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Total Permanent Endowment .....	\$300.00
Annual Income Guaranteed .....	18.00



# THE EMERALD OF SIGMA PI



## THE NESTEGG

BY CURTIS G. SHAKE

*Chairman of The Sigma Pi Foundation*

**T**HE Fraternity has an endowment fund! The Sigma Pi Foundation, authorized by the Vincennes Convocation, is now a fully organized and going concern. There is real money in the treasury—not much, to be sure, but enough for a nestegg. This fund is forever dedicated, set apart, and invested for the maintenance and development of the fraternity. The foundation now lacks but one thing to make it an immediate and complete success, and that is the active, whole-hearted support of the rank and file of the entire alumni membership.

The Eighth Biennial Convocation placed its stamp of approval upon the endowment plan that has been worked out. Curtis G. Shake, of Alpha, Harry H. Smith, of Xi, and A. W. Turner, of Sigma, were constituted a committee to work out the details and put the plan into operation. They have completed their preliminary work and the organization is now functioning.

It was found that the laws of Indiana were most favorable for incorporation, there being a recent statute in that state specifically authorizing foundations and holding companies and exempting them from all taxes. The articles of association were executed by the committee named, the Grand Second Counselor, who is the *ex-officio* adviser of the organization, and the members of the Executive Council. The charter was issued by the Secretary of State of Indiana on February 26, 1923, the twenty-sixth birthday of the fraternity.

The Sigma Pi endowment plan contemplates that eventually every alumni member of the fraternity will become a subscriber to the Foundation. No maximum limitation is placed upon the size of subscriptions that will be accepted, but it has been determined that a minimum subscription of \$50.00 will produce a fund large enough to meet the fraternity's needs and, at the same time, make it possible for the subscriber to receive certain direct benefits from his contribution.

Recognizing that the alumni members of the fraternity are, for the most part, comparatively young, and that few of them have been engaged in business or professional enterprises long enough to have amassed any considerable fortunes, the originators of the foundation scheme have authorized installment subscriptions, in lieu of cash, for those who prefer. In other words, a prospective subscriber may make a cash subscription or an installment subscription, as he may see fit. Subscription cards have been prepared and distributed embodying both plans. These are attached so that the contributor may select the one that he desires to use and discard the other.

In the case of cash subscriptions a minimum of \$50.00 is asked. This amount invested at six per cent will yield an annual income of \$3.00, since no taxes are required. For this contribution the subscriber will receive an appropriate card signed by the secretary of the Foundation and bearing its corporate seal, entitling him to the following privileges for life: (1) to receive THE EMERALD, (2) to visit chapters, (3) to attend convocations, and (4) to affiliate with alumni clubs.

# THE STATE OF INDIANA

*Department of State*

*To All to Whom These Presents Shall Come, Greetings:*

WHEREAS, Articles of Incorporation, duly signed and acknowledged, showing no capital stock, having been filed in the office of the Secretary of State on the twenty-sixth day of February, 1923, for the organization of

## THE SIGMA PI FOUNDATION

under and in accordance with the provisions of an Act entitled "An Act concerning the organization of foundation or holding companies and prescribing their powers and duties," approved March 10, 1921, and published on page 730 of the Acts of the General Assembly for that year, and acts amendatory thereof and supplementary thereto.

Now therefore, I, ED. JACKSON, Secretary of State of the State of Indiana, by virtue of the powers and duties vested in me by law, do hereby certify that the said The Sigma Pi Foundation is a body politic and corporate, authorized and empowered by the laws of the State of Indiana to proceed to carry out the objects of its organization.

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the seal of the State of Indiana, at the City of Indianapolis, this twenty-sixth day of February, A.D. 1923.

THE SEAL OF  
THE STATE OF  
INDIANA

ED. JACKSON, *Secretary of State,*  
By P. H. WOLFARD, *Deputy.*

For the accommodation of those who are in sympathy with the endowment idea, but who do not feel able to make a cash subscription outright, another plan has been worked out whereby the subscriber may make five annual payments of \$12.00 each. Receipt cards will likewise be issued for each of these installments, entitling the subscriber to the same privileges accorded cash subscribers, until the next installment is due. When the fifth (final) installment has been paid, the regular life subscriber's card will be issued.

Some have asked why the installment subscriptions aggregate \$60.00, whereas the cash subscription is only \$50.00. This is readily explained. Inasmuch as all subscribers are to receive THE EMERALD without further cost a plan had to be worked out whereby the magazine could be supplied to the installment subscribers without placing an additional financial burden on the Grand Treasury. This has been done. When a \$12.00 annual installment has been paid to the Foundation, \$2.00 will be immediately paid over to the Grand Treasury and the remaining \$10.00 invested as permanent endowment. At the end of five years the Foundation will have received from each installment subscription, for permanent endowment, \$50.00, and the Grand Treasury will have profited by five payments of \$2.00 each, plus the interest earned on the endowment balances. As a result the installment subscriptions will net the fraternity the same return as cash subscriptions from the first year. This is clearly illustrated by the table on opposite page.

No part of the principal credited to the endowment fund will ever be applied toward the payment of fraternity expenses. It must be held inviolate as a trust fund, and twice annually (January 1, and July 1) the Treasurer of the Foundation will pay over the earnings to the Grand Third Counselor. The expenses of operating the Foundation will be paid by the fraternity and not by the Foundation. In other words, it will be the sole function of the officers of the Foundation to solicit, receive, and invest funds for endowment, but they can pay out no money whatever—not even for postage! By reason of this rule subscribers will be assured that no part of their contributions will

APPLICATION OF PROCEEDS FROM INSTALLMENT  
SUBSCRIPTIONS

	Annual payments	Deductions for endowment	Deductions for current income	Interest on endowment to be added to income	Deductions for income plus interest
First year	\$12.00	\$10.00	\$2.00	...	\$2.00
Second year	12.00	10.00	2.00	.60	2.60
Third year	12.00	10.00	2.00	1.20	3.20
Fourth year	12.00	10.00	2.00	1.80	3.80
Fifth year	12.00	10.00	2.00	2.40	4.40
Totals	\$60.00	\$50.00	\$10.00	\$6.00	\$16.00

*Recapitulation*

Credited to permanent endowment at end of five years	\$50.00
Current income to be derived during five-year period	\$16.00
(Interest computed at six per cent)	

be dissipated and, at the same time, the fraternity will have an effectual check upon the expenses incurred by the officers of the Foundation.

The question has already been asked as to how and where the funds of the Foundation will be invested. The trustees have adopted a conservative policy in that regard. For the time being the funds will be deposited with the savings department of some reputable bank, or used to purchase fixed interest-bearing certificates in a substantial building and loan association. Later on, when the size of the fund will justify that course, the trustees will be glad to make loans to chapters desiring to build homes, providing proper security can be offered.

The progress of the endowment fund will be disclosed regularly in the columns of THE EMERALD. A portion of the directory pages have been permanently set apart for the use of the Foundation. In that space will be carried a list of the subscribers, a statement of the aggregate amount subscribed, and the annual earning power of the endowment.

The Sigma Pi Foundation has been organized on sound legal and business principles. Its methods of operation are simple and comprehensive. It has been built to last through the years and to grow with the fraternity. It is thoroughly democratic and is consistent with Sigma Pi doctrines.

Sigma Pi has recognized the need of a more substantial policy with respect to its finances for some time. All have agreed that an endowment system would supply that need and enable the fraternity to function naturally and efficiently. The opportunity for such an endowment is at hand. The future growth and standing of the whole organization is dependent upon its success. Will the members of the fraternity give the Foundation the support that it deserves? We are sure that they will. *Do your bit now*, and watch the next EMERALD for developments.



## UPSILON CHAPTER INSTALLED

### Delta Sigma Chi Is Instituted as First National at University of California, Southern Branch

**T**HE first academic fraternity to establish a chapter at the University of California, Southern Branch, came officially into being on the afternoon of February 24, 1923, when Delta Sigma Chi Fraternity, formerly known as the Ball and Chain Fraternity, was admitted to membership in this fraternity. Sigma Pi thereby did the unusual thing of having placed two chapters at branches of the same university located in different cities.

The installation ceremonies were held in the West Ebell Clubhouse of Los Angeles, Cal. They were in charge of Walter D. Kephart, past Sage of Delta, assisted by Sage John F. Hettrich of Iota, Fourth Counselor Merritt T. Davidson of Iota, and Brothers Stanley F. Mattoon, Donald C. Collins, and John B. Bonny of Iota.

Those initiated as charter members were: Dr. Herbert F. Allen, Donald L. Allison, Keith G. Parke, Walter R. Wescott, Herbert A. Price, Paul R. Hutchinson, Samuel H. Prouty, Paul P. Royère, Arthur A. Jones, Donald B. Johns, William G. Carr, Waldo E. Edmunds.

The following were installed as the first officers of Upsilon Chapter: Sage, Keith G. Parke; First Counselor, Herbert A. Price; Second Counselor, Donald L. Allison; Third Counselor, Waldo E. Edmunds; Fourth Counselor, Paul R. Hutchinson; Herald, Paul P. Royère.

Immediately following the installation of the chapter, the following were initiated in regular form: Rex A. Miller, George O. Koch, George R. Shepphird, John A. Worley, Charles E. Adams, Murray E. McGowan, R. Theodore Compton, Albert E. Dunford, J. Philip Wernette, Waldo E. Enns, Carroll E. Blakemore, Wendell P. Hubbard, William Jarrott, Leslie N. McReynolds, Randall M. Simon, J. Evans Lewis, Elton E.

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On Saturday night, following the installation, an informal dinner for members and alumni was given at the University Club. Brother Ray DeCamp, president of the Southern California Alumni Club, acted as toastmaster.

Monday, February 26, was open house, with a reception in the evening in honor of Founders' Day.

WALTER D. KEPHART,  
KEITH G. PARKE, *Sage*.

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## THE UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA, SOUTHERN BRANCH

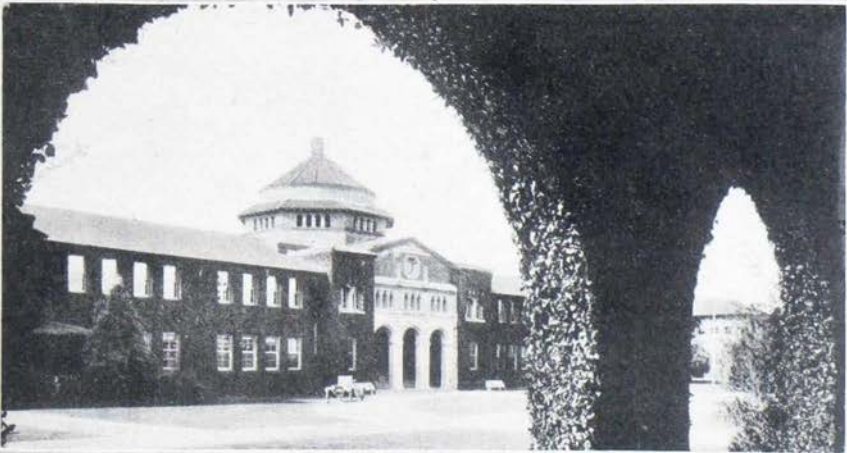
WITH 10,000 students crowding the Berkeley campus in 1918, the California State Legislature was faced with the problem of relieving the congestion in the State University. As the most logical solution of the problem a branch of the University was established in the southern part of the state.

The twelve buildings and thirty acres of the Los Angeles State Normal School were accordingly taken over, and the newly created Southern Branch opened its doors to students on September 15, 1919. A fully organized system of student government was put into operation at once, and is functioning successfully. The institution is a member of the Southern California Inter-Collegiate Athletic Conference, and is represented in all branches of sport. Attendance has risen from 1,800 the first year to a prospective 9,000 in 1925.

The Southern Branch has eight colleges, in Education, Letters and Science, Commerce, Agriculture, Engineering, Mining, Chemistry, and Fine Arts. At present degrees are granted in only part of these colleges, but a progressive development is under way to make all the courses of four years' duration leading to a degree.

The attitude of the administration is very favorable to fraternities. Before the installation of a chapter of Sigma Pi ten





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Greek-letter societies were active on the campus. These included Phi Beta Delta, national Jewish fraternity, two professional fraternities, and seven locals. Sigma Pi is the first general fraternity to establish a chapter at the Southern Branch, but other petitions are already under consideration and the university will undoubtedly have several other chapters within a short time. In speaking of the installation *The Cub Californian*, student publication stated:

"That the coming of a national organization to the Southern Branch will undoubtedly be a great step toward the future development of the University, and should prove to be an advancement toward the obtaining of a four-year course at the institution is the general opinion at the University, as national fraternities bring a great deal of prestige and influence to any institution, and following this initial step of the Sigma Pi Fraternity, more national organizations will undoubtedly establish chapters at the University of California, Southern Branch."

#### DELTA SIGMA CHI

Under the name Ball and Chain, later altered to a Greek-letter title, Delta Sigma Chi was founded October 1, 1919. There were six charter members, men who had been drawn together by similar ideas, purposes, and circumstances. The ideals of the fraternity were very well expressed in the purpose clause of the constitution, "to provide for the social and general welfare of its members, and to encourage high standards of character, scholarship, and morality among its members." The religious element was present, since every man was an active member of some church, and one was preparing for the ministry. In scholarship, at the end of the first semester of the second year, when the University published the standing of all fraternities at both Berkeley and Los Angeles, Ball and Chain led the list with an average of 2.1 plus.

The fraternity has two honorary members, Dr. Herbert F. Allen, acting head of the English Department, and Professor Marvin L. Darsie, of the Educational Department. The active membership has increased rapidly, as may be seen from the number of men who were installed with the chapter. The present address of the chapter is 650 New Hampshire St., Los Angeles.

