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THETA—Ohio State University, Columbus, Ohio.  
IOTA—Iowa State University, Iowa City, Iowa.  
KAPPA—University of Washington, Seattle, Wash.



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## Our Four Grand Officers

ELIZABETH COULTER STEPHENSON, GRAND PRESIDENT

AT MIAMI UNIVERSITY, in 1903, Mrs. Stephenson was initiated into Delta Zeta. She holds the degree of A.B. from Miami and M.A. from Cornell. For six years she was English teacher in the schools of Cincinnati, Franklin, and Norwood. She is decidedly literary. Her translation of Paul's *Conception of German Philology* is used in Cornell University. She has also done work as a collaborator in Cooper's *Concordance to Wordsworth*.

Mrs. Stephenson is primarily a home maker, having been married three years ago. She is a believer in equal suffrage (but not militant) and has exercised the right given to Oregon women.

She was Secretary to the Council from 1908 to 1910, and in 1912 was elected to the Presidency. She combines qualities rarely found in one individual—firmness of character, and boundless enthusiasm. These qualities made her one of the most dependable members of the sorority while in college. Once persuaded that a certain thing should be undertaken by Delta Zeta, it simply has to be done. This firmness has accomplished for Delta Zeta what has seemed to others, at times, impossible.

Since her election to the National Presidency, she has been successful in establishing an extension fund, and has pushed forward the placing of chapters in desirable colleges and universities. She is the founder of Beta and Kappa chapters. Her aim has been the best for Delta Zeta, or none at all.

Perhaps her greatest accomplishment has been stirring up real enthusiasm among indifferent members, and making them anxious to work for Delta Zeta.



Yet all this touches not one whit the personality of our Grand President. Fundamentally retiring, almost diffident, she has twice put aside her own preferences—the second time at great personal sacrifice—to accept the leadership of  $\Delta$  Z. She has worked for us unswervingly through considerable ill-health and severe sickness. She has contributed generously to  $\Delta$  Z expenses. She has labored unflaggingly and under handicaps known only to a few, to strengthen and enlarge our organization. She sees and brings out the best in those with whom she works. She has been an inspiration to those who have turned to her, and whether in business or socially, her fine courage and idealism carry fresh strength to those she touches personally.

Always deeply interested in girls, she was for two years the devoted and beloved leader of a club in Cincinnati under the Girls' Friendly Organization. Her love for girls is reflected in the spirit of her aims and work in  $\Delta$  Z. The cheap cynicism in reference to her own sex which is common to certain small minds, is utterly foreign to her nature. She believes in and is loyal to all women and hence is capable of those fine and large friendships unknown to small souls. In the closer relations she is deeply beloved by those whose privilege it is to call her Friend.

#### MARTHA RAILSBACK, GRAND VICE-PRESIDENT

WHEN we think of Delta Zeta, there are always a few names that immediately come into the minds of every girl who wears "the Lamp." Who does not know of Martha Railsback—the loyal worker, the ever-ready friend, and the "big Sister" of our Sorority?

In the spring of 1909, together with five other girls, Martha established Delta Chapter. That was the beginning of her work for the Sorority. The same summer she was elected by the National Convention in session at Indianapolis to fill the office of National Corresponding Secretary. This office she held for two successive terms and in this capacity served the



Sorority ably and well. This was the formative period in our history. It was the time when we needed a strong hand at the helm in this one of the most important places on the Grand Council. Too much praise cannot be given to Martha for the work she carried on. Only a few of us really know about the letters she wrote and the trips which she made in order to keep the young chapters enthusiastic in the work. But all of us know the result—a bigger, better, grander Delta Zeta.

Twice during these years, Martha was our Pan-Hellenic Representative. In this office, as in others, she did her work well, and we were glad to have her wear our Lamp before the other Greeks of the land. She has been appointed by our President, Mrs. Stephenson to represent us again this Fall in the National Pan-Hellenic Congress to be held in New York City.

At the last convention she was also unanimously chosen Grand Vice-president. Besides being a national worker, Martha will be President of the Alpha Graduate Chapter of the Sorority during 1914-15.

Fortune has indeed favored us by giving us such a splendid character. She combines her principles of leadership and initiative with a keen sense of appreciation of other people. These traits give us a noble, broad-minded and successful woman. We are proud of her—and wherever we may be, we want to stretch our hands across the miles and give her our grip of loyal and sisterly devotion for another successful administration.

#### NETTIE WILLS SHUGART, GRAND SECRETARY

**M**RS. NETTIE WILLS SHUGART, the newly elected Grand Secretary of Delta Zeta, is a Nebraska woman and represented Delta Alumnæ Chapter of Delta Zeta of the State University of Nebraska, at the National Convention this last July.

She is a lady of rare refinement and culture and pleasing personality, a graduate of Doane College, the Congregational

College of Nebraska, and has completed work for Master's Degree at the Nebraska State University.

Mrs. Shugart is a Ceramic artist of high reputation. Added to this she is a successful business woman, having been associated with the Miller & Paine Co., one of Lincoln's most prominent firms, as head of the China Decorating Department for nearly five years, and is a popular teacher of china painting.

For two years, Mrs. Shugart was chairman of the State Art Committee and is widely known among club women of Nebraska. Added to her duties as Grand Secretary she is now serving as President of Delta Zeta Alumnæ Chapter of Nebraska.

GERTRUDE E. McELFRESH, GRAND TREASURER

GERTRUDE EWING McELFRESH is a native of Oregon. She graduated from the Oregon Agricultural College in 1902. She then taught a year and a half in the public school, giving up her position to become a bride. In less than two years she was widowed. In 1907 Mrs. McElfresh went to Cornell University, graduating from that university two years later. Since that time she has been assistant professor in the Oregon Agricultural College. September 1914 sees her in the position of Preceptress in the same college, a position which unites the duties of Dean of Women and Instructor in English.

Few lives have had greater sorrows, none has made a greater victory out of each one. Life has buffeted her severely but without breaking her spirit, marring her quick sympathy for others, or spoiling her splendid enthusiasm.

While at Cornell Mrs. McElfresh became identified with Delta Zeta and as a charter member and a leader left the impress of her character upon the chapter. Sympathy, reliability and resourcefulness characterized her life in Beta chapter. "Ma Gertrude" was depended upon to solve each and every difficulty that confronted any member; during the early and trying days of Beta chapter, her courtesy, tact and ability as a leader kept the chapter strong and united.



For the past two years she has been a most efficient member of the Grand Council. In the capacity of Grand Treasurer, the finances of Delta Zeta have been straightened out and businesslike methods have been used in dealing with the affairs of the treasury. Because of her efforts, Delta Zeta has greater opportunities of helpfulness and usefulness. The circular letter issued by her to all alumnæ last May stating the financial condition of Delta Zeta, its obligations and plans for the future has done more than any other effort to interest alumnæ and obtain their help.

Her work as a student was conscientious and much above the average. She was very popular with classmates and instructors alike. To her work as a teacher she has brought untiring zeal and unusual enthusiasm. She is a born teacher, loves her work and considers it the highest art for her. She is happy and busy in her new work as Preceptress of Oregon Agricultural College. Our love and best wishes go out to her in this new field of her activity.

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I have heard girls say: "My sorority means to me just the little group I knew at college." I wonder if any Delta Zeta girl has ever said or thought that? Work is a great cure-all and I know of no better cure for the above state of mind than to do a little work for Delta Zeta. If you will volunteer to relieve an overburdened and harassed chairman of twenty-five dunning letters to delinquent Delta Zetans, and will pay the postage yourself, Delta Zeta will cease to stand for "just the group I knew at college," and will become instead, "so many new friends that I never knew before." When you give yourself a chance to find out how much Delta Zeta has to *give you*, you will want to give back something to her. You will want the LAMP, you will want the songbook. You will even want to pay your alumnæ dues. You will want to do all this because you will have found how much Delta Zeta is giving you.



## Progressiveness at Ohio State

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**T**WO new movements have been inaugurated at Ohio State just recently which seems to me would be of interest to all college women everywhere, whether Greek or not.

The first one is the "Big Sister" movement. Last year a feeble attempt was made along this line but this year it came to full growth and blossomed out into a really effective branch of college activity. Every new girl in school has a big sister. The Women's Council appointed girls from the junior and senior classes as advisors. Each advisor during the summer was given the names of three girls expecting to enter Ohio State and arranged to meet them at the station, helped them secure lodgings, and aided them with their schedules. Each freshman was taken around and introduced to the older girls and to the other freshman girls. This new plan means that every new girl got started with little or no trouble to herself. Many girls are away from home for the first time. The great university is just one large, buzzing confusion,—a place which seems designed to worry the poor first year students to distraction. But now there is a haven for the homesick and bewildered ones. The freshmen, after attending various functions on the campus, find there are students by the hundreds who are interested in new girls and willing to help them. They are no longer looked upon merely as possible fraternity material, but as lonely girls away from their mothers for the first time. Arema O'Brien is President of the Council and has done much to forward this movement.

And not only has the plan accomplished its original purpose but its effect has been more far-reaching. The "Big Brothers" have followed the "Big Sisters" at Ohio State. The big sisters succeeded and the news-stories of the things that the girls have been doing in helping their underclassmates have suggested the scope and importance of the work. Now the big brothers are volunteering to take care of the little brothers.



The second movement started with the following declaration in the *Ohio State Daily Lantern*:

*Declaration of Independence*

I am a free and independent girl, and loyal to my University.

I like to go to the games, but I do not want to depend on being taken by a man, when I know he would rather be up in the student bleachers with the crowd. (I would rather have him take me to the theater.)

I intend, therefore, to get my season ticket and wear the pin, just as the men do; to sit with the girls' bunch in the section they have reserved; to yell all I want to, and have a good time just as we used to do at high school.

(Signed) THE OHIO STATE GIRL.

This has been copied in a number of college papers throughout the country, with suggestions for local use. A section is reserved for the girls where they have their cheers and can be just as enthusiastic as they wish without embarrassing escorts. And think of it too! Three or four hundred girls cheering for some man on the field. Any chap could play better ball under these conditions. There would be so many who wanted to play that the coach would have to cut down the size of the squad. It is said it also has the effect of making the men cheer louder and so it is a twofold good.

Seriously, the men would rather be together and not feel the restraint occasioned by the girls' company. Yet the girls should go to the games and this new plan seems to meet this need.

### How Can I Help?

NETTIE WILLS SHUGART, Z

THE object of the alumni of any organization is to reflect, radiate and extend its policy.

The alumnæ chapters of our sorority are the fortifications for the protection of the citadel—the active chapters—and to insure their safety, strength and progress, exemplification and further demonstration of our policy assures advancement along all lines. As alumnæ are we doing this? Do we do with our might what our hands find to do?

As each member of the active chapter fills her place in the structure that is rearing—is an integral part of the perfect whole—she is in *kind* what each alumna should be in degree.

From the active chapters,—the finest of training schools for qualities of mind and character, comradeship and deep joyous depths of friendship—these girls come to us as our capital. With that wealth of material we construct our alumnæ chapters and with such we dare not fall short, or misdirect our forces. When our girls come out of school, they are full of enthusiasm and love for their chapter and their college. If then we who form alumnæ chapters are full also of zeal and enthusiasm, working to strengthen in every way and nourish and foster this enthusiasm, there is no abatement of activity, and development along lines of democracy and social betterment must continue.

