2) *Rushing*

1. How long does your rushing continue? Has it been satisfactory? If not, why? Have you a solution to offer?
2. What do you consider the best time for pledging? What are the results?

3. Is rushing normal in your college and are the rules generally observed?

4. In case of controversy, to whom do you appeal? Do you submit your case to the Presidents of the fraternities involved as approved by N. P. C.?

(3) *Initiation*

1. Have you adopted sophomore pledging? Was it by action of Pan-Hellenic or Faculty decision? Is it successful? If not, why not?

2. What effect has sophomore pledging on both the active girls and the freshmen mentally and financially? Is there any improvement in the personnel of the chapter? Has it met with the results expected by the Faculty and Pan-Hellenics? Is scholarship improved and rushing eliminated?

3. Do you favor matriculation pledging within two weeks after the beginning of the first term?

4. Are you in favor of early pledging and late initiation with the scholarship requirement for initiation? Do you think this would accomplish more than the sophomore pledging, with fewer evils?

5. What is the effect of early pledging on Pan-Hellenics? Of sophomore pledging? What is the effect on the student body?

(4) *General Needs*

1. Are there any All-University Social Functions given by the local Pan-Hellenics?

2. Are conditions desirable in your college, and if not, just what is responsible? Can you offer a remedy?

3. Have you taken up any special work in your Pan-Hellenic? Philanthropic, educational, or civic improvement? Have you a plan to offer?

(5) *General Information*

1. See that Pan-Hellenic adopts the "Model Constitution" with the recent changes and amendments, especially regarding the purpose of Pan-Hellenic.

2. Every Pan-Hellenic must conform to the law that requires each fraternity chapter to be represented in the Pan-Hellenic by one active and one alumnæ member.

3. Study carefully the motions passed by the Congress concerning Local Pan-Hellenics. Bulletin No. 2, June, 1913.

4. Please send to this committee at your earliest opportunity the names and addresses of the local Pan-Hellenic President and Secretary for 1914 and a copy of your constitution and by-laws.

Very cordially yours,

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In addition to the questions asked Deans of Women and Local Pan-Hellenics, the Committee asked for a copy of their constitution and by-laws and the names of their officers for 1914-15.

The response to the questionnaire was fairly good, though the committee was greatly surprised at the general ignorance of Local Pan-Hellenics of the work and purpose of N. P. C. Several institutions had Pan-Hellenics in name only, as they had no constitution, no officers, no organization; no regular time for meeting. Many did not know there was a "Model Constitution." Few had alumnæ delegates, but this was due to the fact that a number of the chapters were comparatively young and had no town alumnæ. To this lack of mature judgment is attributed a great deal of the dissension and bickering that is found in a number of Local Pan-Hellenics.

Out of 92 letters sent out to Deans of Women, 16 replies were received. However, many colleges have no such official

and the lack of responses may have been due partly to the fact that the proper official failed to receive the communication. Some of the replies came from the President, the Dean, and the Registrar, where they had no Dean of Women. Of sixteen replies received, none were dissatisfied with Pan-Hellenics, though all but one, felt that their interests needed broadening. They expressed the wish that Pan-Hellenics would think less of petty rushing rules and more of the general good—would help enforce the house rules adopted for all women students, limit social activities, and encourage and enforce scholarship.

Replies were received from the following Universities: Southern California, Boston, St. Lawrence, Ohio, Wisconsin, Minnesota, Newcomb, Colorado, Michigan, Nebraska, Illinois, Missouri, De Pauw, Barnard, Hillsdale, Coe.

The Dean of Boston University disapproved of Pan-Hellenic undertaking any constructive work, giving as one of the reasons that it could be done more efficiently by other organizations. In writing the committee he said, "I believe that local Pan-Hellenic can best work for the good of their colleges by developing fully their service to the chapters represented. By keeping all of its constituency on thoroughly good terms with each other, and by continually reminding them that they come to the college not to join a Greek-letter society, but that they join a Greek-letter society to get the more from college."

At De Pauw the Dean of Women felt that little could be done for all college women, because of the antagonism of the non-fraternity students.

The Dean of Colorado College placed a great deal of emphasis upon the responsibility of the Pan-Hellenic, and urged scholarship competition. She suggested that Pan-Hellenics require bi-monthly reports as to the standing of each individual and fraternity.

At Southern California social conditions were deplored. As an instance, the sororities reserved certain tables in the lunch room for their members. The frequency of social affairs and especially the custom of entertaining other fraternities on

Monday evenings—after regular fraternity meetings—caused considerable criticism.

The Dean of Women of Illinois urged a strict enforcement of house rules with definite hours for study, and a limitation of social activities. She especially deplored the custom of the sororities of keeping "open house" on Sunday.

The Missouri Dean of Women urged Pan-Hellenic to make a better stand for simplicity in all things—dress, entertainment, etc.

The other Deans who replied expressed themselves as fairly well satisfied with conditions and had no suggestions to offer.

Only 45 Pan-Hellenic reports were received from 92 interrogated. Of these, 31 were using the "Model Constitution" in some form, though its provisions were not always enforced. Of the remaining 14, eleven had constitutions adapted to local conditions and the remaining three—Cincinnati, Albion, and Allegheny—had no constitution, or any form of organization. They had a few rules which they used during rushing season.

Out of the ten Pan-Hellenics that reported sophomore pledging, Newcomb alone was thoroughly satisfied with the result. Iowa had not yet given it a trial, and the other nine were decidedly opposed to the system. The colleges are: Newcomb, Minnesota, Wisconsin, Iowa, Knox, Northwestern, Simpson, Brenau, and Texas.

The ideal time for pledging seems to be a much disputed point and ideas were numerous and varied. Some of the suggestions were:

1. Matriculation pledging. Any time within two weeks after matriculation. Some thought two weeks too long; others believed it to be too short.

2. From four to six weeks from matriculation day.

3. First semester, with scholarship requirements.

4. Second semester, with scholarship requirement. With the exception of Newcomb, all believed that any time was preferred to sophomore pledging.

Many Pan-Hellenics require rushees to pass a required number of hours before initiation, and the Nebraska Pan-Hellenic

will not permit a girl to be a delegate to Pan-Hellenic who had not passed twelve hours' work.

The various requirements were:

Trinity	ten hours.
Oregon	nine hours.
Iowa State College	eighty-two and one-half per cent.
Florida	B average.
Cincinnati	C grade in $\frac{2}{3}$ credit hours for second semester.
Nebraska, Kentucky, Knox, Idaho, Washington, Southern California Judson	} twelve hours. B average.