## CHI CHAPTER IS INSTALLED

Delta Upsilon Kappa Becomes Chapter of Sigma Pi at  
University of Pittsburgh, March 23

**T**HIRTY-EIGHT members of Delta Upsilon Kappa were admitted to Sigma Pi as Chi Chapter of the fraternity when the University of Pittsburgh local was given its charter. A large number of alumni and undergraduate members from other chapters were present at the installation, which was held in the parish house of the beautiful Baptist Church at the corner of Bellefield and Bayard Streets. The installing officers were Grand Sage Cyrus E. Palmer, Grand First Counselor Paul T. Stonesifer, Grand Fourth Counselor Herman S. Sidener, and Philip W. Timberlake, Editor of THE EMERALD.

Beginning about 1:30 Friday afternoon, the ceremonies continued until nearly seven. The meeting then adjourned to the chapter-house, 4801 Center Avenue, where dinner was served, followed by an informal meeting and smoker, at which several talks were given.

A sight-seeing tour of the city and the university campus was made on Saturday afternoon, and on Saturday evening a ball was held in the William Penn Hotel. This final event was largely attended.

Following are the members of the chapter: John Robert Wolf, Warren Abraham Wolf, Graydon Melvin Campbell, Elliott Keller, Jr., Arthur Oakie Fee, Clyde Milton Naughton, Frank Dickerson Hazlett, Lawrence Chester Irons, John Boyd Ferguson, Wesley Alexander Moffat, Charles William Haney, Hosea Sylvester Gold, Fred Christian Baur, George Andrew Hunger, Edward Joseph Fisher, James Crawford Dunbar, Thomas Harnish Buchanan, Lewis Guy Manwaring, Frank Edwyn Braun, Charles Morton Evans, Stanley Stanford Smith, John Neely Schofield, Alexander Caskey Canfield, Joseph Eugene McCutcheon, Thomas Daniel Chattaway, Leland White Hamilton, Edward William Busse, Russell Edgar Breisch, Thomas Vincent Yanchus, William Wesley Ireland, Cecil Roe Jones, Walton Robert Banister, Leonard Emile Samuelson, Homer Paul Hoffman, William Whitney White, William Wade King, Thomas William King, Charles Morris Booher.

As evidence of the spirit of these men, mention must be made of Brother John R. Wolf. One of the founders of Delta Upsilon Kappa, Brother Wolf has been confined in a hospital since last November. At his urgent request, however, he was brought to the installation ceremony, and became a charter member of Chi Chapter, witnessing the ritual from a couch. He then returned, a full-fledged Sigma Pi, to the hospital, whence we hope he will come forth with renewed health.

The number of alumni present at the installation, while good, was not unusually large, but the number of chapters represented, ten, was exceptional. A partial list of visitors—all who signed the register, which many neglected to do—follows:

L. C. Lamberty, Zeta, '17; H. P. Smith, Gamma, '06; D. P. Larer, Theta, '13; P. T. Stonesifer, Nu, '17; J. E. Parr, Gamma, '20; P. W. Timberlake, Lambda, '17; J. A. Grandey, Zeta; R. V. Silknetter, Delta, '21; Herman S. Sidener, Lambda, '21; Slutes, Gamma; Cyrus E. Palmer, Phi, '12; R. N. Crisswell, Theta; J. A. Martin, Theta; W. A. Junk, Theta, '21; L. L. Simmons, Theta; D. J. Mayne, Gamma, '21; A. W. Kimball, Sigma; A. C. Davis, Lambda; G. T. Parker, Rho, '22; John H. Warner, Gamma, '22; E. C. Balch, R. F. Mitchell.

Officers of Chi Chapter were installed as follows: Sage, T. H. Buchanan; First Counselor, W. W. King; Second Counselor, W. R. Banister; Third Counselor, J. N. Schofield; Fourth Counselor, E. W. Busse; Herald, L. E. Samuelson; EMERALD Correspondent, H. P. Hoffman. S. S. Smith is House Manager, and L. W. Hamilton, Caterer.

[Due to the late date a more complete account of Chi Chapter could not be prepared for this issue. An illustrated article about Chi and the University of Pittsburgh will appear in the July issue.—THE EDITOR.]

## NOVEMBER AND JUNE

**A** LITTLE while ago I read of what may easily be a new world's record; an old minister, an alumnus of one of the smaller New England colleges, had not missed attending the commencement exercises of his Alma Mater for, I think, sixty-five years. Of course he always lived within easy traveling distance of the college town, and his profession allowed him a leisure during week-days not given to all, so that for many of us his example must remain a counsel of perfection. But he must have been a delightful character; I should like to have known him.

Spring is a season highly recommended by the poets. They speak much of oaten pipes and the bounding of young lambs. Most of us are more prosaic. If we have a garden the bounds we are interested in are those that divide the lettuce and radishes from the green peas that are the young lamb's proper garnishment, and for pottering around among our growing vegetables of an evening an oaten pipe, we think, is far inferior to a briar. Those cliff-dwellers who inhabit flats often feel in springtime an atavistic urge that drives them to the hills in search of arbutus and the shy spring flowers, from which damp quest they return snuffling unromantically and thoroughly re-converted to the modern conveniences. But spring for me means the laying of plans for a return to the college town at commencement time. I am not trying to equal the record of the old New Englander, for I have already missed one and so a perfect score is impossible. But it is a joy to return to the college periodically and commencement is the event I prefer to attend.

Many of my friends feel differently. We are young and poor, and a visit to the college means some sacrifice for most of us. That part of their slender funds which they can spare for such frivolities they prefer to spend on a return, not to commencement, but to the Thanksgiving festivities. These among us center around a football game with an ancient rival. The gratitude which the day is supposed to evoke, or what passes for it, will be hilariously present or croakingly absent according to the outcome of that game.

It is not such a great game as such games go. No special trains run to it. No ticket-scalpers infest its outskirts. No boot-leggers are attracted by its crowds. It is played on a field and not in a stadium, and our new concrete-and-steel stand is not a bowl, but, to carry out the culinary language, a celery-dish. And yet our observance of the college national holiday is quite orthodox. We have a band and so do our rivals; both are made up of students for whom music is decidedly an avocation; neither will ever be invited to the concert stage, but each earnestly glorifies Alma Mater. In front of the stands caper the cheer-leaders. It probably shows a pitiful prejudice on my part, but I never could fathom the why of cheer-leaders. Personally I didn't need them, being always ready to make a joyful noise when such seemed at all appropriate, without prompting or appeal. I think organized cheering is an invention of the devil, and always felt foolish while engaged in it. I resented the antics of the young gentlemen in the white flannel pants, and my spleen is not abated by the fact that lately they have changed to knickerbockers and golf stockings.

In general it is a thrilling scene. Kipling speaks in disparagement of "the flannelled fools at the wickets and muddied oafs at the goals." No doubt he is right, from his viewpoint; our type of athletics does not furnish an ideal preparation for war. Yet there is a thrill and a dash about it, a surge of passionate loyalty to the college—or what for the moment we feel is the college, that sets the feet of middle-aged alumni capering and sends their prim derbies flying over goal posts in an indecorous delirium of joy over the winning touchdown. I am certainly not middle-aged, but I returned to my pulpit from my last Thanksgiving game with a tell-tale hoarseness that played hob with my professional dignity.

More than this, Thanksgiving has come to be the red-letter day for our chapter. More of the old boys come back at that time than at any other. There is the traditional dinner, after which the over-stuffed chairs in the living-room are filled with alumni, also over-stuffed, smoking and describing ancient glories to the respectful freshmen, who attend as acolytes of the ash-tray. There is a dance, the crowning social event of the year. The invitations which go out to the alumni, urging them to re-

turn to this festivity, promise much. If any brother has no partner, the committee will engage to "get him a woman"—a delicate way of putting it that gauges our emancipation from the well-known mid-Victorian ideas. Sometime in the wee small hours the protesting couples are cowed into the last dance by a stern orchestra leader and the great collegiate celebration of Thanksgiving is over for another year.

No doubt it is the typical festival of modern college life. It is all modern. Football is a new thing in the American college. There are fathers who can take their sons to view a queer photograph of the first team that represented the college—a piratically-whiskered group of young men who grew their own head-gears and wore canvas corsets. The fraternity dance is comparatively new. The first fraternities were literary societies, and in many of the smaller colleges, at least, the period of the above-mentioned football picture still saw the fraternity chapters, with the comical serious-mindedness that distinguished students who wore burn-sides and band collars, debating rather than dancing, *as a chapter*. And while we are on the subject, as a reform measure I should like to suggest that the Grand Sage appoint a committee to nurture whiskers among us. Not only were the days to which we hark back as a Golden Age, days when students cultivated all the plain and fancy cuts of whisker, but even now it is noticeable that those students who raise moustaches take themselves more seriously than the flippant, who jest at such manly adornments, the uxorious, whose sweethearts dislike them, or the under-vitalized, who cannot raise them.

True, football has become a tradition, firmly fixed as a part of the educational system. There are institutions in which the football coach receives from twice to three times as much salary as the president, which accurately gauges the relative importance of the two positions. Trophy rooms minister to the athletic tradition, which is nevertheless not much longer lived than the athlete's vigor and in very few cases outlives the athlete's body.

Personally I am a lover of tradition and care little for an institution that lacks it. It is a sentimental attitude, and I state rather than defend it. It explains why I should choose, if a choice were necessary, to return to commencement rather than to



Thanksgiving. Every college has traditions to some degree. I do not refer to green-buttoned skull caps or class fights or senior dignities, which are customs and not traditions. The traditions I am speaking of are more subtle than death's-head warnings to freshmen. They constitute an atmosphere about one's college that in time breeds the truest college loyalty, deep, quiet, wholly undependent upon the excitements of football games. The Sabbath of this worship is commencement. Ours is in early June, the month sacred to commencements, educational and matrimonial. There is an oratorical contest for the juniors comparatively few of whom seem ambitious in that direction. The literary societies hold re-unions, when alumni of all ages, including the youngest, describe the former glories of these institutions and bewail their present eclipse. A few undergraduate officers and members, whose fidelity keeps the fossil alive at all, submissively hear the oldsters berate the present generation. There is Class Day, marked by more or less humorous characterizations of the members of the graduating class. The senior mantle and the senior fence are transferred to the incoming seniors with many oratorical flourishes of "we who are about to die salute you." There is a Phi Beta Kappa oration which usually upholds the high standards of those historic discourses. The commencement exercises proper are held in the chapel. Proud parents, sisters, aunts, and sweethearts abound. The buzz of conversation is hushed as the orchestra strikes into a marching strain and the academic procession progresses down the aisle. The faculty exhaust the prismatic colors in their hoods. Some stalk along in frozen silence, as they think the occasion and the clothes demand. Others seek to give an impression of nonchalance by chatting brightly with their partners. All are evidently horribly conscious of being very much dressed up and very much in the public eye. The graduating class looks plain enough in dull black behind the colorful professors. Some achieve a little unacademic color by wearing tan shoes and green neckties. Soft collars of the crush variety add a "sweet disorder to the dress" to academic costume. Safely seated, the feast of reason begins. The leading scholars of the class unburden themselves of some of their accumulated treasures. A lyric valedictorian

takes a well-nigh tearful farewell of the institution. A dignitary from somewhere delivers an address on Success in Life or some kindred topic. When the degrees are conferred the graduates and masters are knocked off in bunches, but a few more or less distinguished gentlemen stand up to hear themselves eulogized before being "doctored."

Such is commencement with us; quite in the time-honored fashion. There is probably a lot of bombast in the student orations. Lots of people could pick flaws in the whole business. I am surprised that some Sinclair Lewis has not written a microscopically sarcastic novel about college life; such a novel would reach its climax in the commencement scene. It might even be shown that any person who takes a whole-hearted delight in such proceedings suffers from an inferiority complex, which is the latest explanation of all enthusiasms.

But for all that I find it a delightful occasion. An old-fashioned name for commencement was "anniversary." Commencement looks to the individual or the class to which he belongs, on this occasion "commencing" a more self-sustained life. Anniversary looks to the institution, registering another year of usefulness. It is not so much the commencement as the anniversary that appeals to me. One of the fine things about belonging to a fraternity is that it keeps one in touch with the undergraduate life of one's college. As long as I shall go back to commencements and our chapter survives I shall probably always have some personal acquaintances in each graduating class. I shall certainly take more interest in Class Day because of their presence, for Class Day jokes lose what little point they have if one doesn't know the jokee. But the essence of an anniversary might almost be said to be independent of persons. Students and classes go, "turned forth, sufficiently impressed." The institution remains, by her very antiquity bearing witness to the timeless values she represents. Churchmen make much of the testimony of the saints to the highest verities of the faith; their mystic experiences, unshared by the many, are yet a vital part of the life of the Church. So here. One does not need to be a great scholar, nor even engaged in any occupation remotely connected with scholarship. Yet at commencement time he comes into contact

with his college on the occasion when the real meaning of the college is best revealed. Back of the college, and yet realized through it, he catches some glimpse of what the old Hebrews used to personalize under the name of Wisdom, "set up from everlasting, from the beginning, before the earth was." A charging football team, hysteric cheers, do not then adequately symbolize what his college means to him. Rather his heart is stirred by the sight of old and young, the graduate of fifty years ago and the graduate of to-day, paying honor to the college on her anniversary, and through the college to that most significant part of us, the ever active and never satisfied desire for a higher and more comprehensive truth. It was not a football loyalty, but something like what I have hinted at that made Webster say of Dartmouth, "She is a small college, sir, but there are those who love her."

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### *CONVOCATION MINUTES*

**T**HE Grand Second Counselor has sent two copies of the Minutes of the Eighth Biennial Convocation to each chapter. If additional copies are desired, address your request to Grand Fourth Counselor Sidener.

# STIMULATING STUDENT EFFICIENCY

BY A. W. TURNER, *Sigma*

“COMPETITION is the spice of business” is a truism most of us willingly accept. Education, being in reality a business, should also be affected and that beneficially when subjected to true competition. As business is enlivened by competition among the members of a firm, so education in general can be enlivened and advanced by competition between members of organizations such as fraternities; first, to increase individual efficiency, second, the fraternity standing, and, third, the rank of fraternities in an institution.