Realizing what she has gained from active chapter membership, each alumna should continue to be one of the ardent supporters of the college chapter. Strive to keep in touch with all alumnæ; see that they know the work of the National and thereby hold the interest to the active.

In the bond we work, and let us be to our chapter what it was to us and as much more as we can make it.

“He liveth best who loveth best” and receiveth most who giveth most and in just this proportion will your sorority continue to hold interest and blessing for you.



Help by an occasional letter if absent, by visits if possible; by increasing the Delta Zeta interest and enthusiasm in others; by financial help for chapters or for extension work when possible; by strengthening all supports in the cause of Delta Zeta and above all by living daily the principles and policy which have added to your individual character and charm of personality.

There are so many things one gains by helping one's chapter—by not burying one's talents under a cover of indifference—yet to think of *our* gain alone would be selfish. The good things and pleasures are the reward that comes to us by virtue of duties done. By such giving of ourselves we never become inactive and are never back numbers, never indifferent, always alive to the good of our chapter.

Doubly great are the advantages of *alumnæ* members where so located as to *meet with* the chapters and exchange ideas for a greater sorority, for stronger active chapters and more of them, and for the broadening of opportunities of college girls. But if you cannot attend *alumnæ* chapter meetings because of distance you *can* use your best thought along lines of improvement. Keep awake through the LAMP. Write in to the chapter all the plans that occur to you. This is your very own sorority. You helped to build it; so are anxious to see it grow: *help* it to *grow*. Send news of members you know and always be sure your chapter knows *your* address. Do not let your light be hid under a bushel. A lamp set upon a hill cannot be hid.

Where chapters of *alumnæ* are located at the seat of college or university having active chapters, attend fraternity meeting. Your presence at social affairs too and at rushing adds to the dignity and stability or contributes to the joyousness of the occasion. With your shoulder to the wheel at all times, you are able to remove mountains of difficulty and to carry forward the banner of success for Delta Zeta.

Again, uphold all supports of Delta Zeta. Take your own periodical. The DELTA ZETA LAMP's mailing list should include every alumna and active member.

With our lamps trimmed and burning, like the wise virgins of old, we are ever alert for Delta Zeta. Wherever our little lamp throws its rays there are girls of Delta Zeta type to be found—ours by right of discovery. Let us be ever on a voyage of discovery. Then the little lamp we wear is a veritable Aladdin's lamp to all live Delta Zetas.

When Delta Zeta comes into her own let no one who bears the name be found not worthy to bear the palms of victory or be crowned with the laurel wreath of the victor.

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Rushing time is on. We're all working hard for Delta Zeta. Are we also working wisely? Are we rushing honestly? Are we rushing this or that girl because she satisfies our standard? Or are we rushing her on the basis of dress and looks? Or, worse still, are we rushing her because the other sororities are? This last always means a fight and then our College spirit and atmosphere suffer. Is Delta Zeta fighting her sister sororities? Is Delta Zeta hurting the life of her College? Shall we think it over? Shall we rush more honestly this year?



## Kappa Chapter of Delta Zeta

ELIZABETH COULTER STEPHENSON

**T**HROUGH the untiring efforts of Mareta Havens, Ruby Long, Anna Shelton, Gladys Hitt and Lucy Shelton, energetic, wide-awake western girls who were first interested in Delta Zeta by Mrs. Stephenson, a splendid chapter has been established in the University of Washington. The nucleus of the new chapter was a club which had existed secretly for four or five years and has many strong alumnae members.

In six weeks' time these girls added nine active members and four pledges to their original number and petitioned the Grand Council for a charter. All were well recommended to the Grand Council by professors, high school superintendents or ministers. Upon investigation and inspection by the Grand President, thirteen charter members were pledged by her, May thirtieth and later initiated into the sacred rites of Delta Zeta.

Fired with the zeal which animates all women in Delta Zeta to make Delta Zeta stand for the best in college life, with womanly courage and cheer, these girls have taken up the work of building a new chapter and keeping it strong in the faith. They have already found, just as other chapters have, that working for our sorority is the thing that binds all alike and makes us truly strong. The motto of Kappa chapter is "Better Scholarship and Higher Efficiency in College Life".

On October seventeenth Kappa chapter makes its bow to the world in a reception to faculty members and Greek-letter people in their home near the University.

With confidence in their worthiness and hearty appreciation of their efforts, we bid Kappa chapter "God Speed" in its journey into the fraternity world.

## In Memoriam

CLAUDIA FAYE HICKS was born June 3, 1892 and died September 15, 1914 at Denver, Colorado. She graduated from Columbus North High School in 1900 and entered Ohio State the following year when she became a member of Delta Zeta Sorority. Her loss is felt keenly by all sisters in  $\Delta Z$  and by her father and her mother who are left to mourn her.

“Green be the turf above thee,  
Friend of our college days.  
None knew thee but to love thee,  
Nor named thee but to praise.”



## Social Service Department

CHAIRMAN, MILDRED MCKAY

I HAVE not yet read Dr. White's defense of the American College Fraternity, referred to in our last issue, but I probably shall have done so before this goes to print. I note, however, that "the manner in which Dr. White takes every objection to the fraternity system and riddles it, is immense."

It is a question in my mind whether our criticism is, after all, with the "fraternity system." Is it not rather with our very human selves who try—or forget—to live by the ideals of that "fraternity system", and fail so ignominiously at times? The fraternity ideal, because it is such a truly high one, can all the more easily be debased to an aristocratic standard: that standard by which we are of late generally accredited with living. It is just at this point that most of the criticism of the fraternity comes in. There are good grounds for severe criticism of all fraternities at this point and we cannot exempt ourselves.

Whether she consciously analyses the situation, or is unconscious of the forces at work, it is a most difficult thing for the new fraternity girl to "keep her head" and not get conceited over the fact that she has been chosen to wear a Greek pin. She cannot be blamed for not succeeding if she is not steadied and helped at this important juncture by observing that for her new sisters the spirit of the word "fraternity" is as operative in their relations with those outside their circle as in, and has warmer depths and deeper significances than that possessed by just the printed word.

Also the exaggerated importance and merit which for one reason or another, many non-fraternity girls are led to attach to the wearing of a Greek pin, is most unsettling to the new fraternity girl in its subtle and undermining moral influence. If her older sisters have not escaped the lowered fraternal tone which this altogether too prevalent non-fraternity attitude may impose upon them, how can the girl totally new to Greek thought expect to escape the same lowering?



A fraternity girl is false to her name if she has not *consciously* sought beyond her Greek circle as close and warm friendships as she possesses within. Inevitably, of course, she will do this when she leaves her active chapter, but her real test is: Does the word "fraternity" signify enough to her to make her want to do it while she is still living and working in her Chapter? This ideal should not be left to the inexperienced fraternity girl to work out by herself. If it is, ten to one, she finds the way to this particular Eternal City only after she finishes college. If she is a very lucky girl she may get a few glimmerings of its light before she leaves. But whenever she at last arrives at this ideal, it is accompanied by the saddening desire to relive her active fraternity life so that she may meet again and, this time, hold fast to those many friends whom she passed by so blindly before. Nothing ever compensates us for this irrevocable loss.

Are we teaching our incoming girls this one particular ideal? Just having it "on the books" and reading it over does not count. We must live by it. If we are teaching this to our girls, how are we doing it? How are *you* teaching it in *your* Chapter? How were *you* taught it on first entering Delta Zeta? As Chairman of our Social Service Committee, I want to ask each one of you who is reading this seriously, to write me what you think about it all. (It doesn't make any difference whether or not you agree with me in believing that this is the fundamental plank in all fraternity building which we hope members will imbibe and which we fail to teach actively. What the Social Service Committee is after is your ideas on the subject. And we want your ideas *now*. Are you an alumna? How, then, does this strike you? Are you a "pledge" or a recent "initiate"? What do *you* think about it? You who stand as Head of your Chapter? How are you achieving a democratically fraternal relation between your group and the rest of your college? I want to hear from you all. I know you are thinking of these things, and your ideas are worth something to me, even if you don't value them. To make the work of the Social Service Committee of any



account, we must have the help and coöperation of each one of you. We want your replies in before Christmas. If you really have no ideas and would like some, write us just the same and your Committee will guarantee to send you just enough ideas to keep you busy thinking for six months. I shall expect to hear from all our Chapter Heads. I want to hear from all the alumnæ and one and two year girls. Correspondence with Juniors and Seniors particularly desired. A lively discussion (incognito if requested) will follow this avalanche of fraternity ideals and ideas which your Committee is preparing for. In order to disprove our August editorial aspersions on Delta Zeta promptness, we guarantee an immediate reply to all letters.



### The Aftermath

THE REGRET that every girl who attended our 1914 Convention at Indianapolis expressed was, "Isn't it a shame that *every* Delta Zeta could not be here?" To those who were not here, let us say. Don't miss it again."

On Monday, July 17th, our headquarters, the Y. W. C. A., fairly buzzed. We were all so busy coming and going, getting located, and meeting all the new girls. Epsilon Chapter, under the direction of Sue Reed, planned to meet every train and pilot the girls to the Y. W. C. A.

In our last issue Mrs. Stephenson outlined fully the program of the convention and I shall just try to tell a little of the good times we had outside of meetings.

Mrs. O. H. Hayes gave a "get acquainted" party for all the girls at her home in Ruckle Street. This was very successful because of a unique plan she had of giving each girl a topic on which she was to converse with some girl that she had just met. The subjects were nearly all closely connected with our sorority work and new ideas, and good ones, were gleaned from the game. Mrs. Hayes served the best kind of refreshments for a hot July night—Delta Zeta brick cream and cake.

Our next social number on the program was our banquet at the Claypool Hotel. There were over fifty of us there and when the girls in their many-colored evening dresses gathered around the long banquet tables they made one of the prettiest sights we had seen. The tables were beautifully decorated with our sorority flower, the pink rose and large flat fern leaves. Also large crystal candle sticks with the pink tapers formed a part of the decoration. After an introduction by the chairman of the banquet, Mrs. F. P. Duncan, our Grand President assumed the duties of toast mistress, and how proud we all were of her! The toasts were a trifle out of the ordinary in that the reports of the members of the Grand Council were used as toasts. Each chapter sang several of their individual songs and then the whole convention joined in singing some of our national songs. Each girl received a rose as a favor and we all left the banquet hall with our hearts full of Delta Zeta spirit.



The reception that Delta Zeta gave for the members of the city Pan-Hellenic occurred at the home of Martha and Ruth May Railsback. The girls certainly appreciated the kindness of the entire Railsback family at this and wish to express their gratefulness again at this time. The house was lovely in its profusion of daisies and ferns. The dining room where orange ice and cakes were served, was decorated in our sorority flowers. A large reed basket held a mass of these flowers and made such an attractive table center. Two of the older girls served and then several of the active members of Epsilon chapter waited on the guests. There were a great many representatives from the other national sororities in the city and we were glad to have the opportunity to meet them and introduce our visiting Delta Zetas to them.

On Friday afternoon at the close of convention the girls were invited to spend the rest of the day at the Railsback bungalow near Martinsville. This was certainly a treat for us all. Martha Railsback made arrangements for a special car to take us down there so that we could come and go when we pleased. We left the city at 3 p. m. after an exciting wait on our Grand President. After we had her safely on the car we pulled out of the terminal station and left town in a hurry. There was lots of singing and fun-making on the way down. Finally we made our stop and after a walk of almost one-half mile, we reached this delightful bungalow home. It is just down in the treetops, girls, and as far as you can see are trees and lovely shrubbery. Mrs. Railsback met us with her usual splendid hospitality and made us feel at home. The girls were just turned loose and wandered at will over the grounds. Kodaks were put to good use and blackberries were eaten in great quantities. As it grew later, several of the members of the Alpha Graduate Association who had charge of the lunch, began to unpack the baskets and boxes that had travelled in the car with us. We all feasted on salad, sandwiches, pickles, potato chips, and iced tea—and several other things that girls are particularly fond of.