Iowa State College has four women instructors and the matron in their Pan-Hellenic Association, and Nebraska has an Advisory Board of five alumnae members who have been out of college at least a year.

The notable things attempted by the various Pan-Hellenics during the past year were:

1. Pan-Hellenic teas or dances—Oregon, Vermont, Allegheny, Texas.
2. Annual Pan-Hellenic Day—Iowa State College. All women students entertained at various sorority houses.
3. Organization and support of a lunch room at one of the largest bag factories in New Orleans—Newcomb.
4. Scholarship Fund—Kentucky. Pan-Hellenic gives annual entertainment for raising money for this fund.
5. Free scholarship—Hollins.
6. Scholarship Banquet—Northwestern. One girl from each class and one from each sorority who stood first in scholarship.
7. Scholarship Dinner—Millikin University. Given by Pan-Hellenic to two girls from each class and one from each sorority who stood first in scholarship.
8. Civic Work—Illinois, Wesleyan. Contributed funds for beautifying college campus.

9. Social Service—California.

10. Scholarship Luncheon at Washington State University. Attempted but failed because Registrar refused to give out grades.

11. Loving cup for scholarship—Texas State University. Cup given to sorority making highest average during the year.

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REPLIES RECEIVED FROM

Hanover, Trinity, Ohio, Oregon, Iowa State College, Newcomb, Lawrence, Randolph-Macon, Florida, Minnesota, Boston, Wisconsin, Vermont, Akron, Adrian, Nebraska, South Dakota, Kentucky, Iowa, Lombard, Maine, Coe, Illinois, Cincinnati, Ohio State, Hollins, James Millikin, Knox, Kansas, Illinois, Wesleyan, Judson, Idaho, Iowa Wesleyan, Northwestern, Albion, Allegheny, Southern California, Baker, California, Washington, Brenau, Butler, Texas.

NO REPLIES FROM

Adelphi, Alabama, Arkansas, Barnard, Bethany, Bucknell, Colby, Cornell, Denver, De Pauw, Lawrence, Dickinson, Franklin, Drury, George Washington, Goucher, Hillsdale, Indiana, Stanford, Louisiana, Maine, Miami, Middleburg, Montana, Mt. Vernon, Nevada, New York, North Dakota, Oklahoma, Pennsylvania, St. Lawrence, South Western, Tufts, Vanderbilt, Washburn, Washington, Wesleyan, State College (Washington), University (St. Louis), West Virginia, Wittenberg, Wyoming.

The committee believes that the interests of Pan-Hellenics are broadening and whenever rushing rules do not take up all of their time, they are accomplishing much that is worth while.

In order to bring this about as soon as possible the Committee wishes to recommend:

1. That each N. P. C. delegate encourage the Pan-Hellenics where their chapters are located to institute some definite way of encouraging scholarships, e. g. Scholarship dinner, loving cup, free scholarship, etc.

2. That each N. P. C. delegate encourage social service in local Pan-Hellenics and attempt to regulate social activities.

Respectfully submitted,

MISS ELIZABETH F. CORBETT.

MRS. CHAD ELLIOTT.

MRS. DALLAS SCARBOROUGH, *Chairman.*

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RECOMMENDATIONS ON CODE OF ETHICS

"Whereas, it is the unanimous opinion of the fraternity editors present at the thirteenth N. P. C. that any formulated expression of a Fraternity Code of Ethics which is to be effectively disseminated and widely used should be couched in language of force, beauty, and inspiration; and

"Whereas, the compilation of such an expression of our ethics demands thought, time and leisure to create; and

"Whereas, the physical limitations of this meeting make such conditions unavailable;

"Be it resolved, that the compilation of such a concrete expression of fraternity ethics be not attempted at this time, but be compiled in whatever manner N. P. C. may direct, and presented for the consideration of the fourteenth N. P. C.

"Be it further resolved, that in the mean time each fraternity shall be responsible for the following statement concerning fraternity ethics:

"The fraternity code of ethics, among other things, obligates every fraternity member:

1. To coöperate with college authorities.
2. To respect and obey both the letter and spirit of any agreement which has been made by either the college or the National Pan-Hellenic.
3. To refrain from the general discussion of fraternity disagreements.
4. To refrain from speaking disparagingly of any fraternity or of any college woman.
5. To so regulate her personal conduct that it will conform in spirit and appearance with accepted standards of good breeding.

"We believe that this condensed statement covers the points emphasized in the full report of your committee on code, and we propose such a condensation because experience leads us to these conclusions:

1. That any policy, to secure conspicuous expression in daily living, must be expressed with a brevity that makes easy its subconscious assimilation in the mind.
2. That a positive statement of what is ethical is more constructive than a negative phrasing of the same idea in a statement of what is unethical.

"Elizabeth Corbett, Kappa Delta. Florence A. Armstrong, Alpha Chi Omega. Katherine T. Mullin, Kappa Kappa Gamma. Martha M. Land, Chi Omega. Elizabeth F. Corbett, Alpha Gamma Delta. Nellie Hart, Phi Mu. L. Pearle Green, Kappa Alpha Theta."



Our Post Box

ALPHA—MIAMI UNIVERSITY

Dear Sisters in Delta Zeta:

WITH the ushering in of this new year and in the first issue of the LAMP in this year, I want to wish prosperity, strength, happiness, and love to each chapter of Delta Zeta and to each wearer of her lamp.

In regard to news from the chapter, I hardly know where to begin. Unfortunately, we have not seen the last issue and it is rather hard to write letters without receiving any reply, but I know you have not heard of our pledges, so I am going to begin there and tell you about them.

We have six to announce and they are: Ruth Kelsey, Battle Creek, Mich.; Marjory Carson, Oxford, O.; Lenore Hartzell, Oxford, O.; Bertha Hutchens, Cincinnati, O.; Ellen Finley, Kenton, O.; and Ernestine Cookston, Troy, O.

I wish you all could know them. There is Ruth. She has light hair and blue eyes and surely is a clever grind-organ master when her roommate, Leta Browning, does her monkey dance.

Marjory is a star, that is, she's a star and a star actress. She is to be seen in "When Bunty Pulls the Strings" and some day she will outvie Maude Adams as Peter Pan.

Lenore is a songster and a very sweet girl. She's one of a family of whom we all think a great deal. An ardent lover pursues her, but he's one fine man so we don't object.