The increasing of human efficiency has been and will no doubt continue to be the main topic of discussion and action in the the business world, especially where great numbers of persons are employed. This is because experience has shown that very few people develop their maximum efficiency and but few reach a high percentage of their ability without some outside force or stimulus.

Competition is but one way of increasing activity, yet it is one of the outstanding means; for what would any athletic team amount to without competition among men eligible for that team? There are other important factors, such as imitating some ideal, either a student now in college, an alumnus, or some one at some other institution. In addition, loyalty to the institution and fraternity, combined with a love for the game, keeps many a person exerting himself day after day.

Mental activity is much the same as physical activity. No one is at his best, unless stimulated by some outside force. Someone has said “one’s best energies are not on the surface and are not available without great exertion. One needs to warm up and get his ‘second wind’ before he is capable of his best physical or mental accomplishments. Many men have never discovered their reserve store of strength, because they have formed the fixed habit of quitting at the access of weariness.”

It is on the above assumption, or, rather facts proven by experience, that the alumni of Sigma Chapter have endeavored to

arouse the unknown reserves, or bring into play now dormant tissues of the undergraduates of their chapter. Competition, to be true, is the headline of the program at present. Imitation of leadership is ever present in a progressive institution; loyalty to the college and fraternity are in evidence while love for the game is producing results.

By special mention of the leading sophomore and awarding a cup to the outstanding senior, Sigma alumni endeavor to lead all Sigma Pi men at Iowa State to a fuller realization of what can be obtained from a college education. Not alone on scholarship is this based, but on all college activities.

A college education consists of many things other than scholarship, yet scholarship is the frame upon which the coverings and extremities of activities are secured. It was the experience of the writer, and it is common to the majority, that the banner year in college was the one in which the most outside activities were entered into. Not alone was that year outstanding for its diversity, but by the addition of higher grades in the regular college work.

In looking over the accompanying score card, one will undoubtedly find room for many suggestions. It is the first card attempted by the chapter at Ames, and will undoubtedly be remodeled from time to time. The ones who fostered the idea are not satisfied with the card as to balance; they know their shortcomings, and suggestions will be welcome. At first reading it may look as though scholarship is not weighed heavily enough, yet if representative cards are taken, that is, the activities that one man would logically handle, it will be found that scholarship and the attending honorary societies control the necessary majority, while a broader education should result.

This awarding of the token is invested in an alumni committee of three, all of whom are residents of Ames, thus enabling them to keep a close watch on the men.

#### THE SCORE CARD

This score card to be used as a basis for granting a loving cup or token to the most valuable man of Sigma Chapter of Sigma Pi, Iowa State College, Ames. Final score to be determined at the end of the senior year. The first award to be made in June, 1925.

*Major Divisions of Score Card*

I. Scholastic Standing:		200
A. The man having the highest scholastic standing as determined by the Registrar shall receive 200 points. All other men to be graded in direct proportion to the highest man.		
II. Athletics:		110
A. Varsity captain (any major team)	25	
B. Varsity team	50	
C. Varsity squad	25	
D. Varsity class teams	10	
III. College Activities:		290
A. Officers in departmental societies	10	
1. President, vice-president, secretary-treasurer only.		
B. Student staff.	15	
(editor an additional 15 points)		
C. Class Officers.	30	
D. Y. M. C. A. cabinet.	15	
(president an additional 15 points)		
E. Stock Judging Team.	20	
F. Forensics:	60	
1. Debating team.	35	
2. Dramatics (plays, etc.)	20	
3. Literary Societies.	5	
G. Music:	35	
1. Band.	7	
2. Orchestra.	7	
3. Ames Quartet.	10	
4. Glee Club.	7	
5. Chapel Choir.	4	
H. Bomb Officers:	25	
I. Departmental Papers:	15	
1. Editors and staff officers.		
J. Cardinal Guild.	15	
IV. Honorary Societies:		100
1. Phi Kappa Phi.	10	
2. Tau Beta Pi.	10	
3. Phi Lambda Upsilon.	10	
4. Alpha Zeta.	10	
5. Scabbard and Blade.	10	
6. Gamma Sigma Delta.	10	

7. Sigma Delta Chi.	10	
8. Honorary Science.	10	
9. Any other honorary fraternity not mentioned that may be installed at Iowa State College.	10	
V. House Activities:		300
A. House officers.		50
1. Sage, councilors, herald and EMERALD Correspondent.		
B. House teams.		40
C. Panhellenic representative.		10
D. General value to the house.		200
1. Musical ability.	40	
2. Personality value.	40	
3. Ability to entertain.	40	
4. Committee work.	40	
5. Routine fraternity duties.	40	

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### BY RADIO

Fraternities, notably Pi Kappa Alpha, have not been slow in making use of the radio as a means of getting their members together. Recently the Georgia Tech and Emory Chapters of that Fraternity provided an evening's entertainment for its members through the radio of an Atlanta newspaper. The addresses and songs were heard for many miles.

## THE ALUMNUS REMINISCES

BY HARVEY A. SMITH

**A**N ALUMNUS when he harks back in memory to his college days always reminds me of some of the old veterans of the Civil War with whom all of us have no doubt come into contact at some time or other. He tells wondrous tales of his exploits in the war and oft times really believes the absolutely impossible stories which he relates. He has lost his sense of perspective, and the days of youth, seen through the rose-colored spectacles of memory, take on an exaggerated significance. Age must needs live in the past, while youth looks to the future.

The old grad comes back to his Alma Mater and the material things of the old college lose their luster when viewed in the light of a ripe experience with the workaday world. The old main building, which in his undergraduate days was perhaps an architectural gem, is merely an ordinary brick or stone building, covered with ivy, a little the worse for the wear of years and exposure to the elements. The college belle, she who was most sought after for dances and fraternity affairs, is still in the mind of the alumnus a delightful almost fairy-like personage, unless unfortunately for her she is still living in the old town, in which case she has usually become a rather portly matron with several daughters of her own, and is so unromantic an individual that, passing her on the street, the alumnus would not recognize her were she not pointed out by someone.

But the escapades, the adventures, those little excursions and episodes which were the high spots of college life, have lost none of their savor during the passing years. Rather, on the other hand, time seems but to make them more dear and enhance their value. Notice at the next reunion how that dignified lawyer, grave doctor, and it may be reverend clergyman, all of the class of, let us say 1900, have gravitated together in some corner and are reviewing their college days. Their conversation, if you approach, will be concerned with stories of the night they spent in the police station when they were captured by a vigilant officer while putting up posters, or how they enticed a



calf into the classroom of a kindly but humorous professor and the remarks which followed the introduction. Or they may be living over again the celebration of the football victory over M———, during their senior year, or the hazing they received as freshmen or even the hazing they administered as sophomores. Soon another member of the class joins them and is heartily welcomed with, "Well, well, Dick, how are you? Do you remember how we turned in the fire alarm after we beat G———, and how we had a fight with the cops when they tried to break up the party?" And so the story runs.

If you are fortunate enough to be near, you will hear wondrous tales of adventure, of hairbreadth escapes from capture by police or death. Yes, it will be very entertaining, and for the most part true. That is, it will have its basis in fact, but the bare facts will quite unconsciously be embellished and elaborated. Those old college days, usually forgotten in the hurry and scurry of this serious business of living, come back when the alumnus returns to his old haunts, and involuntarily he becomes a college boy again and goes through the experiences of his undergraduate days. But in this case they are not the ordinary commonplace experiences of youth, but are glorified and intensified by the passing years. Then as he looks about and sees the younger members of his fraternity he may quietly say to his comrade, "They don't have the times nowadays we used to have."

This tendency on the part of the "old grad" to "reminisce" is not to be condemned as idle, useless chatter. It is rather to be condoned and encouraged, for it forms that part of the heritage of an organization which goes to make up its tradition; and dear to the heart of every true brother are the traditions of his chapter. What matters it if the stories are not absolutely true. Are the stories which to-day inspire and entertain us, all absolutely true? Who but an incorrigible bore cares about verifying the details of every story that is told? Are not these old tales that are told and retold but an indication of love for his Alma Mater?

The history of a nation which thrills and inspires its youth consists not in the dry details of commerce and finance and the steady growth of industry and population but in the stories

of its heroes and heroines and the magnificent and brave deeds which they performed. These stories, too, are for the most part (call me a cynic if you will) not entirely true, but have gained in the telling. The past is what we wish it to be, and we unconsciously make it more pleasant than it really was. The alumnus then performs a service for his fraternity, and in telling these stories helps to mold the *esprit de corps* and form a tradition. So give him an easy chair by the fireside, fill his pipe, and let him live again the days of his youth, and both he and you will be refreshed, inspired, and entertained.

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## IT'S THE STUDENTS' MOVE!

THEY are often telling you that these four college years mean much to you in making up your permanent habits and philosophy of life. They do mean all that! Furthermore, it is more to you, than to anybody else except the girl you marry, whether you hit on a philosophy that can lead you to success and happiness and to the respect of those you care most for.

The above remark doesn't introduce a sermon; it merely opens up an opportunity which you can take or leave. Probably this particular chance may mean more in determining whether you will win or miss happiness than your choice of a profession or any other decision of your college career.

If you will refer to the minutes of the Interfraternity Conference for 1922 (page 78), you will find that this body of men, representing all the great college fraternities, has asked the faculties of all our colleges and universities to bring within the reach of all students on a scientific and educational basis, such instruction about the nature and meaning and problems of sex and reproduction as every intelligent man and woman should have who seeks to make a home of his own and live a fine human life. Nothing like this has ever happened in the history of the world before!

These forces of sex and reproduction are back of all our society, all of our life. They are the primary facts which made the home you came from and will make your own home later.

Everything you respect or love in your father or mother, in their courtship and marriage, in their faithfulness and sacrifices for one another, and in their devotion to the family arose out of sex and reproduction. If they, on the other hand, have been inefficient in these relations, ill-mated, unfaithful and unhappy, it is largely because the generation back of them did nothing to help them understand and prepare for this greatest of all human associations. If the home life of your parents is happy, you want to build one as successful, if not a happy one, you do not need to repeat the failure unless you wish to do so.

Of course the animals below man do not need to give any thought on this score. Their sex instincts and desires are sufficient to guide their simple relations. Many human beings have imagined that they too could win happiness in this impulsive way. Our human personal and social life has become so rich and complex that we cannot trust these mere instincts to bring us our best adjustment and happiness. In addition we have developed consciousness, memory, imagination, esthetic and other tastes and values, intelligence and reasoning, ideals, foresights, standards and purposes, our inherited instincts cannot keep up with these human gains! Each of these adds something to the meaning of sex and reproduction in humans. Where the sex impulses and satisfactions of animals are simple, direct and physical, we have added to these a marvelous range of admiration, respect, love, devotion, social companionship, comradeship, and mutual sharing and coöperation between the sexes.

These things really wake up the higher human happiness of sex, and as a race we have gained these finer human sex relations and values exactly by controlling and guiding the crude and animal impulses through the use of our understanding, reason, and imagination. It has now come about that the supreme happiness of man arises not primarily from the mere biological gratifications as in the animals, but out of these broader and more permanent social, emotional, and esthetic satisfactions.

Now as you very well know, the most that we men pick up about these subjects before marriage is pretty coarse and vulgar. It is not really true to the subject and does not help us to a clean or wise solution of our sex problems.

Educators are gradually becoming convinced that the young men and women have the right to a clean and scientific understanding of the real rôle of sex and reproduction in making life rich and inspiring or degrading, so that each of them make all decisions relating to sex intelligently in the light of the facts, and not merely from impulse. Among other things this knowledge would include: how the normal perfection of bodily, mental and spiritual development of each of us depends upon sex; how the esthetic and emotional life is enlarged and enriched by sex; how the attractions and comradeship of the sexes may be made gross or may serve the very highest happiness of individuals; how courtship and engagement may be made most developing and refining; how and in what spirit mates should be selected, and marriage and married life be made successful, how the sex mistakes of past generations may be avoided and, unless avoided, how they wreck the more recent social progress; how the fallacies of the lustful threaten the greatest chance of happiness we humans have; how the young men and women may prepare themselves to insure happy married life, parenthood, and home-making; and how they may train their children so that they may avoid some of the mistakes their parents have made.

Practically all the cultures fostered in the college, from biology to ethics and morals, include as a natural part of themselves some aspects of these great human problems of sex and reproduction, and can contribute something to their solution. None of the cultures that relate to life can be soundly treated if these subjects are ignored. There is no body of scholars anywhere else who could so readily, naturally and wholesomely give the help and inspiration which young people need for their guidance. At no other period in life are the young people so fitted and ready to look at these facts as bearing greatly on their success and happiness.

If, therefore, you are interested in these problems and you want to guide your life-choices by the best which science can offer you rather than by whim and animal impulse, read the report of the Social Hygiene Committee in the minutes of 1922, and ask the other fraternity men in your institution to do the same thing.

Get together a few of the most substantial, forward-looking men in the institution and talk the matter through. If there seems something in the idea for the future development of manhood in the college, bring the whole matter to the attention of a few of the faculty men who are most likely to see the value of this sort of thing. Be guided by them in making your final request to the faculty.

Do not forget! The wise handling of the problem of sex means much more than overcoming smut, escaping venereal diseases, avoiding prostitutes, or dishonorably deceiving the woman you marry! It means rather that you will come to see why you and she should be equally fine and continent before marriage and equally faithful after. It means loyalty to what is best in your mother's character and home. It means consciously to build up a fit heritage for your own children and a fit, understanding home in which to rear them. It means that you will "carry on" in further building up, rather than tearing down, those human insights and controls which caused our ancestors gradually to give up promiscuous, animal sex indulgence in order to cherish the permanent, mutual comradeship and faith of one man and one woman in a home. This step is, both selfishly speaking and socially speaking, humanity's greatest discovery to date! Your college can well afford to make more of it!