After this, Beulah Greer played several selections on her mandolin and a great many of the girls danced on the spacious



front porch. All too soon it was dark and almost time for our return trip, so with Delta Zeta songs on our lips, Delta Zeta hands grasped tightly, Delta Zeta spirit simply floating everywhere, we said our good-byes to the bungalow and made our way home.

The convention was all over, the girls had all gone back to their respective homes, and yet there lingered with each one of us, the remembrance of the good times, the delight of knowing new Delta Zeta sisters and the inspiration to accomplish the seemingly impossible this coming two years.

### Good News for the Extension Fund

Miss Helen Coulter, an extension enthusiast, canvassed the 1914 convention for extension contributions. No worthier cause could be taken up and the girls all responded quite well. This matter of extension fund must remain fixed in our minds and our untiring efforts should bend in that direction.

The following girls subscribed 50 cents each to the fund, and the treasurer wishes this notice to serve as a receipt to you all.

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| 8. Ruth May Railsback, Δ. | 24. Mildred Boatman, A.       |
| 9. Mrs. Stephens, E.      | 25. Merle Oakes, I.           |
| 10. Mrs. Hedden, E.       | 26. Edna Malott, E.           |
| 11. Irene Gwartney, E.    | 27. Julia Crisman ©.          |
| 12. Hazel Coerper, A.     | 28. Elsie Fields, E.          |
| 13. Marvene Howard, A.    | 29. Bernice Hickman, E.       |
| 14. Effie Abraham, A.     | 30. Henrietta Jettinghoff, ©. |
| 15. Helen Coulter, A.     | 31. Violet Pinaire, E.        |
| 16. Ada May Burke, E.     |                               |



## Conference of Grand Presidents, National Pan-Hellenic Congress

**T**WELVE grand presidents answered the roll call when Mrs. Alta Allen Loud of Alpha Chi Omega opened the Presidents' Conference on the afternoon of Wednesday, October 14, at the Hotel McAlpin, New York City. The fraternities represented by their grand presidents were: Pi Beta Phi by Mrs. J. L. Lardner; Alpha Phi by its ex-president, Mrs. J. H. McElroy; Delta Gamma by Miss Ada May Brown; Alpha Chi Omega by Mrs. Alta Allen Loud; Delta Delta Delta by Mrs. Amy O. Parmelee; Alpha Xi Delta by Miss Lena G. Baldwin; Chi Omega by Mrs. Mary C. Love Collins; Sigma Kappa by Miss Hila Helen Small; Zeta Tau Alpha by Dr. A. M. Hopkins; Alpha Gamma Delta by Mrs. Dallas Scarborough; Phi Mu by Miss Nellie Hart; Kappa Delta by Miss Jenn Coltrane.

The fraternities who sent substitutes for their grand presidents were: Kappa Alpha Theta which was represented by Miss L. Pearle Green, secretary and editor; Kappa Kappa Gamma by Mrs. Katherine T. Mullin, editor; Gamma Phi Beta by Mrs. O. Y. Harsen; Alpha Omicron Pi by Mrs. J. G. Campbell; Alpha Delta Pi by Miss Elizabeth Corbett, editor; Delta Zeta by Miss Martha Railsback, secretary.

One of the points emphasized in this conference was the necessity of raising a feeling among fraternity members—college students and alumnæ—against disparagement of other fraternities and self-praise in rushing.

Responsibilities of a grand president were discussed, and the question was raised, "Are Grand Presidents typical of the ideals of their respective fraternities?" Other topics in open discussion or in reports of committees were: Saner rushing, extravagance in the social life of chapters, service to the community, the adoption of a code of ethics, the education of undergraduate chapters, alumnæ organizations, and scattered alumnæ to an understanding and appreciation of N. P. C. policies and ideals.

There were conferences of the delegates of the fraternities which have chapters at Barnard, Texas, Wesleyan and Brenau. Miss Sophie Woodman was asked to appear before the Barnard delegates and give a report of the Barnard situation. She recommended a non-militant attitude at present.

The second session of the Grand Presidents' Conference on Thursday morning, October 15, was followed by the opening of the N. P. C. congress.

PRESS COMMITTEE.



## Report of the Thirteenth National Pan-Hellenic Congress

MCALPIN HOTEL, NEW YORK CITY

October 15-16-17, 1914

The Thirteenth National Pan-Hellenic Congress was called to order by the chairman, Mrs. J. H. Crann, at the McAlpin Hotel, N. Y. C., at 2:30 p. m., Thursday, October 15. Mrs. E. N. Parmelee acted as secretary.

Motion was made to dispense with the reading of the minutes of the Twelfth Congress. Motion carried.

Report of the chairman, Mrs. Crann, was read and accepted.

The chairman reported that, during the year 1913-14, 1,000 reports and 4,200 copies of each *Quarterly Bulletin* had been published. In addition, single copies of the stenographic report of the 1913 Congress had been supplied to each Congress fraternity, also the report on Sophomore pledging. Total amount of literature published, 5,220 copies.

Report of the secretary, Mrs. Parmelee, was read and accepted.

Report of the treasurer, Miss Baldwin, was read and accepted.

Motion made to have a stenographic report of the discussions of the Congress. Motion carried. Miss Corbett was requested by the chairman to take such notes.

Each of the eighteen Congress delegates submitted a report from her fraternity to the Congress. These reports were accepted and filed with the secretary. The delegates then introduced the visiting officers of their respective fraternities. These numbered thirty-seven.

### Accredited Delegates.

- ✓ Pi Beta Phi—Mrs. J. L. Lardner, 810 Milburn St., Evanston, Ill.
- ✓ Kappa Alpha Theta—Miss L. Pearle Green, 15 East Ave., Ithaca, N. Y.
- ✓ Kappa Kappa Gamma—Mrs. H. B. Mullin, 62 Van Buren St., Brooklyn, N. Y.
- ✓ Alpha Phi—Mrs. J. H. McElroy, 5759 Kenwood Ave., Chicago, Ill.
- ✓ Delta Gamma—Miss Pauline Hagaman, 927 Granite Bldg., Rochester, N. Y.
- ✓ Gamma Phi Beta—Miss Lillian W. Thompson, 224 W. 61st Pl., Chicago, Ill.
- ✓ Alpha Chi Omega—Mrs. Jas. H. Crann, 614 Colorado St., Davenport, Ia.
- ✓ Delta Delta Delta—Mrs. E. N. Parmelee, 7318 N. Ashland Blvd., Chicago, Ill.
- ✓ Alpha Xi Delta—Miss Lena G. Baldwin, 670 Euclid Ave., Elmira, N. Y.
- ✓ Chi Omega—Mrs. H. M. Collins, Box 69, Denver, Colo.
- ✓ Sigma Kappa—Miss Hila Helen Small, 232 Highland Ave., Somerville, Mass.
- ✓ Alpha Omicron Pi—Mrs. W. J. Campbell, 1301 Grand Ave., Kalamazoo, Mich.
- ✓ Zeta Tau Alpha—Dr. May A. Hopkins, 606 Southwestern Life Bldg., Dallas, Tex.
- ✓ Alpha Gamma Delta—Miss Elizabeth Corbett, National Home, Wis.
- ✓ Alpha Delta Pi—Mrs. Dallas Scarborough, Box 446, Abilene, Tex.
- ✓ Delta Zeta—Miss Martha Railsback, 1628 N. Illinois St., Indianapolis, Ind.
- ✓ Phi Mu—Mrs. Chad P. Elliott, Amarillo, Tex.
- ✓ Kappa Delta—Miss Jenn W. Coltrane, 84 N. Union St., Concord, N. C.

Motion was made to appoint as Committee on Press, the same Committee on Press which had served efficiently during the Conference of Presidents.



Motion carried. Committee—Miss Green, Miss Corbett and Mrs. Mullin, assisted later at request of the Executive Committee by the other Editors present, Miss Armstrong and Miss Land.

Report from the Conference of Grand Presidents was given by the secretary, Mrs. Parmelee. Report accepted.

Report from the Committee on Eligibility was given by the chairman, Mrs. Parmelee. Report accepted.

Report from the Committee on Press concerning High School Sororities was given by Miss Small. Report accepted. Delegates from the six fraternities which had not previously definitely ratified the recommendation of the Twelfth Congress regarding High School Sororities, pledged the support of their respective fraternities, thus making the vote unanimous and the legislation effective. Motion made that a full statement of Congress action be inserted in the local press with the amended and complete list of the fraternities supporting the action. Motion carried. Moved that all the material regarding Congress legislation concerning the High School Sororities be referred to the Committee on Press for use in the preparation of such statement. Motion carried.

Report of Committee on Extension given by the chairman, Miss Coltrane. Report accepted.

Motion made that the Congress be resolved into Committee of the Whole for a discussion of the Junior College Fraternities and Junior College Pan-Hellenic. Motion carried.

Discussion followed but was interrupted by the arrival of a delegation from the National Board of the Young Women's Christian Association. The following secretaries were present and spoke informally on topics of mutual interest: Miss Bruner, Miss Thoburn, Miss Holquist, Miss Sage, and Miss Thomas. General discussion followed.

Motion made to return to the order of the day. Motion carried.

Report of the Committee on Social Customs was given jointly by the chairmen, Mrs. Lardner and Mrs. Parmelee.

Adjournment.

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## SECOND SESSION

Congress called to order by the chairman at 10 a. m., Friday, October 16. Roll call. Minutes read and approved.

Report of the Committee on Social Customs was continued. Motion made to accept the report and to have it put into permanent form to be used as a textbook for officers in their work with chapters. Motion carried. Motion made to continue the Committee on Social Customs with the addition of another member. Motion carried.

Report of the Committee on City Pan-Hellenics prepared by the chairman, Miss Hall, was read by the secretary. Report accepted. Motion made to commit the recommendations from this Committee to a committee instructed to report later. Motion carried. Chair appointed Miss Green and Dr. Hopkins.

Report of the Committee on Local Pan-Hellenics was given by the chairman, Mrs. Scarborough. Motion made to accept the report and to have it put into permanent form for the use of Grand officers. Motion carried.



Motion made to commit to a committee the question of the responsibility of the older chapter in a given institution for the establishment and continuation of a local Pan-Hellenic. Motion carried. Chair appointed Dr. Hopkins, Miss Thompson, and Mrs. McElroy.

Report of the Committee appointed to formulate an outline for Pan-Hellenic study was presented by the chairman, Mrs. Crann. Report accepted. Motion made that the consideration of the best disposal of the material included with the report be deferred until after the report on the College Fraternity Reference Bureau. Motion carried.

Adjournment.

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### THIRD SESSION

After a brief recess, Congress was called to order by the chairman. Roll call.

Report from Conference of Editors, prepared by Miss Fitch, was read by the secretary. Report accepted.

Report of the Committee on Conference with College Presidents was given by the chairman, Mrs. Collins. Motion made that the report be accepted and the committee continued. Motion carried. Motion made that parts of this report and selections from the letters be given over to the chairman of the Congress to prepare for distribution among Grand officers. Motion carried.