Bertha, christened Betty as soon as ΔZ began to rush her, is an enthusiastic, vivacious, willing little youngster and she can talk just so fast that even the winged mercury would come in second in a Marathon.

Ellen is the sister of a Deke in school who is very well known as the president of the Student Forum. But she does not need to rely on anyone else for recognition, for she has a wonderful voice which every one loves already.

Ernestine is another Troy product of whom we are very proud. She, too, is blessed with musical talent and this as a player of the cello.

And do you wonder at our pride in them? Of course, all their virtues have not loomed up; so you still have something to discover in them when you do meet them.

Three Delta Zetas were chosen for the Mid-year play cast, Lela Browning, Elsie Butz, and Marjory Carson. As there are only five women parts in "When Bunty Pulls the Strings", we feel particularly fortunate in being so well represented.

In the Madrigal Club quartette, we have two girls, Elsie Butz, and Ellen Finlay. Both of these girls sing in the chapel choir and in the Pan-Hellenic Glee Club which serenaded with Christmas carols pre-vacation.

We are unfortunate in losing one of our patronesses, Mrs. E. F. Colburn. Professor Colburn, who was the head of the History department of Miami, has taken up the insurance business in Rochester, N. Y. Delta Zeta is losing two excellent friends, ones who have stood by her in everything. The chapter entertained with an informal dinner party in honor of Mr. and Mrs. Colburn at the Green Tree Inn.

We announce the initiation of Elsie Butz, Gallipolis, Ohio, December 19, 1914.

Hoping to hear from you all soon through the pages of the LAMP.

Lovingly in ΔZ ,

HELEN A. LANE,

Correspondent to LAMP.

ALPHA—PERSONALS

The alumnæ present at the Cincinnati theatre dinner-party were the Mesdames Parke Smith, and Walter Willey of Cincinnati, and the Misses Rose Pierce of Harrison, Helen

Stover of the College of Music, Cincinnati, Georgia Saylor of Oxford, Ohio, and Dorothy Sloane, of Oxford. Rose Pierce and Helen Stover returned to Oxford with the party and spent several days with the chapter.

Miss Mabelle Minton was in Oxford for a few hours and visited with members of the chapter.

Miss Beulah Greer of Indianapolis, and Miss Lois Huggins of Connersville, Ind., attended the Cincinnati-Miami Thanksgiving football game with the chapter and spent several days with the girls at Oxford.

Miss Josephine Jones, of Columbus and Miss Marie Guthrie of Troy, were in Oxford for the sophomore football hop and spent a few days with the chapter.

Mrs. John Butz visited her daughter, Elsie, and attended the Cincinnati theatre party with the chapter.

Miss Edna Chenault is back in school after a month's absence on account of illness.

BETA—CORNELL UNIVERSITY

Dear Girls:

VACATION has just ended and the new year finds us all back again, hard at work,—for block week and the dreaded finals are hovering very near. The thought of return is at first rather a lonesome thought when one is in the full swing of a splendid Christmas time with all the home people, but after the first few hours the lonesome feeling somehow slips away and now, I for one feel it only a great gladness to be here again, to be with all the girls and to be a Delta Zeta.

A new year is such a hopeful thing, isn't it? All the old troubles and worries gone out with 1914 and a whole, fresh new calendar before us holding such possibilities for every girl and most of all, so we earnestly hope, for our sorority. I think 1915 is going to be one of the happiest and most successful years we personally have had. Why? For one reason we pledged, last November five wonderful freshmen—the best of the class, so we think—and in this new year we

are going to pin the little lamp on each one of them—and we are going to be so glad to do it. Then again our membership has increased quite a bit and is going to prove even more congenial, I feel sure. Also, we shall see several of our "old" girls at some time during the year—and that is always something to look forward to with delight.

I must tell you the names of our freshmen, Margaret Luckings, Margaret Chapman, Alice Quinlan, all of New York City, Cecilia Coad of Maryland and Dorothy Cotton, an Ithaca girl. We used, for the first time, the new pledge service with these girls and we all found it wonderfully impressive. I think we needed something like that so the freshmen might realize that they were already a part of Delta Zeta, in a small, but nevertheless an important way. Before I write again they will have been initiated with the new service—which we all think very beautiful—and we will have had that wonderful banquet too, so there will be much more news then.

Erma Lindsay, a 1911 girl, spent a few days with us just before the holidays and as most of us had not seen her since last June it was a great treat and we had a lovely celebration. We had a big Christmas party with stockings, full from the toe up, just like Santa always leaves at your fireplace, and we exchanged gifts "wonderful and awful" but at least very well suited to each one's pet hobby. We have not been all together as yet since our return, as we have been here barely two days, but we are all looking forward to a grand reunion Saturday night and glowing accounts of good times during the holidays.

Duty in the unwelcome guise of an untouched German lesson is calling me so I must turn to it wishing every chapter success and happiness through the remainder of the year and sending love and greetings—much and many—from Beta.

ANITA G. LYNCH.

DELTA—DEPAUW UNIVERSITY

ANOTHER letter! Doesn't the time just fly? I can't realize that three months have passed, can you?

Really I haven't anything just awfully exciting to tell you this time as I did last, when I told you of our wonderfully successful fall spike; but you'll be interested in just our every day occurrences, won't you? I say that judging by Delta chapter, for we are always so anxious to read the chapter letters and learn what you are all doing in the different Delta Zeta homes and colleges.

We initiated November sixth and seventh and now we have a full active chapter of nineteen. That reminds me of a funny little incident which occurred when we were collecting LAMP dues for the year. Now don't you tell Mildred Crull (Doughnut) I told on her, will you not? Mildred, one of our new girls, was living at Florence Hall the first of the year and later came into the house.

One afternoon she was diligently studying in her room when Ruth Jones suddenly appeared exclaiming "Say, Doughnut, will you pay me for the LAMP?" The freshman looked up questioningly and returned "Oh! do we pay that too; how much is it?" Ruth answered and Mildred obediently wrote out a check. Later in the evening she said innocently to her roommate "Say, Lena, I didn't know we had to pay the light bill over here."

"The light bill—who said we did?" "Well, Jones asked me this afternoon for the money for the LAMP!"

Doubtless you have heard of our annual celebration, "Old Gold Day", which is an endeavor to arouse class spirit and enthusiasm. It was a decided success this year. All the students met at chapel and then marched to McKeen field. The freshmen won the class scrap and the juniors held the seniors to a tie in the class football game. There was a flag-raising on the campus and speeches were made by the different class presidents. The football game of the afternoon was interesting (but you mustn't ask all the particulars).