## NEWS

### DR. CONWELL GIVEN BOK AWARD

#### Is Declared Man Who Has Best Served Philadelphia During Past Year

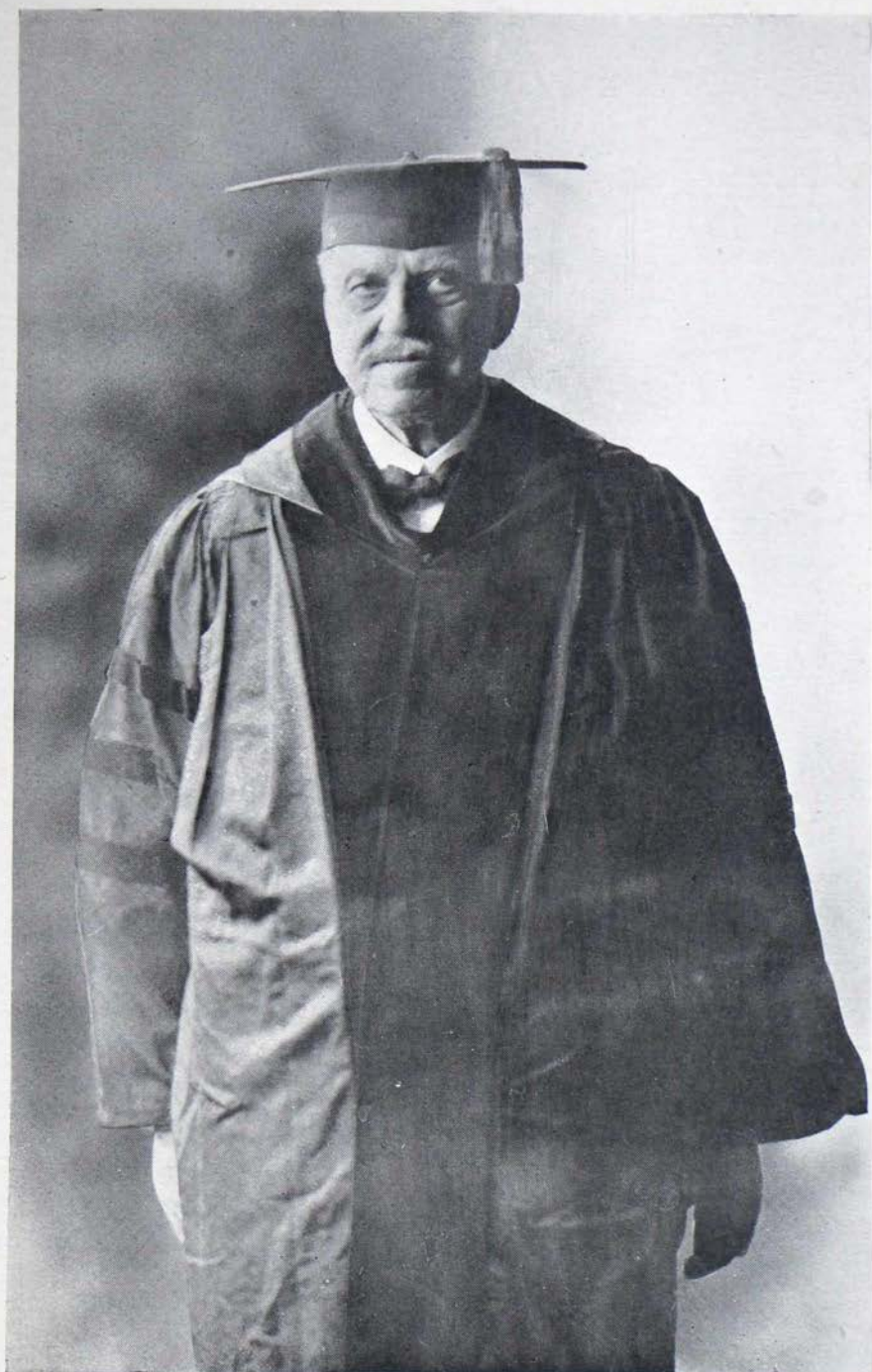
**E**DWARD BOK'S "Philadelphia Award" was conferred March 7 on Dr. Russell H. Conwell, President of Temple University and honorary member of Kappa Chapter. It was he, Senator Pepper said, as he placed in his hands the draft for \$10,000 and the gold medal, who had been selected by the board of trustees of the award as the man who had served Philadelphia best during 1922. That year, he said, marked the culmination of a life of service.

Dr. Conwell protested that he was unworthy of the great honor, that he felt he should not receive the reward. "I do not know what I am going to do with the money," he said. "It is all so new and strange that I have not had time to think. Of course I am most interested in education. For fifty-two years I have been helping boys through college. I am going to continue doing that. It is not likely that I will give the money to Temple University, for it is being so well provided for." He intimated that the \$10,000 would go the way of the millions he has earned as a lecturer, to pay some poor youth's way through college.

The award was made at the Academy of Music. George W. Norris, Chairman of the Philadelphia Forum, presided, Governor Pinchot spoke, and Senator G. W. Pepper made the presentation. The auditorium was packed to the roof, several hundred seats being reserved for students from Temple University.

"Conferring this award," declared Governor Pinchot, "is evidence that recognition for service rendered during life is waiting at the end. The value of putting the mark of public approval on unselfish service is inestimable. It is fitting that a man should be so honored from whose generous heart so fine an ideal came and was realized."

The award to Dr. Conwell was made for his three-fold service as educator, lecturer, and preacher. His lecture, "Acres of



DR. RUSSELL CONWELL





Diamonds," is perhaps the best known in the United States. The university which he founded has made one of the most phenomenal records in the country. He has helped thousands of students toward the realization of their ideal—getting an education. He has written many books, and hopes to complete at least two more. But it was Conwell the preacher who rendered the greatest service. His life has been a sermon. Ever ministering to the needs of others, ever forgetful of self has he been.

—From *The Philadelphia Public Ledger*.

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## WOMEN LACK TRUE FRIENDSHIP, SAYS CONWELL

Head of Temple University Finds Men More Capable of  
Lasting Confidences

**W**OMEN are less capable for forming true friendships than men, according to the speech of welcome that Rev. Dr. Russell H. Conwell, Kappa, gave a delegation of Odd Fellows at the Baptist Temple, Broad and Berks Street last night.

"Sometimes young women have good friends, friends of their own sex in whom they can confide all their troubles," he said. "To these girls they tell all that happens to them, and often much that never happens to them. Such friendship is rare among older women, and is almost never found among married women.

"The only historical example of lasting friendship between two women that I think of, is the striking one between Lady Somerset, the English aristocrat, and Francis E. Willard, the American Christian Temperance enthusiast. These two loved each other according to the Bible's project, 'love thy neighbor as thyself.'"

Dr. Conwell cited numerous instances of good friendships among famous men. Every President of the United States had one especially good friend in whom he could place all his trust. In Dr. Conwell's estimation, true friendship is rarely platonic.

"Of course, there are instances of true friendship," he said,

"between a man and a woman. These instances are hard to find. Men and women usually have domestic love for each other. The kind of friendship the Odd Fellows believe in is found between one man and another, and once in a great while between one young lady and another."

—*Philadelphia Inquirer*, February 19, 1923.

### PROGRESS MADE IN SCHOLARSHIP AWARD

#### Commission Appointed to Present Clegg Trophy Has Partial Plan Worked Out

A PARTIAL plan for determining the leading chapter, scholastically, of Sigma Pi has been worked out by the scholarship commission, and it is believed that despite the varying methods of recording grades in use in the institutions where Sigma Pi is represented a fair awarding of the trophy can be made.

The scholarship commission is made up of Paul T. Stonesifer, G. F. C.; Dean Watts, of Penn State; Professor Wallace, of the University of Pennsylvania, and Albert Eckhart, Mu, Traveling Secretary. Brother Stonesifer is chairman.

Diversities in the grading systems in use and the failure of some colleges to publish their grades were the two chief difficulties met in planning a fair system of award. It was found, however, that in no place where Sigma Pi has a chapter is it impossible to learn the chapter standing, although not every place publishes the comparative ranking. The other difficulty will probably be met by comparing the standing of every chapter with the student average in its own institution. The plan is not fully worked out, but the investigations already made indicate that the commission will begin collecting data next fall for the first awarding of the cup.



THE CLEGG TROPHY



## KAPPA ALUMNUS KILLED IN CRASH

**George J. Gladney, Member of Temple Chapter, Dies Following Auto Accident**

**A**S THE result of injuries received when his automobile struck a fire insurance patrol at Sixth and Chestnut Streets, Philadelphia, George J. Gladney, Kappa alumnus, died in Pennsylvania Hospital on February 18. The wreck demolished both vehicles and seriously injured three of the patrolmen.

According to the testimony of Lieutenant Westcott, he had ordered the truck to slow down at the crossing. It is believed Mr. Gladney attempted to swerve to avoid striking the truck, but failed. A companion in the automobile escaped with slight injuries.

Brother Gladney, who was a bachelor twenty-eight years old, was the sole support of his widowed mother, Mrs. Frances Gladney, with whom he lived. At the outbreak of the war he enlisted in the regular army, and was commissioned a second lieutenant in the infantry. He became a first lieutenant, and went to France with the Quartermaster's Department. Soon afterwards he was sent back to the infantry, and was badly gassed while leading a detachment of negro troops. He entered the engineering department of Temple University after his discharge from the army, but gave that up and entered the insurance business.

Funeral services were held on February 22. The Philadelphia Alumni Club went in a body to pay their last respects to Brother Gladney.

## NEW JEWELRY CONTRACTS CONTAIN IMPORTANT PROVISIONS

New contracts between the Fraternity and the two official jewelers were recently drawn. The contracts have the unanimous approval of the Grand Sage and Executive Council. They are to be in force for a period of five years instead of two years as before. The price lists of badges show a considerable reduction.

One of the most important provisions is that which deals with the purchase of jewelry other than badges and pledge buttons. Concerning this matter the contracts have this to say: ". . . The Sigma Pi Fraternity agrees through its officers, representatives and members to use its best efforts and give all reasonable support to the promotion of the sale of all articles covered by this contract (badges, pledge buttons and all insignia or other jewelry and novelties bearing the Fraternity's insignia or other designations) to the exclusion of sales by any other person, firm or corporation." (Part of Sec. I)

The jewelers in turn agree to render monthly statements of sales, and upon the basis of these statements to pay the Fraternity a 10% royalty on the gross amount of sales.

All chapter officers and members of Sigma Pi are especially urged to carry out these provisions. The purchase of Fraternity jewelry is to be confined to the official jewelers. Attempts at infringement on the part of outside concerns are to be strenuously discouraged by all Sigma Pi officers and members.

HERMAN S. SIDENER, G. F. C.

Extra copies of the Minutes of the Eighth Biennial Convocation may be had at the office of the Grand Fourth Counselor.

# INTERFRATERNITY NEWS

## I. F. C. COMMITTEE ON PUBLICITY

PETER VISCHER, *Chairman*

**E**RRONEOUS announcement was made in the January issue of THE EMERALD that Louis L. Moore, Kappa, had been elected to the Executive Committee of the Interfraternity Conference for the present year. In correcting its mistake in giving this information, the Publicity Committee of the Conference has sent out the following correct list of officers for 1923:

### OFFICERS OF THE CONFERENCE

The officers of the conference for the coming year are:

Chairman, John J. Kuhn, Delta Chi, Cornell, '98. Vice-chairman, Willis O. Robb, Beta Theta Pi, Ohio Wesleyan, '79. Treasurer, Dr. Walter H. Conley, Phi Sigma Kappa, Union, '91. Secretary, A. Bruce Bielaski, Delta Tau Delta, George Washington, '04. Educational adviser, Dean Thomas Arkle Clark, Alpha Tau Omega, Illinois, '90.

Executive committee, the above officers and: Class of 1924, Don R. Almy, Sigma Alpha Epsilon, Cornell, '97; Robert G. Mead, Kappa Alpha Society, Williams, '93; Harold Riegelman, Zeta Beta Tau, Cornell, '14; Class of 1925, F. H. Nymeyer, Zeta Psi, Illinois, '11; Henry R. Johnston, Delta Kappa Epsilon, Williams, '03; the Rev. Joseph C. Nate, Sigma Chi, Illinois Wesleyan, '90.

### COMMITTEE ON CONDUCT AND COÖPERATION IN THE COLLEGES

**T**HE Committee on Conduct and Coöperation in the Colleges, of which much had been expected in the way of promoting fraternity aims and ideals, is slow to get under way. A new personnel is being built up by its chairman, F. H. Nymeyer, in an endeavor to get men who are in particularly close touch with the undergraduates of various chapters. Invariably there is some man at a college—sometimes not a member of the faculty at all—to whom is accorded peculiar admiration and respect by undergraduates. Mr. Nymeyer is anxious to get the names of such men, one for every college at which fraternities are in existence. His address is 66 Broadway, New York.

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**Welcome** In addressing the newly established Chi Chapter, the Grand Sage said, "We do not congratulate you; we welcome you to our fraternity, hoping that you will make a record on which we may later congratulate you." This we believe to be the proper attitude, and so we make use of the phrase in extending the welcome of the fraternity to Upsilon and Chi Chapters. Their progress in Sigma Pi will be watched with keen interest by the older chapters, and it may be added, with confidence that they will be a credit to the brotherhood.

**Summer Addresses** Chapter correspondents will please note that the summer addresses of their chapters should be sent to the business manager before the closing of the collegiate year. This is an absolutely necessary matter if the July issue of THE EMERALD is to reach the undergraduate subscribers. In some cases it was neglected last spring, and only a few weeks ago your innocent editor was still receiving letters asking why the this and that the writers had not seen anything of the July EMERALD. Let us avoid such a mess this time.



**The Business Manager**

It is with more than ordinary satisfaction that we are able to announce the continuance of Harry L. Barr as business manager of THE EMERALD. This assures the magazine of the same vigorous development which it enjoyed during Brother Barr's last term. All inquiries about subscriptions, all changes of address, and all requests for back copies should be addressed to Warren, Ohio, where they will be given prompt attention.