Report was then given by the Committee appointed at the Conference of Presidents to present to the Congress a general Code of Ethics. Report accepted.

Motion made that this report be referred to the Editors present in order that this code be suitably phrased for the fraternity journals and that the code thus revised be presented for adoption, at a later session of the present Congress. Motion carried.

Report of the Committee on Recommendations was given by the chairman, Miss Hagaman. Report accepted.

Motion made that the question of eligibility to fraternities be referred to a committee to be appointed by the incoming Executive Committee and that the committee thus appointed shall study the problem and shall report to the Fourteenth National Pan-Hellenic Congress some resolution which shall embody Congress consensus of opinion in a way that shall conform with the technical phraseology of university regulations. Motion carried.

Motion made that the outgoing and incoming Executive Committees consider the wording of Art. VII, Sec. 4, and Art. VIII of the Constitution with the view of submitting to the Fourteenth National Pan-Hellenic Congress an amendment that shall better conform to the facts of the work of the Executive Committee. Motion carried.

Motion made that every fraternity have a definite system of instruction to chapters from Council on National Pan-Hellenic Congress matters. Motion carried.

Motion made that all fraternities encourage undergraduate members to participate in one or two college activities, and that emphasis be laid upon the desire of National Councils for participation by undergraduates in the religious life of the institutions, and that such a recommendation be embodied in the report of the Social Customs Committee. Motion carried.



Motion made that the Social Customs Committee embody in their report a recommendation that every Pan-Hellenic unite in one all-university movement for the benefit of all university women at least once a year. Motion carried.

Motion made that all laws, rulings and agreements of National Pan-Hellenic Congress be codified and harmonized, and that Mrs. Collins and Miss Hagaman constitute a committee to present such a codification to the next Congress for adoption. Motion carried.

Motion made that Congress discuss some way of making local Pan-Hellenic useful to the non-fraternity girls. Motion carried.

Motion made that at every college where strong anti-fraternity sentiment among students, faculty, citizens, or legislators is to be combated, National Pan-Hellenic require the fraternities there represented to establish a board—one alumna from every fraternity—to study the situation and guide the work for our continued prosperity in that college; the Grand Council of each fraternity, not the local chapter, to select its representative to this board and to make clear to its chapter that the recommendations of the board must be followed unless the chapter can give the Grand Council acceptable reasons for disregarding the same. Each fraternity to be responsible for organizing such a board in every instance where it was the first fraternity established and each fraternity to be responsible to the National Pan-Hellenic Executive Committee for the work of the boards it is to establish, reporting in writing to the chairman of National Pan-Hellenic on January 2nd and July 1st of every year. Motion carried.

Motion made that the chair appoint a committee to study the subject of such secrecy as obtains in the different Congress fraternities and to report subjects of uniformity at the next Congress. Motion carried.

Motion made that National Pan-Hellenic undertake in 1914-1915 a thorough study of the following phases of fraternity the country over:

- a. Pro rata cost of fraternity houses versus pro rata cost of dormitories.
- b. Pro rata cost of living in fraternity houses versus pro rata cost of living in dormitories and boarding houses.
- c. Budgets of fraternity students versus budgets of non-fraternity students.
- d. Preparation of follow-up charts of work and interests of fraternity versus non-fraternity alumnae.

Motion amended to read that Sec. A and B be referred to the Committee on Conference with College Presidents. Amendment carried. Motion as amended carried.

Motion made that in cases where the National Pan-Hellenic Congress delegate and the Grand President are not the same person that provision be made for both to be supplied various special reports, etc.; and that the full stenographic report of the Congress be also supplied to both officers. Motion carried.

Motion made that since a large percentage of the trouble that has arisen and been brought before the notice of the Grand Officers has been a misunderstanding of local Pan-Hellenic rules; and furthermore, since in many cases the faculties have had to interfere, and enforce rules that the fraternities should enforce themselves;

*Be it resolved*, That the Congress consider a uniform set of rules, with a view of not only advising that the local Pan-Hellenics adopt them; but, which



the individual fraternities represented in the Congress will pledge their support in seeing are adopted and enforced. Motion carried.

Motion made that the chair appoint a committee to draw up a uniform set of rules and to submit same to the next Congress after the rules have been passed upon by the Committee on Codification. Motion carried.

Motion made that each local Pan-Hellenic be furnished by the various fraternities at any one place, with their laws as to:

- a. Requirements of candidates for initiation.
- b. Any laws concerning special dispensation.
- c. Laws governing Patronesses.
- d. Laws governing Honorary Members.

These laws to be read at the opening of each school session before the local Pan-Hellenics. Motion carried.

Motion made that members of National Pan-Hellenic Congress encourage general fraternity extension and coöperate in the extension of other fraternities. Motion carried.

The Congress interrupted the consideration of the recommendations to hear Miss Frances Cummings, manager of the New York Intercollegiate Bureau of Occupations, maintained and managed by the New York alumnae organizations of nine eastern colleges.

Adjournment.

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#### FOURTH SESSION

Congress called to order by the chairman at nine-thirty. Roll call. Minutes of the preceding day read and approved.

Report of the Fraternity Reference Bureau was made by Mrs. Lardner, Vice-president of the Bureau. Report accepted.

Motion made that the report be put into permanent form for use of Grand officers. Motion carried.

Motion made that the material assembled by the Committee on Outline for Pan-Hellenic Study be given over to a committee to consist of Mrs. Lardner and Mrs. McElroy, members of the Bureau, and that they use this material as they see fit. Motion carried.

A supplementary report of the Committee on Eligibility was given by Dr. Hopkins, who offered the following recommendations concerning the standardization of colleges:

Moved to amend Art. IV, Sec. 1 of the National Pan-Hellenic Constitution to read: "To be represented in the Congress, a fraternity must have at least five chapters in institutions of collegiate rank; a college of collegiate rank to be defined as one which requires fourteen entrance units; a unit to mean that in a given subject there have been three forty-minute lecture periods a week for thirty-six consecutive weeks. In the science departments, where laboratories have to be considered, three forty-minute laboratory periods are equivalent to one lecture period." Motion carried.

Motion made to print this report. Motion carried. The report follows:

"As a result of the meeting of visiting delegates of N. P. C. fraternities, October 14, 1914, it is submitted for approval that the first visiting delegate



to a college in each year, conduct in the local Pan-Hellenic an informal oral examination on the following points:

1. Scholarship.
2. Limitation of social life.
3. House rules.
4. Social expenses.
5. Coöperation with college authorities.
6. Sane interest in college activities."

Motion made that the Committee on Eligibility prepare a list of colleges in which Congress fraternities are already represented and that the Committee add to this list yearly all institutions which come up to the standards already defined by this Congress as "of collegiate rank". Motion carried.

Report of the Conference of Visiting Delegates was given by Mrs. Crann. Report accepted.

Motion made that the existing Interfraternity Compact be incorporated in the minutes of the Thirteenth Congress, and that the compact include also Congress action regarding High School Sororities. Motion carried.

#### THE INTERFRATERNITY COMPACT

##### *Or Motions Passed by Unanimous Vote of All Congress Fraternities*

- 1903 to 1904. 1. No student shall be asked to join a fraternity before she has matriculated.
2. Matriculation shall be defined as the day of enrollment as a student in the university or college.
- 1904-1905. 3. A pledge day shall be adopted by the national fraternities in each college where chapters of two or more fraternities exist.
4. Pledge day in each college shall be fixed by the Pan-Hellenic Association existing there.
1907. 5. High school fraternities shall be discountenanced.
1910. 6. Students in a university summer school are ineligible for fraternity pledging.
1913. A pledge shall expire at the end of one calendar year.
- 1912-1913. 7. A girl who breaks her pledge to one fraternity shall not be asked to join another one for one calendar year.
- 1913-1914. 8. No fraternity represented in the National Pan-Hellenic Congress shall bid a girl who has been a member of a so-called sorority or other secret society of similar nature in a high school, or other school of equivalent standing, whether such society exists openly or secretly.

This rule shall apply to any person who shall either accept or retain membership in such society after September, 1915.

Motion made that the recommendations of the Twelfth Congress concerning the Sophomore Pledge be reprinted in the minutes of the Thirteenth Congress. Motion carried.

##### *Recommendation on Sophomore Pledge*

"Where Sophomore Pledge is already established we give it our hearty support, but that during the time that Sophomore Pledge is in an experimental form, no additional Pan-Hellenics be encouraged by this Congress, to adopt Sophomore Pledge."



Supplementary report concerning Eligibility and Extension was given by Mrs. Parmelee. Report accepted.

Motion made to limit discussion to ten minutes on all topics to follow. Motion carried.

Motion made to commit the recommendation of the Twelfth Congress concerning time and place of 1915 meeting to a definite committee which shall consider and report to the Grand Presidents on or before November first, and a majority vote of the Grand Presidents shall determine the choice. Motion carried.

Motion made that when a vote of Grand Presidents and their fraternities is asked and the vote is not received within ten days after the final date set when the vote shall be given, and no explanation is received as to the reason for the delay in voting, the Grand President and her fraternity shall forfeit the vote. Motion carried.

Report of the Committee on Code of Ethics was given. Motion made that the Code be adopted and put into permanent form. Motion carried.

Motion made to hold an informal discussion on the *Bulletin*. Motion carried.

Motion made to discontinue the *Quarterly Bulletin*. Motion carried.

Motion made to suspend for one year the last clause (concerning Bulletins) in Art. VII, Sec. 4, of the Constitution. Motion carried.

Motion made that the chair appoint the committee to make recommendations to the Grand Presidents concerning time and place of meeting of the Fourteenth Congress.

Motion made to amend by addition that the chair be instructed to appoint a committee of three so chosen as to represent three sections of the country. Amendment carried. Motion as amended carried.

The following report was given by the Committee appointed to consider recommendations from the Committee on City Pan-Hellenics:

*Your Committee Recommends—*

That the Committee on City Pan-Hellenics be continued and that said committee be authorized to prepare a printed letter to be sent, upon request, to city Pan-Hellenics, this letter to cover the following points:

1. To discourage the organization of city Pan-Hellenics for self-centered interests alone;
2. To encourage them to organize with a view of taking up problems of an educational nature.
  - a. When located in a college town—to assist in solving the problems confronting that college;
  - b. When not located in a college town—to take up such studies as will contribute to a better, a broader, and a higher education for women.

We would further suggest that this letter be accompanied by a résumé of the commendable work of existing Pan-Hellenics along such lines.

L. PEARLE GREEN.

MAY AGNESS HOPKINS.

Motion made to accept this report and to adopt the recommendations as read. Motion carried.

Motion made that the Executive Committee render a decision regarding interpretation of the rules governing a broken pledge. Motion carried.

Miss Corbett presented a set of resolutions concerning the conduct of both the business and social side of the Congress and these resolutions were unanimously adopted.

Committees for 1914-15 were then announced as appointed by the chair.

The minutes for the day were read and approved.

Adjournment.

## COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS

### I. NEW COMMITTEES—TEMPORARY.

*Auditing Committee*—Mrs. Collins, Chi Omega.

*Committee on Press*—Miss Green, Kappa Alpha Theta; Miss Corbett, Alpha Gamma Delta; Mrs. Mullin, Kappa Kappa Gamma; Miss Land, Chi Omega; Miss Armstrong, Alpha Chi Omega.

### II. NEW COMMITTEES—PERMANENT.

*Committee to Study Secrecy of Congress Fraternities*—Miss Thompson, Gamma Phi Beta; Miss Green, Kappa Alpha Theta.