The vaudeville given at night by the different sororities and fraternities was the climax. It was made up of individual stunts presented by the various organizations and helped much to make the day a "howling" success.

I told you about our new organ which was being built in Meharry Hall. It has been completed and is a beauty. It was dedicated Saturday, December nineteenth. A recital was given that afternoon and evening by the celebrated organist, Charles Galloway of St. Louis. On Sunday at University service Dr. Gobin authorized by Mrs. Caldwell, the donor of the organ, presented it to the university and Dr. Grose accepted the gift in a very effective manner. We are very proud of it. It has four separate organs—the choir, harp, great and swell, and the chimes in the tower.

For about two weeks before our Christmas recess you could have dropped in at any time of the day or night and found a group of us tatting or crocheting madly. That seemed to be our craze this year. When one girl made a new pattern all of us had to make something just like it. We had some jolly good times getting ready for Christmas and I know you girls did too.

Do you girls always have a Christmas tree at the house before you go home? That has become an established custom with us and this year we had the best time. We had different committees and among them was a tree committee. They got the tree, trimmed it and had it all "fixed" without the rest of us seeing it. It was on the Saturday night before vacation and the entertainment committee issued quite original invitations informing us what character we were to represent or imitate. There was every character from old Mother Goose to Simple Simon in appropriate attire and speech. Myrtle Graeter was Santa and when she called us by our assumed names we had to respond with a characteristic verse and open our gifts before the bunch. We had candy and fruit by the bushels (?) and did it ample justice. It's just loads of fun and if you haven't the custom already started you ought to plan a Christmas party next year.

By the time you read this letter, girls, another pledge day will be past and we will be well started on the last semester's work. I'll just "chop off" now and wait until later to add the next link to this letter.

Every member in Delta chapter sends love and best wishes to you each and every one. CATHARINE J. SINCLAIRE.

DELTA—PERSONAL

Born to Mr. and Mrs. L. R. Sawyer (Lucille Ewers), Delta, a boy, Bayard Ewers Sawyer, on October 30, at Manila, Philippine Islands.

ZETA—NEBRASKA UNIVERSITY

SINCE our last letter to the LAMP Christmas has come and gone and all the girls have started the New Year's work with renewed energy and ambition. The annual Christmas party was given the last evening before vacation, by the freshmen, and proved to be exceptionally clever and amusing. The entertainment was a mock wedding and the ceremony as carried out brought forth the hearty applause of the audience from the time the first strains of the wedding march were heard until the last echoes of the charivari died away. The freshmen had entire charge of the party, including the tree which had been decorated and carefully guarded in the den during the afternoon, and the refreshments which were served after the presents had been distributed.

On the last pledging day the Zetas were fortunate in pledging Myrtle Orton, of Unidilla, Neb. She is a sophomore, a splendid girl, and a capable student.

ETHEL M. ARNOLD, *Zeta*.
Chapter Editor.

THETA—OHIO STATE UNIVERSITY

"LAMP time" again—goodness how the days do fly! We haven't quite had time to finish reading the November number.

How good it is to have freshman pledging; all the letters show such enthusiasm over the new pledges, and it's good to have a new chapter too.

We entertained with a spread at Helen Kaetzel's, October twenty-eighth, honoring our pledge, Gladys Headley of West Jefferson. Everyone had a delightful time as we always do at Helen's. There was a large basket of pink roses on the dining table which were afterward distributed among us.

On November twentieth we had a theater party at Keith's and afterward a spread at Gretta Tully's.

We are going to have a dance January eighth at Women's Union honoring Gladys Headley. The hall will be decorated in old rose and Nile green and pink roses will be used in one of the favor dances.

The time for final examinations is near and everyone is busy. We wish success to all. You know we have a two-fold purpose in getting good marks. It's for our own personal satisfaction coupled with our aim to make Delta Zeta the leading sorority in scholarship. Our local Pan-Hellenic Alumnae Association awards a beautiful coffee urn to the sorority standing the highest in scholarship. This trophy for last year was awarded at a big Pan-Hellenic dinner which was held in October. Delta Delta Delta won the cup and we were two-tenths of a per cent behind Kappa Alpha Theta for second place. This year we mean to make Delta Zeta first. And while I am telling you about the scholarship I should tell you about this big dinner. There were two hundred and thirty-six Greek-letter women there, a truly wonderful and inspiring sight. They were grouped at three long tables. The president of the alumnae Pan-Hellenic Association was toastmistress and Mrs. Parmelee, National Pan-Hellenic President, was the chief speaker. She told us about the work of the Pan-Hellenic Congress which she had just attended. After the dinner everybody sang sorority songs and all ended with singing our beloved "Carmen Ohio."

We hope you all have a very prosperous New Year and get along wonderfully well in your finals.

EMILY NEIGHBOR,
Chapter Editor.

KAPPA—UNIVERSITY OF WASHINGTON

A happy New Year to you all!

WE ARE in the midst of a strenuous rushing season. The semester rush is used here, and two weeks from today, after a short closed season, we will know our fate. We have tried to keep our rushing very simple and inexpensive. There have been several special dinners, luncheons, a Halloween party, several matinée parties and we are planning for this week, a dinner at the House and theater party afterwards.

In December we gave a ten o'clock dance and card party. The faculty allows each sorority only four ten o'clocks, one formal and one informal dance a year, so of course we have to make the most of each occasion. We gathered Oregon grape and English ivy, and used up all of our æsthetic taste in adorning the windows, arches and chandeliers with it. We banked the fireplace with sword ferns and produced, on the whole, a decidedly woodsy effect.

The large dining room, downstairs was used for cards, and there we placed huge bowls of yellow chrysanthemums.

But the most important event of the day was our pledging Caroline Bailey. She is a darling girl and there was great rejoicing in the Delta Zeta House when she consented to join us. Caroline is a sophomore and lives in Seattle, but she is going to say at the House next semester.

We had such a dandy time during Christmas vacation that it seemed very hard to get down to studying again. Gladys Hitt and I were the only poor unfortunate ones who couldn't go home for Christmas, but the town girls helped out a lot by seeing that we had a good time.