## P's & Q's

SINCE a Greek editor has proclaimed the independence of his magazine from the tyranny of the chapter letter, a move backed by the heavy artillery of an editorial in *The Greek Exchange*—we have wondered at times whether the chapter letter is really as bad as has been made out. With the question in mind we—the writer and a friend, also a fraternity man—picked up the latest issue of one of our contemporaries—one of the ablest of our contemporaries, because we wanted to see the chapter letter at its best. Surely here if anywhere there would be avoidance of bromides, foamy prediction, and rubber-stamp formula of expression. And what did we find? Brother Editor, from whose columns we take the following, our prayer is that you won't know they are yours, but if you do recognize, pray forgive, for the good of the cause.

We divided the letter into opening, middle and closing. The opening dealt, usually, with chapter plans for the year, the pledging of men, the main achievements of the chapter. Now with what originality, terseness, and lack of empty boast were these items told? We read:

"X Chapter started. . . . with more pep and enthusiasm than . . . . for several years. . . . *picking the ten most worthy new men entering. . . .*" The italics are ours.

"— Chapter has begun what promises to be a most successful year."

"— filled with high ambitions, and determined to make this year a most successful one."

"We confidently expect great things of these men."

"As Christmas vacation approaches once more, all the studes' hearts beat high in anticipation of the good times to come." They should have got out an extra to spread this startling news. We read further: "X was very cautious in picking her men; finally, after much deliberation, she decided upon eight whom she knows to be *the cream of the freshman class.*"

"After the smoke cleared, X had placed the pledge button on *eighteen of the best men in college.*"

"*The other fraternities have practically admitted that we gained the cream of the freshman class.*" To our mind this sentence is the essence of chapter-letterism.

Many a chuckle, even shout, went up as we read off the above and similar extracts. It was the same old stuff we both used to hand out as chapter correspondents, and that has been handed out since the first issue of the first fraternity magazine—sheer, patriotic buncombe. With what a different feeling did we read the following:

"Last spring nine loyal Umpties broke bread at X's banquet table probably for the last time as active members of the fraternity." This was news, told with individuality, and the whole letter was like it. But in what a sad minority that letter found itself!

The middle portions of the letters were just what might have been expected from the openings given above. The letters that began with bunk were filled with it. The other three or four per cent told facts, and they were the interesting ones, apart from the morbid search we were making for the ridiculous. Then we came to the close of the letters. Our search was once more rewarded:

"The entire chapter is upon its toes, and this is destined to be a banner year for X."

"Our house is always open, and a hospitable welcome is extended . . . ."

"The proverbial latchstring is always out." This is the bromide primeval,—

"The latchstring is always hanging out, and we welcome you one and all." What a glow of creative energy must have surged

through the minds of these two writers as they independently coined this striking phrase—which 2,314 other correspondents have also originated.

“X Chapter always has an open door.” Charade: Why is X Chapter like China?

“—the doors are always open.”

“She welcomes with open arms all brothers who may wish to imbibe of the spirit from whence X draws hers.” This is from my own college, and I think I shall go over on my next visit and see if outsiders are allowed to view the thing from whence she draws hers. Song: Oft in the Stilly Night.

“X’s doors are never barred.”

“The house is always open.” Ho, hum!

And then, just to show that an occasional correspondent has a sense of the ridiculous, or a sense of originality, or both, we find a few letters that close like this:

“Although there is now a lock on X’s door, because of our costly experience last fall . . . we wish to extend a hearty welcome . . .”

“Please, men, more of you try to pay us a visit when in this part of the country. We are as one, nationally, and not enough familiarity breeds contempt, more so than too much, we opine. The house is always open to alumni and undergraduate brothers—must we polish the old welcome sign in vain?” It sounds as if he really means it, doesn’t it? And meaning it, he passes up the rubber stamp and says what he means.

We would fain stop at this point, with this last paragraph in mind. It is a sign, it may be a voice crying in the wilderness, but yet a sign that a good chapter letter can be written. Whether the chapter letter, as a species *will* ever be well written is something different.

# CHAPTER LETTERS

## PHI MOURNS FOR TWO LOST SOULS

*Champaign, Ill.*

C. E. BARNETT, our supposedly worthy Sage, has surprised us all by giving his heart and pin to one fair co-Edna, Helen Bloomer by name, and Alpha Delta Pi from choice. It is rumored about the House that the newly engaged pair became engaged, hoping some day to marry one another. It has been our experience that lots of engagements *do* end up in matrimony, but all we can do is hope for the best, and restrain our expressions of sympathy until we see that marriage is inevitable.

Fuzzy Allison, one of our newly initiated men, thinking to please and accompany the Sage in his misery, became engaged to Halidean Wilson, of Taylorville, Ill. The House dance helped this case along considerably. I maintain that we do not have enough light at these House dances. Things may be changed, however, when Fuzzy sends her his picture. There are three in the House who object to so many engagements; the rest of us smoke.

The chapter (outside of the above two who fought and lost) is getting along fine. Captain Fritz Dralle, erstwhile all-around athlete of Champaign High School, took our House team over to the intramural track meet. He and his team did very nicely. They returned to us with five shiny silver cups. Four of the cups were for four relay men: Bob Hedgecock, Evil Schultz, Mutt Mullen, and Slim Gregg. The remaining cup was given to us for winning second place in the meet. The winners, Zeta Psi, gathered seventeen points, while we scored fifteen. Our relay team broke their own armory record of last year. No other team has approached this record.

Our representatives on the wrestling team, McMillen and Player, will leave Thursday for the Conference meet to be held at Ohio State University, March 17. Both men have excellent chances to win the championships of their respective divisions. We'll have to wait, though, and let you see for yourselves. I'd like to hold this letter until after the meet, but Phil of Steubenville forbids.

Schildhauer and Coughlin are doing well in track. Schildhauer throws the shot for greater distances than does Coughlin, but the writer believes that Coughlin's technique is far superior to that of the "Cheese-Maker's."

Old Slim Stillwell, of basketball fame, is again permitting us to bask in the sunshine of his reflected glory. They have elected him president of the junior class. Some say that politicians are crooked, but Stillwell's great height and slinness tell us that there is nothing low or crooked in him.

Cy Palmer is running to and fro on numerous University Band trips when not up to his knees in chapter correspondence. Don't want to appear as one who is continually bragging, (dear me no!) but will admit that Cy's horn is twice as big as any other instrument in the band. Rumor has it—oh, never mind.

Before I am tempted to hint that Phi Chapter is the hot stuff, I'll close.

Tell everyone Hello.

JOHN COUGHLIN, EMERALD *Correspondent*.

## GAMMA FULL OF ACTIVITIES

### **New House Possibility, with Strong Alumni Support**

**S**Ocially, athletically, and politically Gamma has had a very successful year. Tom Long secured a guard position on the varsity, and brought much credit to himself and Gamma. Eddie and Frankie Milliken were both on the squad, and we have hopes for them next year. Gamma has also been stepping right along in intramural athletics.

We had several fine house dances during the fall, one grand party at the Elks Club, and another January 20 at the Seneca Hotel.

Just a word about our House proposition. Gamma has a fine House in view, which we hope will soon be ours. Our alumni are back of us 100 per cent, and right here let us give credit to Tom Long's father and "Howdie" Haines' father for the support they have given us. Of course all the dads are back of us in every way, but to these two men goes all the praise that we can give. They are working with us as though it were more

to them than to us, and sometimes we more than suspect that it is.

Of course we could say a few words about our pledges, but we won't. They are a good bunch of boys who still have a lot to learn, but who occasionally show signs of horse sense.

We must not neglect to mention our glee club, which has been singing for radio concerts, and has been drawing a big hand. Hartley Snyder has also been doing solo work in that line.

Speaking of musical work, we have in our midst one of the finest chorus girls in the country, so voted by all audiences and the Columbus papers. "Howdie" Haines, varsity cheer-leader, has proved to be one of those chaps who seem to have no limit to their abilities. After getting the varsity cheer-leadership from a strong field, he sets all the people raving a few about what a fine woman the boy might have been. Thus it goes.

EDWIN L. HALL, *EMERALD Correspondent.*

#### DELTA SECOND IN SCHOLARSHIP

##### **Penn Chapter Is Runner-up Among Thirty-one Fraternities New House Looms**

*Philadelphia, Pa.*

**S**INCE the last issue of THE EMERALD the scholastic standing of the fraternities on the campus has been published, and we are glad to report that Sigma Pi stood second in the list of thirty-one fraternities.

Members of Delta Chapter are just settling down after a three weeks' intensive rushing season, which proved successful. As a result Delta has nine new pledges, who are:

Frank C. Weiler, Reedsville, Pa.; Carl B. Scull, Wyoming, Del.; Fred F. Martin, Doylestown, Pa.; Edward A. Hirs, Denton, Md.; Malcomb F. Wandling, Washington, N. J.; George K. Hale, Jr., Philadelphia, Pa.; Donald H. Courter, Caldwell, N. J.; William D. Ramborger, Nescopeck, Pa.; Benjamin A. Bourne, Philadelphia, Pa.

During rushing season the chapter held two dances, two entertainments, and several smokers, and ended the season with a banquet. Several of our alumni dropped in to see us during this

period, and we appreciate their help in entertaining the new men.

Recently Delta held the election of officers for the coming year with the following result:

Sage, George H. Lush; First Counselor, Burton R. Laub; Second Counselor, Donald E. Hollway; Third Counselor, J. Kenneth Wheeler; Fourth Counselor, Carlton L. Faust; Herald, Charles D. Rush.

Delta has been working very hard for a new house and prospects are beginning to brighten. Our House Committee has found a very desirable house which is well within our means, and has made great strides toward getting the full backing of our alumni. The first meeting of the alumni was held two weeks ago, and at that meeting there was a goodly number present. A long discussion was held and we finally adjourned with March 9 set for the next meeting. In the meanwhile the active chapter is to see what it can do concerning the sub-leasing of our present House (the only barrier between us and a new home). Up to the present time we have not succeeded in doing that little thing but as soon as that is accomplished, Delta will incorporate and move.

Watch for our change of address.

CARLTON L. FAUST, EMERALD *Correspondent*.

#### FIVE CUPS GRACE ATHENS MANTEL

#### Epistle of Epsilonians Tells of 100 Per Cent Victories in Intra-mural Athletics

*Athens, Ohio*

**O**UTSTANDING among our achievements since our last letter has been our showing in athletics. Brothers Odaffer, McCleary, and Duvall were awarded their varsity "O's" in football, while Pledges Bruce, King, and Deedrick were regulars on the yearling squad, and Pledge Brown received his numerals as freshman manager. In basketball, Brothers Herron, Odaffer, Woodruff, and McCleary have their letters earned, and Pledges Deedrick and King will receive freshman numerals. Brother Antle is manager of basketball, and Pledge Brother Henry is sophomore manager, giving Epsilon almost a monopoly in this sport. And that is not all. Since the university opened last fall,

loving cups have been given by the athletic department in intra-mural indoor baseball, volley ball, Class A and B, and wrestling, and every one of them rests proudly on the shelf of the Sigma Pi House, giving Epsilon a record of winning every intra-mural cup in the last two years. With intra-mural basketball nearing a close our House team expect to repeat, as they boast a percentage of .1000, with four games won.

With the coming of spring the boys are getting in shape for baseball and track, and we continue our fine showing with Brothers Herron, Odaffer, Evans, Lenhardt, McCleary, and Woodruff out for baseball, and Odaffer, McCleary, Grove, Woodruff, and Duvall working for track positions. Odaffer and McCleary are four-sport men, and are not a bit dusty in any of the four.

Our activities are not confined to athletics by any means. Although the scholastic standing has as yet not been published, from all indications we will rate about second among the social group. Aside from being the best student in the chapter, Brother Beckert has a list of offices that would keep any three other men busy. He is Editor-in-Chief of the *Athena*, the O. U. yearbook; vice-president of the Men's Union; a member of the varsity debate team; member of the Panhellenic Council; Vice-president of the Commerce Club; secretary of Torch, the honorary organization at Ohio, and assistant in the commercial department of the college. No wonder "Sid" is a busy man. Brother Clements is the student assistant in the chemistry department and a member of Science Club. Brother McCleary is president of the sophomore class, a member of the French Club, and held down the leading part in the French play. Sigma Pi is represented on the glee club by Pledges Pedigo and Tedrow.

Our carnival dance on January 19 was one of the hottest affairs of the season. We were pleased to have five Gamma brothers with us. Founders' Day was celebrated by a banquet at the Colonial Hotel, with the dining-room elaborately decorated in lavender and white. Forty actives, alumni and pledges were gathered around the banquet board, while fitting talks were given by Grand Second Counselor Fenzel, Brother Adelman, and Brother Odaffer.



In closing, let me say a word about our new home. It is nearing completion, and the chapter expects to be occupying it about the first of May. With new furniture throughout, the total cost will be about 50,000 berries, and Epsilon will be strutting her stuff with by far the finest house on Ohio's campus. We are throwing a formal dedication dance on or about May 5, so begin making plans to visit us about that time.

By the time this goes to press seven pledges will have received the coveted cross, as March 16 has been set aside for the initiation of Louis Brown, Francis Deedrick, John Henry, Robert King, Wm. Lenhardt, Carrol Mannard, and Frank Tedrow. Four new pledges have been added to the chapter with the beginning of the second semester. They are Marion Conkle, of Salem, Ohio; Edward Flinn, of Sidney, Ohio; Eugene Chadwell, of Millfield, Ohio, and Wm. Moler, of Athens.

LLOYD L. ANTLE, *EMERALD Correspondent.*

### ZETA ELECTS OFFICERS

#### Chapter Is Active on Northern Campus, and Will Graduate Eight Men

*Ada, Ohio*

**I**N PREPARATION for the coming year we have elected the following men as officers: Blair Hunt, Sage; James A. Horn, First Counselor; W. J. Porter, Second Counselor; W. V. Foster, Third Counselor; D. G. McConnell, Fourth Counselor; and K. J. Roffe, Herald. All of these men are competent and have made a name for themselves in Northern as leaders.