*Committee to Study Certain Definite Phases of Fraternity Life*—Mrs. Collins, Chi Omega; Mrs. McElroy, Alpha Phi; Miss Tukey, Delta Gamma; Miss Powell, Kappa Kappa Gamma.

(Identical with Committee on Conference with College Presidents.)

*Committee on Codification*—Mrs. Collins, Chi Omega; Miss Hagaman, Delta Gamma.

*Committee on Compilation of Material in Fraternity Reference Bureau*—Mrs. McElroy, Alpha Phi; Mrs. Lardner, Pi Beta Phi.

*Committee on Time and Place of Fourteenth Congress*—Mrs. McElroy, Alpha Phi; Miss Green, Kappa Alpha Theta; Mrs. Elliott, Phi Mu.

*Committee on Recast of Eligibility Matriculation Clause*—to be appointed.

### III. STANDING COMMITTEES.

*Committee on Eligibility*—Dr. Hopkins, Zeta Tau Alpha; Mrs. McElroy, Alpha Phi; Mrs. Houlder, Sigma Kappa.

*Committee on Extension*—Mrs. Campbell, Alpha Omicron Pi; Dr. Hopkins, Zeta Tau Alpha; Miss Railsback, Delta Zeta.

*Committee on Social Customs*—Mrs. Lardner, Pi Beta Phi; Miss Thompson, Gamma Phi Beta.

*Committee on Conference with College Presidents*—Mrs. Collins, Chi Omega; Mrs. McElroy, Alpha Phi; Miss Tukey, Delta Gamma; Miss Powell, Kappa Kappa Gamma.

*Committee on Local Pan-Hellenics*—Mrs. Scarborough, Alpha Delta Pi; Miss Corbett, Alpha Gamma Delta; Miss Coltrane, Kappa Delta.

*Committee on Recommendations*—Miss Hagaman, Delta Gamma; Mrs. Elliott, Phi Mu.

*Committee on City Pan-Hellenics*—Miss Hall, Kappa Alpha Theta; Miss Thompson, Gamma Phi Beta; Miss Railsback, Delta Zeta.



*Executive Committee, 1914-15*—Chairman, Mrs. E. N. Parmelee, Delta Delta Delta; Secretary, Miss Lena G. Baldwin, Alpha Xi Delta; Treasurer, Mrs. Mary C. Love Collins, Chi Omega.

Immediately following the adjournment of the Thirteenth Congress a luncheon was held at the McAlpin Hotel open to members of Congress fraternities and a limited number of guests of the Congress, among whom were brother fraternity officers. The total attendance numbered three hundred and seventy-seven. Mrs. Crann presided and after giving a brief history of the National Pan-Hellenic Congress introduced the members of the incoming Executive Committee.

The luncheon was followed by an open meeting, invitations to which were extended to the faculties and students of Columbia and New York Universities, Barnard, Adelphi and Hunter Colleges, to New York fraternity men, to the friends of New York fraternity women, and to representatives of the press. The following program was given:

Music .....	Reinald Werrenrath
The Fraternity and Scholarship.....	James B. Curtis
Music .....	Marian Alta Taylor and Sara Frances Evans
The Opportunity for College Women in Social Service..	Miss Helen Davis
The Fraternity and Democracy .....	Frances H. Sisson
Music .....	Mildred Ridley
The Fraternity and the University .....	Albert Wilson
Music .....	Reinald Werrenrath

### CONFERENCE OF PRESIDENTS

At the request of the Executive Committee of the National Pan-Hellenic Congress the Grand Presidents of eleven fraternities met at the McAlpin Hotel, New York City, on Wednesday afternoon, October 14. The other Presidents were represented by deputies.

- Pi Beta Phi—Mrs. J. L. Lardner, Deputy.
- Kappa Alpha Theta—Miss L. Pearle Green, Deputy.
- Kappa Kappa Gamma—Mrs. H. B. Mullin, Deputy.
- Alpha Phi—Mrs. J. H. McElroy, Deputy.
- Delta Gamma—Miss Ada M. Brown, President.
- Gamma Phi Beta—Mrs. O. Y. Harsen, President.
- Alpha Chi Omega—Mrs. E. R. Loud, President.
- Delta Delta Delta—Mrs. E. N. Parmelee, President.
- Alpha Xi Delta—Miss Lena G. Baldwin, President.
- Chi Omega—Mrs. Mary C. Love Collins, President.
- Sigma Kappa—Miss Hila Helen Small, President.
- Alpha Omicron Pi—Mrs. W. J. Campbell, Deputy.
- Zeta Tau Alpha—Dr. May A. Hopkins, President.
- Alpha Gamma Delta—Miss Elizabeth Corbett, Deputy.
- Alpha Delta Pi—Mrs. Dallas Scarborough, President.
- Delta Zeta—Miss Martha Railsback, Deputy.

*Phi Mu. Miss Chad P. Elliott*  
*Kappa Delta Miss Jean W. Boltrane*

Phi Mu—Miss Nellie S. Hart, President.

Kappa Delta—Miss Jenn Coltrane, President.

Mrs. Loud was made chairman; Mrs. Parmelee, secretary.

Arrangements were made for group conferences of all presidents interested in colleges which for one reason or another invited special consideration. Wednesday afternoon and Thursday morning were given over to discussion of many sides of fraternity life and service, to the better education of fraternity alumnæ in present-day Pan-Hellenism, to the improvement of the "manners and morals" of chapters, and to the inculcation of higher ethical standards for every member.

A Committee on Press was appointed to prepare an article on the Conference of Presidents for use of the Congress Editors. The chair appointed the Editors present, Miss Green, Miss Corbett, and Mrs. Mullin. Several recommendations were made to the Thirteenth National Pan-Hellenic Congress. The most tangible recorded result of this Conference is the Code of Ethics for all fraternity women.

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#### ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Annual Assessment levied upon all Congress fraternities is now due and payable to the Treasurer, Mrs. Collins.



## Editorial

Mrs. Duncan, editor of the LAMP, has extended to me the gracious courtesy of the use of the editorial page in this, the November issue of the magazine. At her request and with the warm encouragement of our Grand President, Mrs. Stephenson, and our Grand Secretary, Mrs. Shugart, I shall say something about my plans for carrying out what might be regarded as the legitimate function of the censorship of such a publication as the LAMP. The electing of a censor was, so far as I can ascertain, the creation of an office necessarily having, from its very newness, the disadvantage of affording no safe and comfortable set of precedents to be followed by the person appointed to that office. Be it at once added, however, that the experiment offers the compensating advantage of having no obstruction in the way of cumbersome or unyielding tradition. I find this freedom stimulating. It shall be my ally in the exploration of this untrod province, in the gradual placing of definite boundaries. But tonight, before we go adventuring far into the new Delta Zeta field, let me in a general way indicate the nature of the country which the national convention last July challenged us to enter. Attention, then, all you bright, charitable, supple-minded young women who are responsible for the welfare of the DELTA ZETA LAMP!

A few minutes ago I ran through all the pages of all the old numbers of our magazines in my possession, and I scrutinized the features of every Delta Zeta girl that the camera had captured for me. So, as I write, I am looking straight into the faces of many of you—and the task is no longer a task: it is a privilege and a pleasure. The next thing that I shall do is to repeat a question put to you by Miss Frances Hankemeier in her address, "The Good or the Best in College Life," published in the LAMP for November, 1913. "Don't you" Miss Hankemeier asks, "don't you like the idea of a four-fold development; namely, that we should be intellectually keen, physically perfect, socially well-poised, and spiritually



radiant?" The answer I hear from your lips is a unanimous, "yes, we do like the idea."

As censor during the coming year, then, I shall go on the assumption that within the two covers of every issue of the LAMP there shall be clear proof that Delta Zeta girls are so keen mentally that they can send in material that shall stimulate all thoughtful readers of the periodical. The contributors will show, moreover, that they are so wholesome physically that the fragrance of sun-warmed hills and the vigor of snow-blown fields may permeate the printed pages; so cosmopolitan in their manner that their language may be fit companion for the idea; so exuberant in their spirituality that what they have ever "willed or hoped or dreamed of good" for the LAMP OF DELTA ZETA may grow into forceful reality.

For an actual starting point for my work as censor, I shall take the November copy of the LAMP. My duty, as I see it, shall be to upbuild as best I can, by constructive criticism, this "structure brave" which all thinking and loyal Delta Zetas hope for. I shall try to cherish all that is creditable in the magazine; to eliminate all that is weakening. Criticism, whether of the good or of the bad, will be given with kindly motive, impartial selection, frank utterance. I shall do the contributors the justice of remembering that they are girls gaining special advantages, that they are college and university girls—educated girls, if you please—with a responsibility toward community and state and nation consequent upon their greater opportunity, a responsibility in turn communicated to any one who assumes the business of a censor.

Dr. Nicholas Murray Butler somewhere in his writings proposes five tests of education, and his tests I shall utilize as a standard of judgment of the letters and articles printed. Let me present the tests:


1. Correctness and precision in the use of the mother tongue.
2. Those refined and gentle 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.



So you see, you Bright-eyes still following these halting words of your groping censor, when you write of your good times your chronicle will reveal the fun and speech of gentle-folk; when you write letters or stories, your articles will bespeak the power of sincerity and reflection; when you report the furtherance of your specially chosen line of effort, your account will hint the measure of your efficiency.

The slow, heavy notes of the town clock tell me that evening has slipped into midnight. Out in the darkness, miles and miles away in the night, loom the quiet roofs of many homes, and I think of you Delta Zeta girls, each snug and safe, I hope, in your "house by the side of the road." Perhaps you are sleeping, but I like to visualize you in a circle of light from the steady glow of our lamp, and to glimpse in your faces the answering radiance that avows belief in yourselves, high purpose, and big, loyal effort. "A flash of the will that can," robust Browning says.

FLORENCE LIVINGSTON JOY, *Iota*,  
Censor of the LAMP.

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## Our Post Box

### ALPHA—MIAMI UNIVERSITY

**I**N ORDER that the spirit of union, love, and friendship between each chapter and between every member of each chapter of Delta Zeta may be deepened, renewed, and strengthened, Alpha wants to extend her sincerest wishes to her sister chapters that 1914-15 may prove to be the most successful year in bringing to Delta Zeta new material, new activity, and new inspiration upon which to nourish her future.

Alpha is unusually fortunate in having in school this year, with one exception, every undergraduate of last year. Those who returned are Mildred Boatman, Edna Chenault, Helen Lane, Rennie Sebring-Smith, Marvene Howard, Anne Habekort, Ann Hanlon, Olive MacCune, Margaret DeVine, Hazel Coerper, Leta Browning, and one pledge, Elise Butz. Then we have Georgia Saylor here with us as our faculty sister and adviser. She is the assistant in the Art Department of the University.

We are unfortunate in losing Josephine Jones, ex-'17, and Treva Pearson, ex-'16, who was not in school last year, both of Troy, Ohio, to Theta, but in our loss, and it was a big one too, we know a sister chapter is gaining. However, with the girls who are here in school this year, we are stronger in numbers than in previous falls, and just as strong in other ways, for we are bound together and are represented in every phase of activity, Student Staff, Student Senate, Student Council, Y. W. C. A. Cabinet, Athletic Association, Madrigal Club, and Prom Committee. With "Mid" at the head of us, our year of happiness and success is assured.