Martha Johnson's father and mother were out of town during vacation and some of us girls stayed with her then. We had a good time, but poor Martha was seized with stage fright every time she began to cook, because she was conscious of our superior knowledge. You see we happen to be majoring in home economics and she in history. History is all right in

its way, but it doesn't help much when you want to know whether or not coffee should be salted.

After Christmas Hilda and Clara Knausenberger gave a New Year's luncheon, and we took our sewing, though of course our tongues went much faster than our crochet hooks.

The alumnæ gave us for Christmas, the most beautiful punch bowl, ladle and glasses. When you are just starting out, there are so many things to buy, and we are certainly grateful for all contributions.

We received a letter from Iota this week. It seems good to hear from other chapters, for we are far away sisters; even though some of us live in Idaho, which is East; and some in South Dakota which is *way* East.

It started to rain in Seattle on Christmas day and I believe the sky has simply forgotten to stop; for ever since then, we have had a soft, gentle, but continuous downpour. It's queer no one ever thought of cornering the market in umbrellas here. It would be a fine opportunity for amassing a monstrous fortune!

CHRISTINE POLLARD,
Chapter Editor.

Alumnæ Department

THE MOTTO OF THE ALPHA GRADUATE CHAPTER OF
DELTA ZETA

Put in the LAMP by Request

Keep us, Oh God, from pettiness; let us be large in thought,
in word, in deed.

Let us be done with fault finding and leave off self-seeking.
May we put away all pretense and meet each other face to
face without self-pity and without prejudice.

May we be never hasty in judgment and always generous.

Teach us to put into action our better impulses, straight-
forward and unafraid.

Let us take time for all things; make us grow calm, serene,
and gentle.

Grant that we may realize it is the little things that create
differences; that in the big things of life we are as one.

And may we strive to touch and to know the great common
woman's heart of us all, and

Oh, Lord God, let us not forget to be kind. *Selected.*

ALPHA GRADUATE CHAPTER OF DELTA ZETA

We have had two splendid meetings since our last letter to the LAMP—one at the home of Mrs. O. H. Hayes, and the other at Mrs. R. A. Stevens's. The first entertainment was in the form of a Christmas party, where we all gathered around a gayly lighted tree and exchanged gifts, and enjoyed Yuletide pleasures.

Since we had had no November meeting, our business had "stacked up" on us; and money matters were complicated, but these were soon straightened out, minor details attended to, and ere long we were all "attention" to the words of our President, Martha Railsback, who gave us a most interesting report of her trip to the National Pan-Hellenic Congress at New York, as the Delta Zeta delegate. She read us important

articles from the printed Bulletin of the Congress, which you will all read in this LAMP I know, and also gave us her paper on Delta Zeta which she had presented to the Congress. How every one of us wished we could have been there, and to have been right in the midst of this notable Greek body. Martha also told us of the splendid Delta Zetas she met while there, all Beta girls I believe.

We were loath to turn our minds from this subject, but soon were discussing charity work, and we decided to do sewing for the poor children of the city.

After this Le Ila Brown gave a fine review of *Crowds* by Gerald Stanley Lee.

For our January meeting we gathered at the home of Gladys Robinson Stevens, to discuss Delta Zeta and help further her good works. We had with us this time our old standby, Crystal Hall Glover, who entertained us with an interesting review of Gilbert Parker's book *You Never Know Your Luck*. We are finding the new feature of our programmes, the literary part, very successful and enjoyable.

Mrs. Hayes told us of the examinations to be sent soon to all active chapters, and we decided that the Alumnæ Club should be subjected to a rigid oral examination of these questions. We will surely know real facts about sororities and sorority activities when the examination committee is finished with us. But girls, however hard it may be, it is a splendid thing, for nearly all of us are too ignorant on such matters, and what is the good of wearing a Greek-letter pin if we know *only* its history and not that of others in comparison with ours?

I will close with a call from our President to all our Alumnæ members to please pay LAMP and *Chapter* dues, please.

HELEN SHINGLER DUNBAR.

ALPHA GRADUATE CHAPTER PERSONALS

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Frank P. Duncan, November, a girl. Miss Martha Railsback met with an accident while in the

East, having been struck by an electric automobile. She has fully recovered now.

Miss Elsie Calvin was operated on for appendicitis in Muncie this winter.

Miss Betty Odon has entered the Nurses' Training Department at the Eastman Sanitarium in Indianapolis.

BETA LETTER

GREETINGS to all alumni! Beta's wish is that you may make your own organization so strong and such a Delta Zeta factor that even the girls in active chapters are not more enthusiastic than each of the "old girls." We are out of school, but our duty is just as plain to our sisters, our alma mater and our National; even National Pan-Hellenic requires that each fraternity chapter be represented in local Pan-Hellenics by one active and one *alumnæ* member.

We older girls have met some of the problems and found them hard to solve. This should make us more patient and by a closer tie between our alumni and active chapters be a source of comfort and help to both. This is a big question—stop a few minutes and help us frame an answer. How can my alumni chapter be the most help to an active college chapter still dear to me? Have you something better? Most of all by giving a representative membership for our national to count in readiness for any demand. Our best success lies in the interest each girl shares with her sisters, all working for the good they can do, and the happiness they can bring into every-day life. Certainly I cannot recommend too highly the benefits of alumni organization, dear sisters; be serious and practical; this should be one of your best interests. Why not associate with your nearest alumni, if you can only attend one meeting a year? Your support and interest will net double returns. How? Write the chairman of the extension committee; she can tell you some of our needs and opportunities.

We should like, at this time, to give you a brief idea of Beta Alumni's undertakings; if we succeed in perfecting the idea

we are working upon, we think some of the other groups as much scattered as our own, may find the plan a good basis to adopt for their own requirements. Until the next issue, may we ask you to wait a further report unless you will write to our Secretary, Mrs. Park Smith, 2300 Wheeler Avenue, Clifton Heights, Cincinnati, Ohio, who will be very glad to give you a detailed account.

Our semiannual joint meeting, January 30, will be a luncheon in Cincinnati; our June meeting will be Greek-letter day at Miami University. We wish we might have many visitors, and that you could be one of them.

MABELLE MINTON.

January 14, 1915.

Hamilton, Ohio.

Censor's Comment

Dear Delta Zeta Sisters:

Several weeks have gone by since the publication of the suggested field of action for the censor of the LAMP. As no protests against the proposed basis for the censorship have come from my Delta Zeta reading public, I shall again rivet your attention on Dr. Nicholas Murray Butler's five tests of an education. But you may not recall them without a prodding of the memory:

1. Correctness and precision in the use of the mother tongue.
2. Those gentle and refined manners which are the expression of fixed habits of thought and of action.
3. The power and habit of reflection.
4. The power of intellectual growth.
5. Efficiency, the power to do.