In athletics Zeta has not been dormant. We were represented in varsity basketball by Captain Fisher, who was the stellar athlete of the University. In inter-mural basketball we had a team that defeated all the other fraternities on the campus. We had one man on the freshman team, and he will make a strong contender for the position of center on the varsity next year. With the coming of spring and baseball, several Zeta men are eager to go. Mac McConnell, last year's catcher, will be back in his old position. Bill Ritchie will try for the pitching squad, and a number of our pledges will also try out for different positions.

Athletics are not the only activities that we have been engaged in. Brother Bill Schaum was chairman of the Engineers' Executive Committee which takes care of Engineers' Week, a big week in the University. A Panhellenic Council has been formed at Northern, and Brother Schaum is our representative. Brother Dip Patton is Business Manager of *The Northern*.

The Chapter held one smoker this term and all present called it a success. At the time of the Otterbein Game we reserved a section of the seats and entertained some fair visitors. After the game a little party and dance were enjoyed.

There was one affair that was not so merry, and that was the farewell dinner the chapter held when Brother "Squirt" Fisher left. He is now with Wilmington College, and from all reports he is going strong. The University as well as the chapter felt the loss when he left, as he was stellar athlete. It is our loss and their gain, but Zeta wishes him the best of luck and success.

On the afternoon of February 25, the chapter had a luncheon in honor of Founders' Day. A number of short speeches were given by Brothers Donithen, Kalbfleisch, Thobaben, Hunt, and Roffe. These were on the life of Zeta Chapter. Brother Schaum then gave a talk on the history of the founding of Sigma Pi. Founders' Day is regarded by the men of this chapter as an important event and suitable programs are arranged for the occasion. It was decided by the chapter that Founders' Day should also be Fathers' Day for Zeta, and hereafter this will be part of the program.

We lose eight men by graduation this year. Brothers Donithen, Patton, Blank, Kalbfleisch, and Shepherd go forth to prove that the Blackstones and Patrick Henrys are not all dead. Brothers Schaum and Thobaben are going to build bridges to Mars, and Brother Brickner is going to sell pink pills to pale people, and do other things connected with drug stores.

At present we have eight pledges, and they are all awaiting their time for initiation. All of these men have made creditable records as students or as athletes.

Brothers Schaum and Hunt report that they were entertained in Detroit by Brothers Blose and Foeller and they say these men still have the same old pep and life.

Brother D. E. Martin has embarked on the sea of matrimony. May he have a pleasant voyage.

Zeta has learned that Brother Art Pealer has become a "dry" man, as he has been elected general manager and treasurer of The Mansfield Umbrella Company.

We are frequently favored by the presence of Glenn D. Cripps, who is now the sales engineer of the Buckeye Oil Engine Company, of Lima.

We are rejoicing over the return of one of our lost brothers. Little Willie Prichard is again with us, and it seems more natural. We expect to see him back in his old position on the football team next fall, as he earned his "N" last year.

It may be of interest to know that Zeta has adopted a House proposition and is now working to raise money. We are in need of a home, and every effort is being expended to secure one.

Fraternally and sincerely,

ROBERT L. FETTS, EMERALD *Correspondent*.

## NEW SEMESTER ON AT PURDUE

### **Eta Makes Gain in Scholastic Standing as First Semester Ends**

*West Lafayette, Ind.*

**A** NEW semester, a new start which some of us needed and some did not need. However, after using correction curves, slip sticks, and the calipers, we find that our house average is two points higher than it was the first semester of last year. With the old semester, went men from the House. "Knute Rockne" McMullen decided that engineering was too strenuous a course for a delicate person and went to Notre Dame to take commerce. "Swak" Gardener also could not stand the strain, and "Jawn" left on general principles only.

There have been several surprises in store for us during the last three months. Greatest one was the slipping away of the basketball championship. Probably everyone will be forced to "hand it" to our Indiana teams for beating the universities at the top of the conference standing, namely, in the Iowa-Indiana and Wisconsin-Purdue tilts.

Basketball has begun to be displaced in the hearts of almost every loyal Boilermaker by baseball. Not much can be said either way about the team that will be put in the field.

The Panhellenic Council passed a ruling which permitted no freshman with one "C" at the end of the first semester to be initiated. After a neck to neck race with the faculty eight out of ten of our "frosh" were eligible. Some fraternities were hit rather hard by this ruling; in some cases only two of three first-year men being eligible.

On the evening of December 15, a barn dance was held at the chapter-house. The House surely looked wrecked, even to the extent of a hayloft. With this setting, there were fitting costumes such as were worn by Brother McQuaid, who impersonated the "cop" of Pumpkin Center, and Brother McCord, the image of an 1850 tintype. Supper was served to the dancers while sitting on bales of straw, the floor, and almost any place we could find to sit. Dancing started at eight and lasted until twelve, the entire evening being one grand and glorious uproar.

This semester we have given but one dance, the annual formal. "Ed" Land's orchestra officiated and certainly threw out some rare harmony. We were mighty glad to have with us Brothers Long and Beadle of Gamma Chapter.

The evening of June 8 will be the annual dance, given in honor of the outgoing seniors. All ye alumni, make arrangements to drop work for a short while and be with us.

Our yearly Christmas party for orphans was given December 17. The party was well planned, the drawback being that the orphans were almost old enough to entertain the fellows.

Another "P" man has been added to the list in the personage of Brother "Ek" Borden, who distinguished himself in wrestling. Brother Broughton also won his letter again this year in this sport. We are somewhat in doubt as to just what they will really be given for, as after a recent meet these men were reported to have been the guests of a morning tea. Maybe it will be for "wrassling" the tea cups. Anyway, so the rumor goes, "Ek" covered himself with glory, as he insisted upon pushing the tea-cart.

Founders' Day was celebrated for the first time at Eta Chapter, February 26. The program was necessarily small this year, but we hope to enlarge with succeeding years.

WILBUR E. SMITH, *EMERALD Correspondent.*

### ETA MAN KILLED IN AEROPLANE ACCIDENT

WORD was received by the chapter that on January 29, Lieutenant Rupert Julian was killed in an aeroplane accident at Schofield Barracks, Hawaiian Islands. Lieutenant Julian attended Purdue for the year 1919-20, being initiated into Sigma Pi in the spring of 1920.

During his freshman year he gave great promise of becoming one of Eta's outstanding men. He was greatly interested in athletics, winning his freshman varsity football sweater in the fall of '19. He took an active part in all interfraternity athletics, and his ability was well known. He was connected with the *Exponent* staff as a sports reporter. He took an active interest in the chapter, and was one of the hardest workers for Eta's future.

The funeral was held at the home in Williamsport, Ind., Sunday, March 4. A fitting floral tribute was sent down by the chapter, and a number of Eta's men attended the funeral as honorary pallbearers.

### FOUNDERS' DAY CELEBRATED BY THETA

**Penn State Chapter Plans to Make February 26 Date of Annual Founders' Day Banquet**

*State College, Pa.*

ON THE evening of February 26, Theta held a formal banquet to commemorate the twenty-fifth anniversary of the founding of Sigma Pi. Brother Jimmie Brown acted as toastmaster and during the evening called upon Brothers Schafer, McMillen, Tenor, Simmons, and Nystrom. Brother Schafer gave us a short history of the founding of the original chapter of Sigma Pi, together with an account of the conditions at that time. Brother McMullen gave us an interesting talk on how, and for what purpose, the Theta Building Association was formed and what prog-

ress it has been making. Brother Tenor spoke upon the Grand Chapter, giving us a brief description of its work and a short account of the accomplishments of each of the officers. Brother Simmons gave us a very interesting talk on the place of a fraternity in the life of a student. Brother Nystrom spoke upon the organization and the purposes of THE EMERALD. We consider this banquet a great success and have voted to make a Founders' Day Banquet one of our annual affairs.

On the evenings of February 24-25 a special initiation was conducted for the benefit of F. Wells Rayl.

The House basketball team has been making a good showing this year. Thus far they have won three out of four of their games in the interfraternity league. We have won from Phi Epsilon Pi, Kappa Phi Delta and Lambda Chi Alpha and have lost to Alpha Delta Sigma.

On the evening of February 10 the chapter entertained with a Valentine dance. The House was appropriately decorated with hearts, and an extra large number of couples were present. It was termed the best ever by several of the alumni who were back.

Our next dance will be held on March 17, the night following the Sophomore Hop, which is one of the big events of the college. Brother Scott, chairman of the Social Committee, is again harping at the brothers to "snap out of it."

Theta's active enrollment has been increased this semester by the return of Brothers Brown and Krug. Jimmie Brown has been out on the Pacific Coast for the past year and a half and has some wonderful tales to relate. Brother "Doc" Lowe paid the chapter a visit on March 3-4. Just recently, a baby boy arrived at the home of Brother and Mrs. Fred Sesler. Brother "Doc" Stoddard is still studying in Paris. Brother "Ed" Cook, who was compelled to leave State some time ago on account of sickness, is now in a Williamsport Hospital. Brother Albert McQuowon, first assistant track manager, made the trip with the team to the intercollegiates in New York.

The \$2,000,000 building fund campaign at Penn State is gradually nearing its goal. At present, approximately \$1,200,000

has been pledged. One of the new dormitories, which is a unit of the group to be constructed and which will accommodate about 150 men, is now nearly completed.

Fraternally yours,

CARL A. NYSTROM, *EMERALD Correspondent.*

### IOTA MAN WINS PUNTING CUP

**Annual Kickers' Contest at California Won by J. A. Dixon, '26 Berkeley, Cal.**

IOTA is now the proud possessor of another trophy. James Arthur Dixon, '26, having proven himself the best punter in college and incidentally in the West was awarded the Robert Roos cup after sending the pigskin through the air six times for an average of 55.8 yards. The prize presented Jimmy is a perpetual award made each year for the best punting here at California. The rules of the contest provide that the kick must be made ten yards behind the line of scrimmage and within two seconds after receiving the ball, measurements being made from line of scrimmage.

Jimmy in competing faced a field of the best punters in the West, among whom was Arch Nesbit, who has been full back for California the last three years and was the outstanding punter of the Western slope. During his time on the California Varsity he was never outkicked. Nesbit's average was 54, and he forced Jimmy to make the longest punt of the day, 62 yards, to beat him out.

Coach Andy Smith was highly pleased with Jimmy's success, as Nesbit's loss was calculated to leave a big hole in the Bear offense and defense. A bright future seems to be in store for Brother Dixon as he is a footballer of the triple threat variety. It will be remembered that Jimmy was captain of the victorious 1926 football team, and this is the first time a frosh has ever won the cup. It looks like another three years of victory for California's mighty eleven.

Some of the other men in activities are Thatcher, '26, outfielder on frosh; Mell, '26, frosh water polo team. Jimmie Dixon was

on the 1926 basketball squad; Olson was running forward on the 145-pound basketball team.

In track we are well represented: George Dixon, '25, in the 440 and the half-mile; Vincent, '25, in the discus and javelin. Two of the junior track managers are Cranston, '24, and Matoon, '24, and Taft, '25, is sophomore manager.

Fred Woll is on the editorial staff of *The Californian*, and Towne, '24, is on the managerial staff of *The California Pictorial*, besides being a member of the Glee Club, which is booked for a two weeks' engagement at the Palais Royal in San Francisco.

The following brothers were taken into honorary societies: Jack Bonny, Alpha Kappa Psi, commerce honorary society; Donald Collins, '23, Phi Sigma, medical honor society; also Phi Beta Pi, another medical society; Harold Bills, '23, is president of the local chapter of Tau Beta Pi, engineering honor society; Chester Crittenden, '19, Phi Alpha Delta, legal honorary society.

We have a team that will bid high for the inter-mural basketball honors. George Henry is captain; George Dixon, Jim Dixon, Swede Olson, Frank Thatcher, and several first string substitutes assist him.

Iota was disappointed in her fall in scholarship after her good performance the previous semester. We were severely handicapped by being unable to become firmly settled until after the first month of college, thus getting off to a bad start. We are out for our lost honors, and hope to be among the leaders next time.

Founders' Day was inaugurated with a fitting setting. We initiated Dr. Charles P. Taylor, Professor of Zoölogy, as an honorary member after which we partook of an excellent repast. Sage Hettrich acted as toastmaster, and speeches were made by Drs. Taylor and Regan, while John McKee gave us a history of the fraternity and advocated action for the getting of new chapters on the Western Coast.

One of the most important occasions for Iota so far this semester was the installation of Upsilon Chapter. Ten of the boys from Iota attended and were very much impressed by the favorable outlook for a successful southern chapter.



We are cutting down our social activities this semester so that we will raise our scholarship standing. We have had several exchange dinners so far and more are in the progress of arranging. One big dance for the spring will be held on Friday, April 13, at the house. It will be a formal dinner-dance.

We have been very much pleased to have so many visitors to our new house. Lyndon Oak, '15, visited us for several days, as did Clyde Custer, ex-'23, of Brooklyn, N. Y. Elwood Trask, '17, visited us and told us of his introduction of oranges into Texas. He has a ranch at Falfurriss, Tex. Curtis Montgomery, '20, of Oilfields, Cal., dropped in for lunch and gave us the inside dope on married life. It has been noticed that our fountain pen department has been augmented and that the boys are a little more clean shaven. For this we can thank the welcome visit of W. J. O'Neil and J. A. Green from Epsilon, who were with us during the month of January. They intend to visit Omicron next so the Tulane brothers should be on the lookout for them.

*EMERALD Correspondent.*

### SIR FREDERICK KENYON VISITS GAMBIER

#### Director of British Museum Gives Informal Address at College Which Ancestor Helped Found

*Gambier, Ohio.*

**S**IR FREDERICK KENYON, the director of the British Museum and a descendant of the original donor to the college, visited Gambier, February 15-16. At the reception held in his honor he spoke of his impressions of the United States and told of the personal interest he had always held for Kenyon College. He concluded his remarks with a promise to return for the 1924 centennial. Sir Frederick was in America for seventeen days at the invitation of the Classical Society, to address various educational institutions in support of a classical education and the teaching of the humanities. Before he left for England he insisted on spending one day at Kenyon.