The college year opened September fifteenth with two weeks of prospecting, which were followed by three weeks of closed



season, and then by two weeks of heavy rushing. Local Pan-Hellenic limited us to one party, barring at the same time, the sterner sex even at that affair. Delta Zeta has a monopoly on a Cincinnati theatre-dinner party and her annual trip to Cincinnati occurred on Oct. 24th. The success of it, we ourselves do not doubt, for it is one of the times in the school year that we anticipate with the greatest pleasure. But the success of it with our rushees, we can not venture upon now. In the next issue, we hope to be able to announce as Delta Zeta pledges, the best girls in the freshman class.

There are a few disappointments I'll have to tell you of, though. One is that there are only thirty-eight girls in the Liberal Arts freshman class. It's a pretty hard blow, especially since we feel so strongly, as Delta Zeta always has felt, that it is of no advantage to increase our chapter roll with girls who do not measure up to the standard which Alpha sets for herself and which the Grand Council recommends. Our other disappointment is that one sister and one cousin of two Delta Zetas are registered here as Normal students, and because of local Pan-Hellenic rules are ineligible to Delta Zeta. You can't imagine how hard it is to see two such splendid girls as Jeanette Plock, sister of Helen Plock, Alpha, and Katherine Chamberlain, cousin of Miss Lois Chamberlain, Beta, from Durant, Oklahoma, slip through our fingers. There is no remedy for the situation because the University has become so rigid in its regulation concerning girls who change from the Normal College to the Liberal Arts College for sorority reasons. But it does seem that when a girl comes so highly recommended from such a distance, we ought to be able to have her, doesn't it?

We hear much about extension; so let's remember this year that we belong to each other, not to ourselves. Then we'll do more than hear about extension; we'll pull together and we'll extend.

HELEN A. LANE,  
*Chapter Editor.*

## ALPHA—PERSONALS

Helen Plock, of Tippecanoe City was the guest of the chapter over a week-end.

Rose Parker Pierce spent a week with the chapter early in October.

Miss Minton, visited the chapter during the first few weeks of school.

Josephine Jones, who is now registered at Ohio State University, Columbus, Ohio, spent a few days with this chapter. While she was here, Dr. and Mrs. Jones, and Marie Guthrie, of Troy, Ohio, motored to Oxford and spent Sunday with the Alpha girls.

Beulah Greer, '14, is teaching in Indianapolis.

Effie Abraham, '13, is registered in the library course at the University of Illinois.

Elsa J. Thoma, '13, has a position in the Sidney High School.

Grace Baker, '14, is at home in Oxford this year.

Marie Guthrie, '14, is teaching in the Troy schools.

Helen Stover, '14, is studying voice and piano in the College of Music in Cincinnati.

Helen Coulter, '12, is teaching in Portland, Oregon.

Marcellene Roberts, '14, is home at Rensselaer, Ind.

Treva Pearson, ex-'15, is registered at Ohio State University.

Dorothy Sloane, '12, is at home in Oxford.

## BETA—CORNELL UNIVERSITY

THIS is the most exciting season of the year for Beta; in other words, we are right in the midst of rushing. It is a time of worry, work, hope and fear, as you all know, and for the sophomore members it is also a time when we feel a mild resentment. It seems so odd to us to find so many new faces holding the important places that we held just last year (for after all Frosh are important, aren't they?) and occupying such a big part of every one's thoughts.

We have had just three weeks of it and last Saturday we gave our first big party in the chapter room. The juniors



managed it, presenting a "movie" in real life. It was very clever and I know the freshmen were impressed and entertained. One of our girls danced for us and then we sang college songs to the accompaniment of a mandolin, and of course, had a lovely spread. This week is non-intercourse, so the next party will not be given until the thirty-first and the sophomores are planning wonderful things for it.

We initiated two sophomores two weeks ago. Virginia VanBrunt and Helen Carter. They are dandy girls and we are all so happy to have them in our number.

We have fourteen girls to start the year with as only three went out last year:—Erma Lindsay who is teaching in New York City, Edna Alderman teaching in West Virginia and Vienne Caswell teaching in Mt. Upton, N. Y. Abbie Dibble, a 1913 girl, is now teaching in New York State, too.

This year has started wonderfully well for Beta and we are all filled with enthusiastic plans for her success and prosperity during 1914 and 1915. I do not wish to seem to "gush" or exaggerate, but after a whole summer away from the girls I feel that I can say most sincerely and truthfully that all of us, and especially we "new" girls feel, mingled with our longing for those who have gone, a greater love and loyalty for Delta Zeta and have a much deeper realization of what the little lamp means *now* and is *going* to mean to us through all the years to come when we, too, will be among those who have gone out.

ANITA G. LYNCH,  
*Chapter Editor.*

#### DELTA—DE PAUW UNIVERSITY

**B**ACK at old D. P. U. for another year! Isn't it inspiring to all get together again? We have our same house this year, and are just awfully proud and happy to tell you, that our dear chaperon, Mrs. Fuller, is with us. We have fourteen girls in the house, and five in the dorms and out in town.

We are looking forward to the most prosperous and successful year, girls, because listen to this little secret—we have the grandest bunch of freshmen in the "frat" that you ever saw!



Pledge day was September 17, the day after registration. Anna Younger, Ruth Miller, Edna Harris, Ruth, May R. and I came down several days early and had things all "fixed up", when the rest of the girls got here. We were all anxious and excited about the outcome of this fall pledge, because, you remember, we couldn't do any "spiking" this summer, and no propositions were to be given out until after registration this fall.

On Thursday afternoon, at five o'clock, written propositions were taken to the rooms of the girls whom we were "spiking". Oh! that next fifteen minutes seemed an hour, for, you see, we had to leave their rooms and call for the answers at five-fifteen. But—we got every one of those girls; and I wager that a happier, more hilarious chapter of Delta Zeta never existed, than was ours when the girls came back with the signed invitations.

That Thursday was a strenuous but glorious day for Delta Chapter. Our pledge service began at six-thirty, and then from eight until ten we entertained all the fraternity men with open house. The downstairs looked so pretty, the front room and the hall being decorated with pink roses and ferns, the library banked with goldenrod, and the dining room with smilax and asters. Everybody had a most enjoyable evening, and we feel quite happy over the whole day.

Now that I've told you what fine pledges we have, I must tell you who they are: Edna McKeever, a cousin of "Ede" Fox, who graduated last year; Mira Thompson of Mulberry, Ind.; Eva Cornell of Camden, Ind.; Mary Small and Bonnie Miller of Greencastle; Helen Fiegle of Fort Wayne, Ind.; Mildred Crull of South Bend, Ind.; and the two pledges carried over from last year, Lena McNeal of Charleston, Ill.; and Lois Castle of Angola, Ind.; we initiated last week.

Our pledges are all so enthusiastic and are going to make the true, noble, sincere girls of whom ever  $\Delta Z$  will be proud to look and say, "That girl wears a Roman Lamp."

Are you tired of hearing about our "spike"? Well, just let me tell you this one thing more. You know how dissatisfied



all the sororities have been with sophomore "spike" at De Pauw. The trustees of the university have modified the rules, so that we can pledge now, at the beginning of next semester, i.e., we will have one week of good hard "rush" at the beginning of next semester, and then pledge day. We are having an honor "spike" this year, and not a bunch of rules defining just what we may do. It makes things rather indefinite, and everybody's idea of "honor spike" isn't just the same, but we are awfully glad to have pledge day changed.

Our chapter is taking a very active part in college activities this year. I want to tell you in how many organizations and clubs we have membership: "Deutcher Verein", "Latina Sodalitas," "Hellenic", History Club, "Toynbel", a scholarship and sociological club, Y. W. C. A. cabinet and the Girls' Glee Club.

Every De Pauw student is greatly interested in anticipation of our new gymnasium. The required sum of \$75,000 has been secured, and several thousand over, so we are anxiously waiting to see the ground broken for its erection. A location for the new building has not been decided upon yet, but authorities are investigating now.

Of course, you have all heard of the splendid gift to De Pauw University from Mrs. Caldwell, daughter of Bishop Bollman,—a pipe organ! Well, they are building it in Meharry Hall now, and we are expecting it to be completed within a month or so.

To every chapter we send greetings. We hope that this year may be the best for every one, and that every Delta Zeta girl will start out the new school year full of spirit and courage.

CATHERINE J. SINCLAIRE,  
*Chapter Editor.*

#### DELTA—PERSONALS

Although suffering with "*Cupiditis*", Delta chapter has retained several *old* and enlisted several new members in the teachers' ranks this year. Miss Bertha Leach, '13, is teaching again at Leo, Ind.; Miss Alice McLees, '12, at South Bend,



Ind.; Miss Stella Moore, '11, at Letz, Ind.; Miss Geneva Hursch at Camden, Ind.; Miss Minnie Pratt, '12, at Omaha, Neb.; Miss Edith Wray, '13, at Shelbyville, Ind.; Miss Grace Hart, '14, at Uniontown, Kan.; Miss Gladys Goldsberry, '14, at Wear, Ind.; Miss Esther McNary at Garnett, Kan.; Miss Irene Balcom at Covington, Ind.; Miss Edith Fox, '14, at Goodland, Ind.

Several of our girls are staying home this year. Miss Elizabeth Schierling, '14, in Terre Haute. Miss Marie Thrush, '12, at Garrett. Miss Ruth Briggs, '13, at Roachdale, Miss Bertha Leming, '14, at Goodland.

Miss Leila Brown, '12, Miss Helen Pearson, '13, and Miss Elizabeth Johnston, '14, are in social work at Indianapolis.

Miss Ada Newhouse, '14, has resigned her school in Wilmington, Del., and is suffering from an attack of appendicitis.

#### EPSILON—INDIANA UNIVERSITY

**T**HIS is just the beginning of the third week of school and we have scarcely had time to get a good long breath yet; with moving and rush, I haven't been able to think of what has happened since the last publication of the LAMP.

The week before school began, all the girls were back getting everything straightened up after moving. We are now in a larger and nicer house and we wish that all of you might come to see us in our new home. We were awfully busy those first few days but we felt it well worth all our work when, by matriculation day, we had everything ready for rush.

On the first day of rush we gave a luncheon in which the yellow color scheme was carried out in both the decorations and the menu. This was followed in the afternoon by driving and a Japanese tea. In the evening we gave our annual rose dinner dance. Pink Delta Zeta rosebuds were given as favors.

At our spike breakfast we had four fine girls pledged: Sabina Medias of Indianapolis, Jane Durrenberger of Bedford, Kathrine Stoessel of Bedford, Marguerite Kisner of Terre Haute. We feel that we have every reason to be proud of our freshmen for every one of them is a splendid girl. We girls



were so glad to have Maybelle Minton with us during rush. We think her to be everything that is sweet and dear.

There are nine "old girls" back this year. It seems so good for all the girls to be together again after the summer vacation. We kept in touch with each other during the summer by means of a round-robin letter. It just seemed like having a nice little chat with the girls when I read all their letters.

We are planning to have our open house October twenty-third. The next afternoon we give a reception for all the women in the university. We were the first to give a reception of this sort, last year, and it proved to be such a success that we intend to make it a yearly custom.

FERN FIELDS,  
*Chapter Editor.*

#### EPSILON—PERSONALS

##### MARRIED

Helen Shingler to Dr. Colin V. Dunbar, June 27.

Crystal Hall to Wilbur V. Glover, June 24

Gladys Maime to Ross Troyer, August 22.