Now, suppose we turn to the fifth and last test in the list, "Efficiency, the power to do."

We Delta Zetas are all agreed—are we not?—upon what we aim to do. I have read and re-read the last issue of the LAMP (many other issues, for that matter), scanning page after page for all the evidence to be gleaned of the present Delta Zeta ability to grasp what it aims to reach; to make not only a *well-directed* effort toward definite accomplishment, but also an effort that shall *stimulate* that *reflective* and buoyant response without which the LAMP is merely so much kindling material for my mother's "Premier Globe" range. Unwarrantably high-priced kindling, too, when one considers the limited number of fires it could light.

In any series of efforts bent toward reaching a clearly discerned goal, each last striving should secure a little better result than the one before. So I turn to the November '14 LAMP—our best number, we shall say. I shift the leaves attentively. . . "Efficiency—the power . . . to do." . . . "The power to do!" Yes, and back of the power to do lies—spirit. . .

Ah, yes; here on page 20—fragment of a report, by the way, from the national convention; the dynamic center, to be sure, of this energizing, this determining, this planning, this shaping, this *doing* spirit that is to make our Delta Zeta sorority a body capable of maintaining a magazine worthy of the name, a magazine that shall be a truthful and creditable organ of our sisterhood.—Page 20—what are these words that catch the eye? . . . “Each girl received a rose as a favor and we all left the banquet hall with our hearts full of Delta Zeta spirit.” And on page 22, “Delta Zeta spirit simply floating everywhere.” . . . I turn the leaves again, page 41—Delta, De Pauw, letter, “We hope that every Delta Zeta girl will start out the new school year full of spirit.” Charming and delightful it all is, indeed. Plain enough is it, moreover, that “spirit” is in the average Delta Zeta girl’s vocabulary. But, as I search the pamphlet from cover to cover, I am forced to wonder if that same average Delta Zeta girl is not inclined to pronounce the word rather *too* trippingly on the tongue!

Now, you who, like myself, happen to be infected with this microbe of investigation, let us see if the “spirit” manifested in the LAMP gives us a lift, in a practical way, up this steep incline of the Mountain of Doing. Let us, to begin with, eliminate from consideration the very acceptable reading matter in “Exchanges” department, pages 56 to 58, for this same matter is neither Delta Zeta effort nor Delta Zeta doing—beyond the act of selecting, by the editor, presumably, who put it there. Then, we must ruthlessly apply the shears to ten more pages of print, for this is not produced, primarily, by Delta Zeta effort. I refer to the “Report of the Thirteenth National Pan-Hellenic Congress,” pages 25 to 34, inclusive. Now, having cut out what it is perfectly fair to cut out, in order the better to get at sound judgment of actual Delta Zeta accomplishment, let us proceed to examine the remaining material. We are in quest, please remember, of that which ought and which must exist back of any real achievement—*spirit*. A count of the remaining reading matter shows forty-one pages left for inspection.

A glance back at my manuscript warns me that space is dwindling. Let me reproduce, to save room without at the same time conveying a pointless discussion, the rough notes made while reading the November LAMP. We are still looking, mind you, for any evidence of an upbuilding spirit. My notes have to do with the predominating impression any reader may get from a chance perusal of this magazine number. Here are the jottings:

P. 6 . . "boundless enthusiasm"—how much does each individual Delta Zeta girl actually give the Grand President to keep her enthusiasm well nourished? Anything beyond a hurried report of pink teas? Heard a lecturer recently use the metaphor, "strong meat for the ribs": syllabub and mush—even the artificial, patented variety—may be relished at times, but sensible physicians sometimes prescribe bacon and eggs to keep a worker from starving. The November LAMP serves up a disproportionate supply of breakfast food, and fancy, assorted cakes.

P. 6 . . and other pages, many of them: "idealism." A good old word. Query: Is our idealism reinforced by the grit and courage to make it go practically? Idealism talked and idealism practiced are two very different things. Why not be *specific*? Make "helps" something more than wishes or surface propositions or idle babblings. If our minds are not really uninventive, let us be specific, original, courageous.

Page 15 . . "On Oct. 17 Kappa Chapter . . . in a reception to faculty members and Greek letter people."—This from our newest chapter, the one most liberated from smothering tradition—and sprung from the West, land of democracy and individualism! Ye gods and little fishes! is Kappa house too sacred to be profaned by the presence of other students of Washington U.; students who, though not "Greeks", may be both capable and charming and superior young American men and women? A typical Delta Zeta guest list? Heaven forbid!

Page 43 . . . Epsilon, Indiana U.: "reception for *all* women in the university." Good, Epsilon has the jewel which we are seeking, spirit! Some of us venture to say that Epsilon gets,

from that reception, more good than she gives—and she shows breadth of vision and freedom from that form of jaundice with which sorority girls of not the best type are sometimes afflicted, snobbishness.

P. 45 . . “supporters of the fraternity.” . . More important—a thousand times more important; are they supporters of the *principles* of your sorority?

P. 14 . . “Rushing time is on! Are we rushing honestly?” Fruit of the stupid old custom of rushing. Honest people do not have to come to a halt and ask themselves, “Are we acting honestly?” Better be original, abandon a silly custom, and build up a new method free from the old evils. An easy thing to do if one is equipped with brains and initiative and—listen!—*ideals!*

P. 51 . . “Harold Bell Wright’s novel, ‘The Eyes of the World!’” Why not add the *Cosmopolitan*?

“Unmeasured still my Shakespeare sits,
Lone as the blessed Jew.”—*Emerson*.

[Undergrads take notice: The above item is to be found in the “Alumnæ Department”; older heads than yours should be wiser.]

Page 49 . . Kappa letter: varied, fairly well written, human, interesting; work and play pleasantly mingled, but frivolity not monopolizing the space; aesthetic appeal, leaving in the reader’s heart a regret that more of the beauty of the campus and the majesty and calm strength of Mount Rainier did not get into the letter. Take us to the top of your “heaven-kissing hill.”

Page 48 . . Iota letter: A profitable letter, specific enough to be at least suggestive; though it, too, is a stingy letter, methinks. A little inclination—unless one knows the writer—to boasting, in the third paragraph; “choice young women of whom Iota is justly proud”—why *proud*? To convey to the rest of us any profitable meaning, tell us what type stirs your pride. . . “Being small, we anticipate great fun in growing.”