In his talk he stated that he might speak about any one of three things: the need of emphasizing the cultural side of education and avoiding the great danger of American educa-

tion, commercialization; the need of close alliance between America and England; or his personal relations to Kenyon College. The first two, he said, were not pertinent, especially the first, for the future of cultural education is largely in the hands of the small colleges—particularly those like Kenyon; they have preserved the real traditions of education.

The basketball season, just over, has been a success. By this we don't mean that we won all our games; far from it, but we won over half of them. This is better than Kenyon has done for some time. Brother Liepman was Sigma Pi's representative on the team, and his work at guard was one of the features of Kenyon's playing.

Brother Jacobson has been chosen as the football manager of the 1923 season. His selection was made over quite a field of candidates. Brother Torrance has been elected assistant basketball manager for next season.

The "between semester" dances of the senior class were enjoyed by a fair-sized crowd of those who braved the threatening weather. Speaking of dances, we might add that Brother Rainie was elected chairman of the Sophomore Hop Committee. This dance is the biggest one of the year, and we feel confident that "Walt" will make it one of the best hops ever held at Kenyon.

Several of the brothers are intending to indulge in spring athletics. Brother Liepman is going to furnish someone a little competition for a place on the tennis team, while Brothers Peterson, Rainie, Evans, and Ralston are going to take their exercise on the cinder path. Brothers Thebaud and Francis will be out for baseball.

Whenever we win scholarship we usually do a lot of talking about it. It is only fair to state that we lost it last semester and lost it decisively. Now everybody is hard at work trying to win it back again.

We have spent some little money and effort in beautifying our parlor. A new lamp, it's a "knockout," sheds its radiance over the parlor, new draperies hang from the windows, it was repapered. All in all, the effect is very attractive.

We are fortunate this year in that we lose only one man by graduation. Brother Lichtenberger, who graduates, has more

college honors than any other man on the campus. He is president of the senior class, president of the Senior Council, chairman of the Commons Committee, president of the Kenyon Masonic Club. In addition to these honors he has made letters in both football and basketball, won both the freshman and sophomore Oratorical Contests, is the head of the College Choir, has served on both the *Collegian* and the *Reveille* staffs, and was vice-president of the class of 1923 his junior year.

Fraternally yours,

KENNETH RALSTON, EMERALD *Correspondent*.

### MU CONTINUES PLANS TO INTEREST ALUMNI

#### Chapter Paper to be Issued Soon. Wrestling, Basketball, and Tennis Among Chapter Activities

*Ithaca, N. Y.*

CORNELL and Mu Chapter are well started for the second term. We were fortunate in losing only two men at the end of the first term, Brothers Lucas and Brown. "Luke" graduated, after six years of work in which he served the fraternity in many capacities, and is now in the employ of Doherty and Company in New York. "Brownie" has left us to try his fortune at the University of West Virginia.

As the old saying goes, "There's no loss without some gain," and we found that to be our case, for the second term brought back to the fold Brothers Callan, County, and Kellogg. It sure seems like old times to have those boys around the House again.

In accordance with our plan to increase alumni interest, Brother Jenkins expects to have the 1923 issue of *The Muse*, our local magazine—ready for distribution within the next few weeks. It may be mentioned that considerable credit is due "Jenk" for his efforts in alumni reorganization, and in increasing alumni interest after graduation.

Mu's men are getting along well in the various activities "on the Hill." Here's the way some of them spend their time when not attending classes: "Mac" MacWilliam, our 115-pound wrestler, is on the varsity, and should be among the wearers of the "C" when the season is over. "Mac" demonstrated his ability as

a wrestler to advantage by wrestling two matches in one evening in our last meet. Both of these matches were above his weight, but "Mac" won the 125, and held the 135-pounder to a decision thereby winning the meet for Cornell. Outside of that, he has not lost a bout this season, and we look for big things from him in the Inter-collegiates this month.

Bill Meyers and Dick Raymond are still among the "chosen ten" on the basketball team, and we hope that you have noticed that Cornell, at this writing, is heading the Eastern Intercollegiate League. Dick is also on the Junior Smoker Committee.

Lou Martin, "Lud" Ludlow, Bob Newstead, "Fap" Prindle, Bob Lansdowne, and Jimmie Nesch are all members of the musical clubs. We doubt if very many other houses on the Hill can rival that representation.

Now that warm weather is here again, we are looking to Fritz Mallery to do things on the tennis court. His brother Bill was captain of the varsity two years ago, and it looks as if "the last of the Mallerys" would follow in his footsteps to a berth on the team this year.

Among the Frosh, "Georgie" Dean made the frosh wrestling team, and "Zinc" Scanlan got on the frosh basketball team. Bill Schneider has been perfecting himself in the manly art of boxing. We all feel that Bill needs this instruction for protection against the fair sex, with whom he seems to be quite popular.

Mu had no Junior week house-party, but we did throw a dinner dance on the evening of October 10. Our Chef served an excellent dinner, after which dancing was in order. The House orchestra furnished the music for the occasion. Brother List came up from New York, especially for the event, and when we have "Slim" to tickle the ivories for us, good music is assured.

Although we had no Junior Week party, plans are under way for a heavy Senior Week house-party, and we know that Brother Johnson and his committee will "spread their stuff." As we haven't had a real party for several terms, much interest is being manifested in this one, and we hope that it will be a great success.

Fraternally,  
F. B. WILLIAMS, EMERALD *Correspondent*.

## NU RECOVERS FROM LOSS OF MEN

**Initiations Restore Chapter Roll Depleted by Absence of Last Year's Members**

*Lancaster, Pa.*

AT THE time of the last issue of THE EMERALD we were in a rather difficult position, due to the loss of thirteen of last year's men and the fact that because of the new interfraternity ruling, we are unable to have initiation until the second semester. True, Brother Imler has recently left us to go to Pitt, but we have partially made up this loss by the recent initiation of six of our pledges. The mysteries were imparted February 15-17 to F. W. Murphy, A. O. Horn, J. F. Frease, R. S. Bechk, W. F. Diller, and A. M. Wiley. The ceremonies were completed by a little informal dinner at the house.

In addition to the six men already mentioned, G. M. Fisher, H. R. Rochow, and J. Z. Arnold were inducted into Sigma Pi on February 8-10. Brother Rochow is a brother-in-law of Brother Honsberger, and we are glad to welcome another of the illustrious family.

Our greatest surprise came when Brother Landefeld, now among the inactives, came in and announced the birth of William, Junior. We are all highly pleased to be able to add Uncle to our other appellations.

In addition to Brothers Imler and Landefeld, Brothers Letcher and Mickley also left us at the end of January. The former is employed by the Queen Mctor Company, and the latter has gone to his home in Waynesboro, where he will continue work in his own photographic studio.

In scholarship we are not perfect, but we have progressed, and progress is better than perfection. Two men, Brothers Honaman and Diller, were second and fifth in the sophomore class. The fraternity's grade is several points higher than it was last year.

Brother Swank is manager of track this year, and Brother Hauck is winning his place on the relay team.

In the Interfraternity Basketball League our percentage is

.1000, and is likely to remain the same. Our team is really good, and is improving continuously.

Fraternally and cordially,

E. M. HONAMAN, *EMERALD Correspondent.*

### INSIDE DOPE ON THE CUP IS GIVEN

#### Omicron Is Dusting Off the Dutch Shelf for Interfraternity Basketball Trophy to be Won

*New Orleans, La.*

**T**HE thing that is uppermost in the minds of the men in every chapter here is how to win the interfraternity basketball cup this season, now that basketball schedules have run out among the colleges. The Omicron of Sigma Pi is out to win it.

No letter at this time would be complete without some mention of the passing of Brother Lantrip from basketball at Tulane and from the roster of the active members of this chapter when the University breaks up this summer. Lantrip was captain of the Tulane varsity this season, and for three years he has been the star forward of the team. During those three years he has never failed to account for more points than any other two men on the team. This year was no exception to the rule, and he only lacked ten points to double the mark of the next best man on the team. Lantrip's mark was 238 points in fifteen games, while the mark of Wachenheim, the star center was only 124 points in sixteen games. In the game between Mississippi A. and M. and Tulane, in which Tulane beat the Aggies (something no team in the S. I. A. A. tournament in Atlanta could do), Lantrip shot eleven field goals and four fouls, for over three-quarters of the points of the whole team. The writer believes without a doubt that "Trip" is the surest shot from a basketball court that he has ever seen, and has heard many disinterested parties say the same thing. Brother Wynn also made his letter in basketball this year.

All of which don't hurt our chances to win the interfraternity cup a bit. Sigma Pi beat the Kappa Nus last night by the score of 23-10, "Trip" accounting for seventeen of the twenty-three points. We meet the Sigma Alpha Epsilons next, and then the

Kappa Sigs., both of whom should be easy. With a little luck we'll win the whole business.

As to parties, we had one on the evening before Mardi Gras Day, which was a holiday, and that dance was a knock-out. The band got drunk on their own jazz music, and would not stop playing when two o'clock in the morning rolled around. This is a record, according to everybody we can find, as usually the bands want to quit too soon. On February 26 we all enjoyed ourselves at a banquet, just among the members, in honor of the anniversary of the founding of the fraternity. In honor of our anniversary on May 27, Omicron is entertaining with a dance at the chapter-house here and that's going to be some party. Every Sigma Pi everywhere is urged to be with us in spirit, as the preacher would say, because it is our anniversary.

The whole chapter is proud of the men we initiated on February 24, and the men are proud of themselves for coming through the initiation, and what came before it, alive. They are: G. E. Miles, A. H. Town, W. I. Vaught, Andrew Jackson Odom, "Deb" Embree, G. D. Bethea, Gerald Andrus, and Lawrence Moore.

Shortly after the holidays, Brother Brown gave us a talk on his trip to the Convocation that made us all wish that he had been there. It's the devil in a way to be so far south as never to come in contact with our brothers on the other side of the earth. Such is life, though, we guess.

Hoping in our next letter to report that the interfraternity basketball cup is on our mantel, I am,

Yours mighty fraternally,

W. BONDIES, EMERALD *Correspondent*.

## PI WRITES OF SOCIAL ACTIVITIES

### Founders' Day Among the Occasions Celebrated by Utah Chapter

*Salt Lake City, Utah.*

PI CHAPTER has had the good fortune this quarter to welcome back Brothers Bearnson and Ward into the active chapter. Two more men have been pledged, William Hayes and Leslie Clark. The chapter at present is in full swing with bright

prospects for the best formal party that Pi Chapter has ever held.

On February 2 we entertained at a very successful dancing party, in which Valentine ideas were used, both in decorating and refreshments. The night before the party the chapter turned out in full and to the tune of, "Hail! Hail! the Gang's All Here," the evening was spent in cleaning and renovating the house. A new stair carpet was put down and the stairs were painted, and the evening of the party the house was the object of many compliments from the guests.

The Junior Prom, given February 23, held more interest during this quarter than any other social event. The Tuesday of the week preceding the Prom was Open House Day for all fraternities on the campus. We received about four hundred visitors whom we served with punch and cakes. The cakes were decorated with the Greek letters Sigma Pi. A four-piece orchestra furnished the music for dancing, and all of the brothers felt well satisfied with the day, when all of the guests had departed.

As the Junior Prom came so close to the date of Founders' Day of Sigma Pi, we prepared a banquet, which was held at the house after the Prom. The banquet was a successful affair and could not have turned out any better. An informal "Bust" was held after meeting, Monday night, February 26, to celebrate Founders' Day and short talks were made concerning the history of Sigma Pi.

Three alumni members have visited us during the past quarter. Floyd and Buddy Anderson, who are now teaching at the Davis County High School, paid us a visit at one of our meetings. They encouraged the brothers to keep up their interest in the fraternity. Brother Homer Holmgren, now an attorney, also visited us at one of our meetings and gave us some words of advice.

At present the main topic of interest is our Formal Birthday Banquet, which will take place March 30. The committee in charge of arrangements is composed of Brothers Ellis Barker, Louis Croft, and Carl Ward. They promise us the most brilliant function in the history of Pi Chapter.



We are glad to be able to report another championship for the U. of U. She has won the State Basketball Championship despite the fact that all the "Dope" was against her at the beginning of the season.

Fraternally,

JOHN L. EMMETT, *EMERALD Correspondent.*

### FIRST STEP TAKEN IN HOUSE PROGRAM

#### Joint Alumni-Active Committee of Sigma Chapter Lay Plans for New Home

*Ames, Iowa*

AS PREDICTED in the last EMERALD, Sigma Chapter has taken the first step in her building program. A committee of six, two of them alumni and four from the House, chose two large lots on the south side of the campus as the location for the future home of Sigma Chapter. These lots are ideally situated for a fraternity house. We have already had chances to sell them, but nay, nay! Sigma is going to have a new house in not so many years from now, and we want a place to build on.

We realize that our alumni are behind us all the time, and we certainly appreciate it. Further evidence of their loyalty and interest is the fact that they are offering a cup each year to the man who, in their estimation has been the biggest asset to the House. Scholastic standing, athletic ability, and various forms of activities are taken into consideration in their rating. (See article in this issue.—Ed.)

We observed Founders' Day with a banquet. Brother Hougland was toastmaster and several alumni were present, so that we had a good program for the evening. Talks were given on the early history and origin of Sigma Pi and the growth of our fraternity since that time. Some of the old alumni told of the beginning of our old local organization and its growth and nationalization.

On March 3, seventeen of the fraternities on the campus presented the *Men's Vod-Vil*. Each fraternity had an act of its own, and all were coached by instructors from the Public Speaking Department. Brothers Wesco, Mabie, Eaton, Loose, Peterson, and John were the ones that represented us in this show.