Josephine Miller to Dr. Virgil Gordon. October 21.

Ada May Burke is teaching in Salt Lake City, Utah.

Helen Patterson is teaching at Saint Joe, Ind.

E. Claire Jolly is visiting Mrs. I. H. Headen in Indianapolis.

Helen Brant of Logansport is ill with typhoid fever.

#### ZETA—NEBRASKA UNIVERSITY

THE results of rush week this fall were exceedingly successful for the Zeta chapter, as eight fine girls were pledges, who are already excellent workers for and supporters of the frat. Those pledged were Nettie Jeffrey, Creston, Iowa; Eleanor Wickett, Laurel, Neb.; Gladys Honz, Naponee, Neb.; Sarah Yost, Lincoln; Grace McIntosh, Lincoln; Ruth Enyeart, University Place; Vesta Mawe, Lincoln; and Esther Ellinghusen of Omaha.

Nettie Jeffrey was the only sister entering school this year. Several of the pledges are upperclassmen; some coming from

other colleges are well prepared to launch out in university life and in fact are already winning honors for themselves and their society. Vesta Mawe, a freshman pledge, has been chosen as a member of the honorary freshman society, the Mystic Fish.

Formal pledging was held at the chapter house September 28, and a number of the alumnae were present. The alumnae chapter, although recently organized has been accomplishing great things and has been constantly present as a body of enthusiasts to aid the active chapter in many ways.

In addition to the time honored regularities of rush stunts, such as porch parties, breakfasts, girls' dances and luncheons, a cabaret dinner was added this year and proved to be such a taking feature and wonderful success that it bids fair to become an annual rush stunt.

More girls are now rooming in the house than at any time during the last year. Our girls are represented in practically every student organization. With the unity of the active and alumnae chapters this year promises to be one of progress for Zeta chapter.

EDITH ARNOLD,  
*Chapter Editor.*

#### ZETA—PERSONALS

Kathryn Knepper, '14, is teaching English in Palmyra, Nebraska High School.

Pearl Arnot, '11, our first Chapter President and the one whom we lovingly called our *Fifth* Pearl is teaching in Moab, Utah. Her charming enthusiasm in all things undertaken by her is evinced in her school work.

Ruby Knepper, '12, is instructor in Music in the Sutton, Nebraska, Schools.

Mollie McComb, '12, is teacher of Science in Nebraska City High School.

Bertha Weise, '14, is Teacher of Mathematics in Tecumseh, Nebraska, High School.

Mollie Cameron, '13, is teaching English and History in Brock High School.



Frances Edith Francis, '12, one of our charter members, together with her mother, went early in June to spend a year in Scotland. None of us have heard from her since the European war troubles have been so occupying the minds of the people.

#### THETA—OHIO STATE UNIVERSITY

REGISTRATION day came with sixteen Thetas back in school, fourteen undergraduates and two graduate students, Gretta Tully and Helen Kaetzel. We consider ourselves very fortunate, also, in having with us Josephine Jones and Treva Pearson from Alpha. With this bright outlook Theta started the college year.

Our new faculty ruling of Sophomore pledging goes into effect this year. These rules contain no restrictions on rushing, but local Woman's Pan-Hellenic Association has decreed that rushing shall be confined to the campus. There will be one party given by each sorority at the end of the year after which time girls passing twenty-four hours' work may be pledged.

On October twenty-first there will be a Pan-Hellenic dinner for all Greek women, active and alumnae, in Columbus. This dinner will be given at Ohio Union under the auspices of the city Pan-Hellenic Association. At this time a cup will be awarded to the sorority standing the highest in scholarship in this university.

The second week of school we had a spread at Woman's Union, our first "get together" party and also a "get acquainted" party for Treva and Jo.

We were all saddened on our return to school by the news of the death of Claudia Hicks, ex-'14. She died in Denver where her father and mother had taken her in hopes of restoring her health. The funeral was held in Columbus, September nineteenth. All Thetas both active and alumnae attended.

With best wishes to all Delta Zetas I now industriously turn to Johnson's *Principals of Economics*.

EMILY NEIGHBOR,  
*Chapter Editor.*

## THETA—PERSONALS

Madeline Baird, 1914, is principal of the high school at Frankfort, Ohio.

Helen Murray, 1914, is teaching in the high school in West Jefferson.

Marie Bluett, 1913, is teaching German in the Columbus Public Schools.

Julia Chrisman, 1911, is teaching at Troy, Ohio.

Mrs. Charles F. F. Campbell spent the summer in England with her mother-in-law.

Delta Zeta will entertain October 14, with a box party at Keith's.

Elsie Fisher is the head of the department of Latin and German in the schools at Empire, Ohio.

Mary Young, ex-'15, will graduate this year from kindergarten training school.

Gamma Alumnæ Chapter will hold the first meeting of the year at Mrs. Charles F. F. Campbell's, October 14. Mrs. Campbell is president of Gamma Chapter.

## IOTA—IOWA UNIVERSITY

**I**OTA CHAPTER as she sends this letter to the LAMP wishes for all the other chapters the same auspicious beginning and happy outlook for this new school year that she herself is entertaining.

Iota is still a small chapter, we being but ten in number, yet not so small that the sorority is ineffectual. On the contrary, permeated by such a spirit of unity and enthusiasm as Iota is, ten is legion. Being small we anticipate great fun in growing.

Delta Zeta has certainly filled a goodly share of the offices of responsibility in the various University organizations: one is President of the Y. W. C. A., and one is President of the Woman's League, a third is President of the Professional Woman's League, another is Secretary of the Junior class and this does not exhaust the list.

Our first initiation occurred last Monday night when Mary Dunn, Hannah Ward, Ruth Grey and Myrtle Tudor were led



through the mystic rites. These are four choice young women of whom Iota is justly proud.

Besides the usual social affairs given in the usual ways, Iota chapter is giving a series of Pre-Holiday Kensingtons and teas entertaining forty different girls, the majority of whom are to be non-sorority girls, each afternoon. The guests are invited to bring their Holiday sewing and the affairs are to be very informal. As a special feature for each occasion the Delta Zeta girls will introduce some friend, brought in for the occasion, who is especially capable to read, sing, or talk briefly on some theme of thorough interest to college women.

The appeal from the LAMP for material—songs, stories, essays—is not to go unheeded by us. Iota is greatly interested in the LAMP and wants to do her full share in contributing towards its success. Only the late receipt of the letter by a new officer hindered a substantiation of this resolution. We eagerly await news from all the chapters.

EDNA O'HANA,  
*Chapter Editor.*

#### KAPPA—UNIVERSITY OF WASHINGTON

*Greetings from Kappa chapter, the baby of the family!*

THE EDITOR has asked for an account of some of the things we have been doing; of some of the good times we have had. But we are so very young that there is much more to tell about our hopes and plans for the future than of our past.

Although we were installed last May, it was kept a secret on the campus, and so when we came back this Fall, our pins caused a great deal of excitement. It was fun to hear the whispered conjectures and see the curious glances stolen at them, before our installation was announced through the *University of Washington Daily*.

Last May we really didn't intend to have a house this year, but during the summer when we discovered how many girls could live in one, we changed our minds. So during August, the House Committee kept all of the landlords and real estate agents in the University district in a continuous state of unrest, until at last a satisfactory house was secured.



There are seven girls living there now and seven more of the active chapter live in town. The house has a spacious attic and it is needless to say that that attic has seen many hilarious times when the House held more than seven!

The last week in October is to be a big time for us. It is our "coming out", our entrance into campus society. That Friday we are going to have an initiation for three or four pledges who think they have answered the telephone, waxed floors and done other menial work long enough. The next afternoon we are going to give a reception to the faculty and all the other sororities. That evening a banquet will be held down town at the Washington Hotel.

We are lucky to have Mrs. Stephenson and Mrs. McElfresh so near, and they will both be with us when we make our début.

We cannot pledge new members until the second semester, but we are busy now, prospecting for new girls. We can't be too careful to get the right kind of girls, for the future of Kappa chapter will depend on them.

We are strong for athletics. Last Thursday, Hertha O'Neill, Clara and Hilda Knausenberger, and Gladys Hitt were initiated into the Women's Athletic Association. They haven't said much about it, but from the sore ankles and black and blue arms one judges that they rode the goat over a rough road.

Home Economics is a very popular course at Washington. Indeed, just exactly half of our active chapter are "Home Ec" girls,—and have already high hopes for bright futures in house-decorating, dietitian, and designing fields; not to speak of just "keeping house."

And that reminds me of a Delta Zeta wedding which will take place the first week of November, when Elsie Morse is to be married. Elsie is an ex-'15 girl.

I suppose you are wading in the snow and wrapped in furs. Wish you were taking a walk over the campus, pick some La France roses and look off over the Basin to Mount Rainier. But when I get started about the beauty of that campus I can't stop.

CHRISTINE POLLARD,

*Chapter Editor.*



## Alumnæ Department

### ALPHA GRADUATE CHAPTER OF INDIANA

OUR first meeting of the new year was held at the home of our new President, Martha Railsback, and was attended by a large number, eighteen members responding to roll call. With this splendid beginning we know we can make this our "best" year. After our finances had been discussed and straightened out, we heard a report on the awarding of the silver Loving Cup, which we had offered to the active chapter holding the highest record of scholarship for the past year. One of our newest chapters won it, Iota chapter at Iowa University, and we are sorry to say that our two Indiana chapters, Delta and Epsilon, were at the bottom of the list. But Iota will have to "toil" hard for this cup, for only by three years' winning may she have it for "keepsake". So all chapters have a chance to redeem themselves this year, you see. Work hard for it, girls, for it is a prize worthy to be won and be kept.

The problem of having our alumnæ members in touch with our activities was brought up, and we decided to put in our letter to the LAMP as concise a report as possible,—hence this businesslike letter.

This year we are following a new plan of work in our meetings, which we think will be very interesting—the study of new books. So last time Elsie Calvin entertained us with a splendid review of Harold Bell Wright's novel *The Eyes of the World*. At the end of the year we are going to divide these books between Epsilon and Delta chapters.

To wind up our meeting, our hostess had arranged for a pretty surprise miscellaneous shower on our "latest" bride, Josephine Miller, whose marriage to Dr. Virgil Gordon of Blountsville, Ind., took place October 21.

Last week Martha Railsback went to New York City to attend the National Pan-Hellenic Congress; she was the  $\Delta Z$  representative, as appointed by Mrs. Stephenson. We are all waiting anxiously to hear her account of the Congress.



No more this time. Success for this new year to every Delta Zeta is the wish of Alpha Graduate Chapter.

HELEN SHINGLER DUNBAR.

#### DELTA GRADUATE CHAPTER OF NEBRASKA

WITH the opening of the school year the Delta Alumnae Chapter at Nebraska started work in earnest. With perfect coöperation between the active and alumnae chapters we anticipate a banner year for Delta Zeta at Nebraska.

We have had several very enjoyable meetings of one sort and another during the summer. But September 20, we organized for the year. We have decided to adopt the motto of the Alpha Alumnae Chapter. Our policy this winter will be to give all possible aid to the active chapter. Through the school year we are going to hold business meetings every second and fourth Tuesday in the month.

At our first meeting we appointed members to act on the important committees in the active chapter. Venus Leamer, one of the charter members of Zeta and our first Phi Beta Kappa who is again with us and Edna Brown, one of last year's graduates, are to attend all meetings of Active Chapter in order to keep us in touch with them. Other appointments made were, Venus Leamer—House Rule Committee, Mrs. Shugart—Finance, Ruth Odell—Social, Esther Burritt Foster—Scholarship—this will give the active chapter the advice of a strong alumna girl on all the important problems to be met with in sorority life.