A remark that would be damnatory, were it not for the later phrase, "ten is legion." Good, Iota: quality, not quantity!

Page 38 . . Alpha: An evident enough distortion of the term "prospecting"; evident, that is, to the originators. What sort of "rushees" are you guilty of, that you measure them by the effect of a dinner party, though one may grant that such a function may justly be attractive to girls who love fun and delightful social intercourse. Is that *all* the attractiveness you offer? What is *your* definition for Delta Zeta spirit?

Page 41 . . "Have a deeper realization of what the little lamp means now and is going to mean."—Words, words, words! Pretty, yes! But, really, what *does* the "little lamp" mean to you? How have you made it reveal its meaning? There is a picturesque phrase in our daily speech—"deliver the goods."

Page 17 . . "Eureka! eureka!" The lamp is at last sending out a beam that penetrates the darkness—not with such a gleam as to send you into blacker shadows, but with a light that shows you the way home. How many Delta Zeta's who talk glibly about spirit—some of it *is* glibness, you know, or we should have a larger, more stimulating, more meaty, more substantial, less gushing periodical in this November issue—have responded to Mildred McKay's urgent call to a live, vigorous discussion of vital things for Delta Zeta? And you quiet workers, you who are definitely achieving, *why don't you talk?* Send in the ideas, the experiments proved worthy; then we shall wish for and believe in your dreams.

And now, my Delta Zeta sisters, let me slip in this: "High spirit in man," says a certain person, "is like a sword, which, though worn to annoy his enemies, yet is often troublesome to his friends; he can hardly wear it so inoffensively but it is apt to incommode one or other of the company: it is more properly a loaded pistol, which accident alone may fire and kill one." The censor is not the only Delta Zeta permitted to carry a gun, nor should she be the only one to come out into the open. Mildred McKay is a staunch ally. Are there others? Let the editor begin the recruiting by some vigorous editorial

columns in the very next LAMP. The rest of you—clean and polish your pistols; and be sure to use cartridges charged with *ideas*. Be a good soldier—England, you know, has a whole regiment of women—have a soldier's spirit; be efficient; cultivate the power to do!

FLORENCE LIVINGSTONE JOY, *Iota*,
Censor for the LAMP.

Exchanges

SORORITY EXPANSION

Δ Δ Δ at Hollins College, Hollins, Va.; at University of Alabama, Tuscaloosa, Ala.; at Mt. Union College, Alliance, Ohio.

A Ξ Δ at New Hampshire College, Durham, N. H.

A Δ II at University of Colorado, Boulder, Colo.

K A Θ at Washburn College, Topeka, Kans.; at Newcomb College, New Orleans.

Γ Φ B at University of Nebraska, Lincoln, Neb.

The following on "Loyalty" taken from *Alpha Xi Delta* certainly voices the sentiment of every sorority woman.

It is an easy matter to stand by and uphold a sister to an offending outsider, but girls, are we really true to one another? Do we uphold and try to bring out the best in our sisters or is it rather easy to pick out the faults of one girl or another and whisper them quietly to a friend. When one girl stands out against something you are trying very hard to put through in a meeting, because of her principles, isn't it a little easier to pass her by for a while or to be a little bit cool to her than to try and understand her side and her principles? I think if we are true to the high ideals of our fraternity, if we profit by her teachings, then we will be loyal to one another. Surely there can be nothing dearer to a girl's heart than true friendship or thought more beautiful to each Alpha, as she sits in her chapter meeting, than to think that each girl present is loyal to her and will stand by her in every mistake as well as in every good thing she accomplishes.

Loyalty! did it ever occur to you that only by living out this great principle can sorority life mean anything to you. Friends and ideals can mean nothing to us if we, in return are not loyal to them. Sometimes when everything seems to go wrong, when we think the girls are not working for what is the right thing and our friends seem to scorn our hardest efforts for what we think is best, it is very easy for us to drop all interest and placing the girls themselves before the very highest ideals which our fraternity sanctions we turn aside and say we will have nothing more to do with the fraternity. Girls! this is not the true spirit of loyalty for which Alpha Xi Delta stands.

WOMAN'S WHO'S WHO

The first edition of this volume edited by John Leonard contains condensed biographical sketches of 9,644 women. The editor of *Tri Delta* has compiled a table which follows, showing how the fraternities were represented. No doubt many of the women failed to give their affiliations, Miss Fitch discovering four who did not, but even then there were 377 given.

K K Γ—116

A Φ—26

A X Ω—4

K A Θ—85

Γ Φ B—14

A Γ Δ—3

Π B Φ—41

A O Π—10

X Ω—3

Δ Γ—37

Σ K—6

Δ Z—1

Δ Δ Δ—28

A Ξ Δ—4

—*The Angelos*. Quoted by *Adelphean* of A Δ Π.

THE BEATITUDES OF A FRATERNITY MEMBER

I. Blessed is the fraternity member who thinketh all good of his own brethren and some good of his neighbors.

II. Blessed is the man who looketh not to the letter of the pin, but to the spirit of the fraternity.

III. Blessed is he who in his rushing forgetteth not the rules of the game, for he shall be in good repute among his fellow Greeks, and among them who are called Barbarians.

IV. Blessed are the meek and lowly, for they shall not be disappointed but shall gather into themselves many pledges.

V. Blessed are they who admonish their pledges in due season, for by so doing they save themselves much future trouble.—*Alpha Xi Delta*.

The college girl is always "rushed to death" and never has time to do all the things she wishes to do and needs to do. In every other phase of life the talk is all of "efficiency." Would not a little "efficiency" introduced into the daily life of the college girl do much to straighten her difficulties and give more time for worth-while things which otherwise are crowded out. I quote extracts from an article on "Efficiency" in *Kappa Alpha Theta* which is too long to give in full.

"Rushed to death" (with no pre-pledging significance for the word "rushed") is how countless college students describe their college life. No one should be permitted to overdo as the literal truth of such a statement would require. But the literal truth in 999 cases in a thousand is that the rushed-to-death individual actually is doing about half what a normal individual should do with ease and comfort

each day. These 999 really are shirks, who substitute worry, bluster, and chatter for honest work.

Thoughtfulness, that is what you rushed-to-death girls need. Intelligent thought as to what to do, when to do it, how to do it. How we do hate to *think*! But your life will never be rich in poise, service, leisure, pleasure, unless you take hold of it and *think* how to make the twenty-four hours, given each individual each day, serve well your aims and purposes.