Now, Dear Delta Zetas, before I tell you about our social plans, a confession. We are going to leave the laurels to be won in the field of literature, art, philosophy, philanthropy and woman suffrage to our other Delta Zeta Sisters and devote our time to the development of a true democratic mode of amusement, and make the Zeta chapter house the true home of hospitality.

The keynote of our plans as you will see, is to knit the sisterly bond more closely together. Now for our social plans. First we are giving a series of luncheons at the Lincoln Hotel, the first and third Saturdays of every month, for the alumnae girls.



We held our first luncheon Saturday, October 3, and had a truly delightful time. Plates were laid for twenty, the sorority flowers and ribbons forming the color scheme. The chief topic of conversation was Dear Old Delta Zeta. Our enthusiasm was intense, and we thrice blessed "the tie that binds our sisterly hearts in love." Our next luncheon will be October 24, the day of one of the great football games and the return of a number of *alumnæ*. We are anticipating a doubly successful one and a chattier, more informal time if possible.

Our second step is to establish the custom of giving a dance for the Active Chapter in honor of the pledges. We give ours the twenty-fourth of October at the Temple Music Hall. A number of the out of town *alumnæ* are planning to return to help us in making our freshmen feel at home among us. We are certainly to be congratulated on our pledges.

The next scheme is an innovation at Nebraska but we feel that Delta Zeta is strong enough to carry it through. In brief form the plan is to give a series of teas in honor of the mothers, to which are invited the various factions that go to make up the the University life, faculty, fraternities, sororities and friends. We expect to give our first tea, November 17th at the Chapter House. A good musical program of outside talent is being planned. With plenty of flowers, music, ices and tea and a crowd of true university spirits, don't you think our teas ought to be a success?

Still another part of our social scheme is the individual entertaining of the sorority by *alumnæ* members. Edna Brown begins the movement with a Kensington at her home next Thursday. We know from experience that a good time is in store for us at Edna's home.

We have the right kind of mothers in Zeta chapter. They are planning a fruit shower, preserves, jellies, pickles, etc., for the girls at the house. Our out-of-town *alumnæ* who cannot do much for the active girls personally are going to establish a "Rushing Fund"—the money to be used by the active girls with the advice of the *alumnæ* in obtaining desirable girls for Zeta.



Now dear girls, I fear I have taken too much space but it is hard to make words express our enthusiasm. We sincerely hope that every chapter has as bright prospects as we have for an ideal year. Through Mrs. Shugart, and our visitors Mrs. Stephenson, Martha Railsback and Edith Wray, the spirit of the convention has reached us. JANET GREY CAMERON.

#### ZETA ALUMNÆ PERSONALS

We have been asked to send in a few items of interest concerning our alumnæ members and it is surely a real pleasure to stop and think of each and every one. I should like to tell you just what every alumna is doing but that will be impossible, this time at least.

I think Nettie Wills Shugart is worthy of first mention. Don't you? Really, girls, you don't know how proud and honored we felt to know that she was to be National Secretary. We think you could have made no better choice. We were certainly a happy bunch of girls the week of the convention, and we could hardly wait until she returned because we knew that she would be full of enthusiasm and would have all kinds of good news for those of us who were not fortunate enough to be in attendance at the convention. For you who know her it is useless to say that we were not disappointed in our expectations.

On the evening of her return Mr. Shugart had planned a surprise dinner for her at the chapter house and no expert housekeeper could have planned it better than he. All of the Delta Zeta girls who were in Lincoln at that time, were there. You may imagine that we did a great deal of hard talking when I tell you that it was just about 11 p. m. when we got up from the table.

I guess our brides deserve to be mentioned next. You may think that our chapter is a matrimonial bureau when I tell you about them. In April, Ruth Stonecypher was married to Mr. Percy Mariner of this city. They are living here in a cozy little bungalow.

Harriett Graves, one of our charter members surprised us this summer, too. She was quietly married the ninth of August



to Dr. Schragg who has been a professor of German Language in our own University for several years. Girls, she has the reputation of being an ideal housekeeper.

Esther M. Burritt for the past three years has been instructor of English in the Agricultural department of the State University but she too has changed her profession. Esther is a general favorite and we are glad that she is going to be here this winter and be one of our real live members. She had a beautiful home wedding, September the second, when she was married to Dr. George N. Foster, of the Law department of the Nebraska University. Mr. Foster took his degree from the Chicago University this summer. They spent their honeymoon in Yellowstone Park. We are glad that these two girls are not going to leave us even if they did marry but we can't forgive Lucile Day for going away to San Diego. She was one of our summer brides, too.

Several of the girls who graduated in the class of '14 are now teaching. Bertha Wiess is located in the Science department of the Tecumseh High School.

Ruth Odell will soon take up her work as English instructor in our Agricultural school.

Iva Swenk and Edna Brown are two members of the class of '14 who intend to just stay at home and enjoy themselves for a year. By the way, they both live here. Edna started her good time by spending her summer in the Eastern States and just returned a few weeks ago.

Of course, those of you who were at the convention this summer remember Emily Houska, one of our representatives of the active chapter. You will be interested to know that she and here sister, Marie, are both teaching in the Omaha public schools.

We are certainly lucky to have Venus Leamer, a charter member, with us again this year. Venus is now preparing to be a Librarian and is taking light work at the University. I would like to mention more of the girls but I see I can not do so this time. Our wish for every chapter is that you have as bright prospects for a good year as our own chapter has.

PEARL BARTON.



## Exchanges

Much has been and is still being said about "Sane Rushing." One chapter has had the moral stamina to try it. The following report of the experiment is printed in *Kappa Alpha Theta*.

"During rushing season just finished at Toronto, I have been forced by circumstances, to take almost an outsider's place, and it is from this point of view that I wish to speak of Sigma's rush.

"Last spring at the senior's party, Sigma and her alumnae had much to say of rushing. Pan-Hellenic had refused Sophomore Pledge Day, and had decided on a very short season—just five week-ends. Sigma declared, that evening, that she would undertake in the autumn what she declared would be a model rushing season. We all knew how many undignified, expensive scrambles had been undertaken in former rushing seasons, because we felt we must equal the elaborate parties others were giving. However, in the calmness of Spring, Sigma determined to keep her head, to have as few, and as natural parties as possible, and to have no parties with men, for we felt it was unfair to ask men who knew what was on foot to meet freshmen who are being rushed. The chapter said it was unwilling to lose girls who could not understand their mode of rushing. The alumnae heard, approved heartily, but wondered.

"Rushing is over. Sigma has truly carried out her good resolves, and has adhered to her self-imposed rules. She has given a few simple parties which were the very jolliest sort. . . . Freshmen, who seemed ineligible were dropped as soon as possible. Asking day came, and one invitation of the five extended, was refused, but I, as an alumna, can be proud of the little sisters who carried out their sane resolves. As a junior remarked to me: 'I feel for the first time at the end of rushing that I can look a lady in the face.'"

### CHAPERONS AND CHAPERONED

#### *Chapter House Chaperons*

What is a chaperon?—Webster says "a guide and a protector." But how can anyone be a guide and a protector unless she knows to what ends she must guide the girls in her charge and against what she must protect them? To be both of these she must have the powers of a Cassandra, the wisdom of a Minerva and the trust and love of a mother; she must be one who knows the common rules of etiquette, is at ease with people and can put others likewise at ease; one whom the girls are proud to have receive with them at their functions and one who has personality and power enough to see that proper house rules are



made and enforced; one respected enough for her word to be law; one old enough in experience if not in years, for the girls to go to her for the settlement of their difficulties; diplomatic enough to show no prejudices and no preferences; and wise beyond all expression.

As a mother guides, teaches, leads, protects and even punishes her children, so must a chaperon guide, teach, lead, protect and even punish her charges in the chapter house—in short, she must be a noble, womanly woman whose very presence commands and receives respect, loyalty and love.—*The Key*.

We have spoken of the obligation of the chaperon to the chapter, but there the obligation does not end; in fact, it just begins for the girl in the chapter house—for her attitude toward the chaperon should be that of scholar to teacher, of sister to sister, of daughter to mother. She must first of all be respectful, helpful, obedient, without resentment, but above all she must be loyal—by loyal we mean loyal within and without the house, in action, speech and thought. She should do nothing without the house which is not in accordance with the house rules, she must speak no word of condemnation or criticism to the outside world, which is so ready to criticise, enlarge upon and judge as the usual in chapter house life—and never should she allow disloyal thoughts to ferment in her mind for they always lead to disloyal speech and actions. Fight them with might and main. Be as loyal to your chaperon as you are to your fraternity sister.—*The Key*. Quoted by *To Dragma* of A O II.

"If I were a delegate again" is the title of a symposium in *The Arrow of Pi Beta Phi*. Here are some of the things the ex-delegates would do if they were to go again:

"I would suggest that each delegate make a thorough study of previous minutes. . . . I would avoid the clique spirit."

"Be sure and learn all you can about the matters that will come to be considered at convention."

"If I were not already very familiar with 'Robert's Rules of Order' I would make this book a part of my study."

"If there were petitioning chapters present I would make a great effort to be open to conviction, and would not say 'no' to any question of expansion simply because of some prejudice previously formed."

"I would endeavor to bring back to my chapter as many ideas as I could gather on intensive chapter work."

"Never forget that you are not only a local but a national."

"Contact with the leaders of any organization often brings more help and uplift than all else in a convention, so I would open my heart and mind to the personality of the convention."

"I would try to remember that in me my college was up for inspection; that I must represent her intelligently, dignifiedly, pleasantly."

*Eleusis of Chi Omega quotes:*

"A Fraternity is an obligation of necessity, an introduction, a recommendation, a passport, a lesson, an influence, an opportunity, an investment, a peacemaker, and a pleasure."—*Quarterly of Sigma Chi.*

Yale students who join the secret societies are no longer allowed funds from the college aid moneys. They can obtain them as loans and not as gifts.

The announcement was made today in the annual report of Professor Sallmon, head of the bureau of appointments.—*Δ K E Quarterly.*

## WHAT MAKES A LEADING SORORITY?

I would consider a sorority one of the leading sororities if its organization were strong, its chapter spirit good, if it were prompt in all its business dealings, if it were democratic and held the good-will of the non-fraternity members of the institution, and most of all, if its girls were of such different types that they could be seen in all school activities. Nationally, I believe that a sorority should have as large a number of chapters as possible, so that it could really be known. *I think that a national body should create the same atmosphere in all its chapters* and should show to the world that it really stands for something worth while and good.—*Ruth Litchen, Xi '15.*—*Σ K Triangle.*

## DOUBLE MEMBERSHIPS.

Two instances are being reported of women being initiated into men's college fraternities, Miss Patty being initiated into the K M I chapter of *Σ A E* on account of heroic services in preserving the chapter records during the Civil war, and Miss Carothers being initiated into the Mississippi chapter of Phi Delta Theta several years back. On the other hand, Dr. Richardson, of Fayetteville, Ark., a Kappa Sigma, is a member in due standing, it is said, and one of the founders of Chi Omega, while Mr. George Banta, Phi Delta Theta, is a regular in the ranks of Delta Gamma. Both Dr. Richardson and Mr. Banta have attended conventions in their respective sororities.—*Kappa Alpha Journal.*