Two very essential factors in attaining an equality between the day's duties and the day's hours are standard conditions and standard operations. At no college in the country are these two elements developed as they should be. Probably at no college—or elsewhere—is there actual knowledge of what are standard conditions and operations for college work. So, it is up to the individual students, or to groups of students such as fraternity chapters, to get these things for themselves. . . .

Not so long ago, I was a guest at a chapter house in one of our large universities. Parlors and living rooms took so much space that there was no room available for a quiet study. Expense and university tradition as to simple living had prevented building from plans that included members' quarters of bedroom and study en suite. One's room must serve both for study and sleeping quarters. But all bedrooms were too small for the two, or more, girls assigned to room therein, were poorly lighted and wretchedly ventilated. In not one single room was there a study desk and only in one or two was there a book shelf. To the query, "where do you study," the real student admitted she had to go to the college library—and that college library was a quarter of a mile away and no better equipped to offer standard conditions of work than are most such libraries, that is miserably—while the less interested student said: "Oh, I just sit in my room and use my trunk for a desk." Is it any wonder that that chapter has a reputation, well deserved, for poor scholarship?

In that city boarding house rooms were similarly furnished, I was told—dormitories there were none. But, I've seen college dormitories too with inadequate study facilities, partly because the home-making instinct of the girls demand a cozy room, so one study table is converted by linen cover, chafing dish, and tea equipment into an inviting social center, and the other one is moved from under the center ceiling light—which was deemed a good lighting system for the dormitory by some deluded architect—to an unoccupied corner where it is too dark even to write a letter home but where the desk serves admirably as a catch-all for the numberless things collected by two girls away from home. . . .

Is the house quiet enough to study in at any time? If not, why not? Is your room comfortably warm at study times? Has your roommate

study hours that coincide with yours, or does she take those hours to clear up her bureau drawers, mend, and be generally restless and busy while spoiling for friendly conversation?

Take time to think about these and similar questions. Where the answers are unsatisfactory go vigorously to work to provide yourself with standard conditions for your work. Such conditions for work you can provide for yourself in large measure. Don't delay. Find out today what is needed to give your work this essential help. Tomorrow provide all the tools, et cetera, you need.

Now for standard operations. In your case this is methods of study—methods that will accomplish thoroughly your work in the quickest time, with the greatest ease. Do you divide your study time fairly among your different courses? Do you put off tackling the hard or distateful course until you are too tired to study at all? Do you study best in the early morning? or in the evening? or when? Do you work faster in negligee or in street clothes? What is your best time to go at German? at mathematics? What work must you do at library? What can be done best in your own room? Do you know how to concentrate on the task at hand? or do you take twice as long as you should to get a lesson? and probably only half get it then. How many minutes of each study hour do you waste? Do you try to force yourself to study when tired? How can you plan to come fresh, not weary, to your study of lessons?

These are only a part of the many questions about your individual reactions to mental effort that you must answer in the work of standardizing the operations of study. In their answers and in the adoption of methods of work in harmony with the suggestions of such answers lies the secret of time saving.

It is almost certain that you could reduce the time you give to any one subject at least one-third and at the same time increase the quality of your work greatly by the adoption of standards as to conditions under which you work and as to the methods, or operations, of such work. Then isn't personal efficiency worth a trial?

To be true Delta Zetas, we must, of course, be strickly honest. Here is a thought which may help us define real honesty in its very finest, noblest sense.

DISHONESTY

Dishonesty! How we hate the word! And yet is there not quite a lot of it in and about us? We are prone to think the liar, the thief, the cheat, and the other dishonest folks are very far removed from us and that we are *honest* though we do not always "play quite fair." I wonder if we have ever remembered that dishonesty may mean some-

thing other than stealing our neighbor's work, clothes, or honor: that it may consist of other things than telling a naked untruth to a friend or foe. "The dishonest man is he who does less than his part or takes more than his share." What, then, must we say of that individual who "skips through" with half-studied lessons and a friend's assistance? What of the girl who never serves on disagreeable committees because she is "too busy"? How about this thing of breaking appointments just because we feel like it? Have we done our part when we have broken our word without any real cause?

Then when it comes to the "share" part, we think of the girl who always must have first consideration—the one who, because she is *Miss So-and-so*, if you please, must always be consulted as to whether *she* favors this or that scheme. There is the individual, too, who is perfectly willing to share any honor which comes to his crowd but who can never feel bound to assume a part of any censure or blame, though he may have been more instrumental in bringing about the latter than the former.

If we would walk in honor's way, be fair and just to all, and love and live the truth, let us rule out our petty dishonesties and be happy in the inner consciousness of a womanhood which is above the littleness and deceit and not below the highest and best that lies within our reach.—*Alpha Xi Delta*.

Former President William H Taft spoke before the Psi Upsilon fraternity in Chicago recently as follows: "There has been some agitation in this age of agitation and unrest against these successful fraternities based on the theory that we must all be on a dead level; that there can be no distinctions based on merits. What makes the world a living, growing thing is not that we are based on equality but inequality. There must be inequality of awards to stimulate human nature to higher and greater things.

"It is said that fraternities create bad feeling among the students. The college is the epitome of life, and disappointments there are not by any means the worst thing that can happen to a man. I know it; I have tried it."

President Hadley of Yale has uttered recently some pregnant words on college men and college ways. He says: "A boy goes to college not wholly for the sake of pursuing certain studies but for the sake of breathing a certain atmosphere, of competing for certain traditional rewards of undergraduate life, of entering societies that his father has known and meeting certain men, or the successors of certain men, whom his father has met. Such an atmosphere, and such intangible opportunities cannot be created in a day.

Alpha Tau Omega has selected Claude T. Reno, editor of *The Palm*, to write its history.

Sigma Alpha Upsilon held its annual convention in Chicago, December 21, 22, 23. It granted charters to Washington State College, Oregon State College, Beloit College, and the University of Florida. It elected Don Almy of New York City its chief executive and re-elected its other national officers. Its banquet was attended by 435. The next convention will be held in Pittsburgh in 1916.

Merrill Martindale of Spokane, Wash., has started a movement to have a "Fraternity Sunday." His plan is to have every church in the country have special sermons on fraternalism preached on the selected day, with all of the fraternities present en masse.—*Reference Bureau Bulletin*.