Iowa State is carrying out part of an extensive building program at the present time. A new physics building is rapidly nearing completion, and work is well under way on a new library building. The big armory, just completed a year and a half ago, was completely destroyed by fire the latter part of December. If present plans are carried out we will have another one of similar design by the beginning of the next scholastic year. The drive among alumni and students for the \$1,000,000 Memorial Building is progressing favorably.

On February 24 we danced informally at Margaret Hall. We have also had several dinner parties since the beginning of the winter quarter.

Some one conceived the idea that Saint Patrick was an engineer. Each year a Senior Engineer is chosen to act as Saint Patrick in the Engineers' Festival held in the spring. Brother Houglund has been nominated and we think we will have Saint "Pat" himself right in our own mist.

Robert Peterson was awarded his gold "A" for having participated in two intercollegiate debates. "Bob" was the only sophomore to make a debating team this year.

Gensiche was elected treasurer of the freshman class by a four to one vote.

Charles Simmons is quite an artist. If you could see his room you would understand why he does not have to buy pictures to decorate the walls. "Doc" was on the art staff of *The Green Gander*, the college humorous publication.

We recently initiated three men into Sigma Pi: Ardon Price, Floyd Mabie, and Richard Nichols.

Iowa State's wrestling team stands out this year, as before, as the best in the Western Conference. Captain "Shorty" Bowen in the 135-pound class has led the team to victory in every match this season. In the six matches in which he has competed thus far his opponents have been unable to stay behind him for more than a total of eighty-seven seconds. Last year he won Western Conference honors in his class, and from all indications he will repeat his performance again this year.

Art Smith, track coach, has been holding a series of fraternity track meets, the winners of the various sections to compete

in a final meet to determine the champions. We romped away with our section by annexing a total of 42 points to 25 for the second best. Charley Gamble was high point man in the meet with thirteen points, winning the broad jump and 50-yard dash, and placing second in the low hurdles. Had not a turned ankle forced him to quit pole-vaulting he would have won that event also. Last year Gamble was the best all-around freshman track man Ames had for some time. This spring we shall hear from him on the varsity squad. We have high hopes of winning the championship and big cup in the final meet.

Fraternally,

ROY C. MEEKER, *EMERALD Correspondent.*

#### STANLEY BERNET KILLED IN ACCIDENT

#### Active Member of Tau Chapter Meets Death in Coasting Crash. Chapter Mourns Loss

*Madison, Wis.*

**T**AU CHAPTER closed the first semester with a great deal of rejoicing. The semester has been a booming one in many respects for us. We have made a start into fraternity activities and accomplished a great deal more than we have ever done before. Being a comparatively new fraternity on the campus we have had many problems to meet which others have overcome. We are all workers and are doing our utmost to make a place for Sigma Pi among the leading fraternities of Wisconsin. We do not wish to laud ourselves, for there are many ways we may improve; the whole-heartedness with which each man is doing his work is the most gratifying thing about our organization. With all working as one, great things will be accomplished; time only can prove what those accomplishments will be.

Our joy in completing the semesters work, has been tempered by several losses. Our Sage, Jack Banton, has left us, having completed his course. Jack has been our Sage since Tau Chapter was installed last spring, and we feel keenly his going. He was a real leader, and his foresight and diplomacy have helped us immeasurably over difficult obstacles. Three other boys are leaving us as the semester closes, Frank Breau, Robert Atwood, and Kemp

Dibey. We are sorry to see these men go, for they are of the most active in the chapter. Of course we are expecting them back whenever they can come, and are counting on them for Homecoming next fall.

We have sustained even a greater loss than the leaving of these men, much as we feel their going. Our EMERALD Correspondent, Stanley L. Bernet, died January 25 as a result of injuries sustained in a coasting accident which occurred nearly two weeks before. Bernet was guiding a bobsled down one of the many fine coasting hills here in Madison. An automobile blocked the way, and to avoid any serious injury to the passengers on the sled he steered the sled into a telephone pole. The speed of the sled was not slow, and as it crashed into the pole it broke "Stan's" leg and severely injured him internally. Other than knocking one of the girls unconscious, "Stan" was the only one hurt. Three operations were necessary, and only two of them could be performed, because of the weakness of the patient. The only comfort we can have is that "Stan" did the whole thing unselfishly, with no concern for himself, only the interests of the passengers on the sled in his mind. He was one of our ablest members, a sophomore in the electrical engineering course. He was a hard worker, and liked by all his acquaintances. He leaves a gap in our ranks which it will be hard to fill.

EDWARD N. OTIS, EMERALD *Correspondent*.

## UPSILON'S FIRST CHAPTER LETTER

### A Word of Self-Introduction from the Bear Cub

*Greetings, Brothers:*

UPSILON is mighty glad to be one of you. February 24, 1923, was a big event not only in our lives but also in the history of the fraternities on the Southern Campus of the University of California. Our dream of dreams is realized at last. With your excellent brotherly coöperation we have been able to take the step so long coveted by the other fraternities at the University of California at Los Angeles. However, being the first national fraternity was not our paramount desire. What gratifies us most is that we have become part of Sigma Pi—the

best in the land. We of Upsilon wish to heartily thank our brothers for the splendid brotherly feeling expressed in the messages of congratulation received on the day of our installation. Through your good offices we also wish to extend thanks to Brother Walter D. Kephart, Delta, and to Brother Ray DeCamp, Iota, for the invaluable assistance given us in the organization of our chapter. Likewise we wish to acknowledge our deep appreciation for the assistance rendered by Iota Chapter before and at the time of our installation.

Now to the dope about the fellows. Keith Parke, otherwise known as "the horse" because of his unsurpassed "neighing" abilities, holds the gavel, and is accordingly our Sage. Bert Price, First Counselor, our "Jazz artist de luxe," pounds some mean ivories, and is assisted by Walt Wescott, Paul Hutchinson, Roland Smutz, and Don Allison on the banjo, sax, traps, and violin respectively. Don Allison, otherwise known as "Ambrose," for no apparent reason at all, holds down Second Counselor. Third Counselor falls to Paul Hutchinson, known better as "the fearless one" because he fears no Packard when at the wheel of his trusty but dilapidated "Henry." Next comes our Fourth Counselor, Waldo Edmunds, the Hoover of the outfit. He surely goes after the bank roll, and has the knack of extracting the contents *sin* pain. Last but never least we have Joe Royere, our Herald, the boy with the big smile. Girls beware!

Six of the Cub varsity football team are either with us now or soon will be. Walt Wescott, tackle, is captain-elect for next year. Art Jones takes care of left half. Jack Sergel and Cecil Hollingsworth dig in at both guards, while Ralph Diehl, tackle, and Horace Bresee, end, show their stuff on their side of the line. All of these men have received their "Cs."

At the last smoker we annexed two more trophies. A gold medal went to Jack Sergel for winning his boxing bout in the 175-pound class. Bill Marty further added to the little collection by knocking his man for a row in the 158-pound category, thereby getting a firm hold on a nice big silver cup donated by the Federal class of the University. Just a little workout for the boys.

Track is here again, and the gang feels the desire to get out and extend itself. Parke, as usual, is out for the pole vault, high

hurdles and relay, and from present indications will make good in all. Jones steps the 880 and mile. Allison is out for the low hurdles and discus. McReynolds is also out for the mile. Bill Caress, a pledgee, is a darb in the high jump being consistent around six feet.

Basketball has claimed Bresee, guard for the last two seasons. The Cub varsity has won the Conference championship for the third consecutive year has put in a strong bid for the flag next year.

We have received some welcome news to the effect that the Southern Branch is to have a three-year course in 1923, and there is a strong possibility that in 1924, if the necessary funds are forthcoming, we will have a four-year course, and thus become a full-fledged University. Then watch us travel!

Again let us reiterate our thanks as brothers to brothers for the wonderful reception given us.

DON ALLISON, EMERALD *Correspondent*.

## ALUMNI ACTIVITIES

### GOLDEN GATE CLUB NUMBERS TWENTY-TWO

**San Francisco Alumni Meet Fortnightly at 132 Montgomery Street. Bullock Is President**

**M**EETING on the first and third Wednesdays of every month, the Golden Gate Alumni Club is actively embarked on its career. "The Club" at 132 Montgomery Street is the present place of assembly for the twenty-two members of the club, which draws its numbers from the bay cities surrounding San Francisco.

The officers of the club are: John D. Bullock, president; Hugo H. Methmann, secretary-treasurer. The membership at present is as follows: Hugo H. Methmann, Cecil A. Lathrop, Harold B. Kemp, Robert M. Saylor, Charles A. Burke, Jay L. Reed, R. C. Lloyd, Harold Edmondson, Dwight L. Merriman, W. H. Archer, H. R. Halsey, Clyde Edmondson, W. R. Blair, James D. Basye, Jay T. Reed, John A. McKee, H. S. Howard, Jr., D. E. Neal, E. P. Cook, Ross H. Ryder, John D. Bullock, Dixwell L. Pierce, F. D. Merrill.

### ALPHA CHAPTER, VINCENNES UNIVERSITY

**T**HE Reverend Thomas John Collar is Pastor of St. Peter's Rectory, Bainbridge, N. Y.

Will H. Evans holds a Captain's commission in the U. S. Army and is in charge of the training corps at the North Dakota Agricultural College, Fargo, N. D.

Norman Fields is connected with the Radcliff Chautauqua System, Masonic Temple, Washington, D. C. He is regarded as one of the most efficient chautauqua managers in the country.

Clarence Green is superintendent of schools of DeKalb County, Ind.

Frank Monroe Hammitt at last report was still at Mason City, Iowa, where he serves as superintendent of the high school and as president of the Junior College.

Horace H. Lester is in charge of the X-Ray Laboratory at the Watertown Arsenal, Watertown, Mass.

Shirley Leveron is a member of the Indiana Legislature, as a representative from Knox County. He has taken an active interest in educational legislation.

#### PHI CHAPTER, UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS

**A**MONG our visitors since the last issue of THE EMERALD was Asa W. P. Jones. Asa, while working for an Iowa Creamery, had to run some experimental work, thus giving us the pleasure of his company for more than a week.

The Highway Engineers' Short Course brought Louis Hills and Walt Spindler back to the House for a few days. Walt says that his latest acquisition to the Spindler family is getting along marvelously. How could it be otherwise?

A few weeks ago a Cadillac sedan drove up to the house. Much to our joy, the occupant was none other than Pete Stocker. Business surely must be good since Pete could only stay for dinner. We're expecting him again before long.

Le Roy Foss dropped in on our House dance, March 3. Foss is selling schoolbooks for The MacMillan Company. One of the first things he did was to disprove his nickname, "Solid Gold," acquired on a previous visit.

Frank Schantz and Eddie Henderson, ex-'25, also came down to show the Illinois co-eds all of the new dance-steps that have originated in Chicago since last summer. Frank looks like a regular sheik since he has grown a coffee-strainer on his upper lip.

R. Paul Gunder, former Eta man, now a traveling salesman for Burr, Patterson and Company, was on the campus for a couple of weeks in the latter part of January. Paul made a hit with the boys, and we're all anxious to have him come again.

"Doc" Van Arsdel, another Eta grad., made his regular bi-monthly visit to Phi. However, the Kappa House generally claims most of his time. This is extremely unfortunate for us as we all like to listen to the chief of story-tellers. Doc is making good with a Kentucky Utilities Company.

Among other visitors last week for the Relay Carnival, was Doc Bridegroom, who is attending the University of Illinois Med-



ical School in Chicago. Doc is still possessor of those charms that have always brought the ladies to his feet. Yea! Doc.

Lincoln's Birthday was a momentous event for E. L. Stouffer, '18, for on that occasion the stork brought a baby boy to the Stouffer household.

PAUL F. PADOU.

#### ETA CHAPTER, PURDUE UNIVERSITY

**A**L ALBERSHARDT, '21, promoting engineer for the Clay Products Company of Indiana, has visited the chapter-house several times lately. Oh, Boy! The stories Al knows!

"Pee Dee" Meisenhelder, '17, of Indianapolis, drove up to the Purdue-Illinois basketball game February 17. P. D. is very interested in fraternity matters and plans on bringing prospective pledges up from "the largest inland city in the United States" frequently. Good going, P. D.!

C. R. Martin, '08, who holds an important position with the Allis-Chalmers Company, of Milwaukee, came to LaFayette for a few days in order to employ some of the present senior mechanical engineers after their graduation.

R. Paul Gunder, ex-'24, now representing Burr, Patterson Company, the fraternity jewelers, has dropped in on us every now and then. "Gun" seems to be the cat's pajamas when it comes to the selling game.

"Derb" Crooker, ex-'21, our noted trombonist, is now in the employ of the Bush Krebb Engraving Company. "Derb" lives in Jeffersonville, but he manages to hit LaFayette every once in a while.

Fritz "Lead" Nessler, ex-'21, '22, '23 finished his education last June at the University of Kentucky. He is now employed in the engineering department of the International Petroleum Company in Mexico. After two serious attacks of malaria he is again on the job. His address is, Eng. Dept., International Petroleum Company, Apartado 162, Tampico, Tamps., Mexico.

Benjamin Franklin Meissner, who has been director of the phonographic research laboratory of the Brunswick-Balke-Collender Company since 1920, left that post on February 15

to become chief engineer of the radio division for the Multiple Electric Products Company, Newark, N. J. Mr. Meissner's ability as an engineer and radio expert gained recognition several years ago as a result of his coöperation with John Hays Hammond, Jr., in the perfection of the wireless controlled torpedo.

—*Electrical World.*

#### IOTA CHAPTER, UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA

**R.** M. SAYLOR, '22, is the new president of our Building Company. At the present time he is advertising manager for the Bank of California with offices in San Francisco.

Lyndon Oak, '15, is working for the Owl Oil Company, traveling between Duncan, Okla., and Chicago, Ill.

William G. Hummel, '16, is Director of Vocational Education Board for the State of Washington. He is stationed at Olympia, Wash.

Royal A. Vitousek, '12, is now city attorney for Honolulu, T. H. He seems to have taken a wonderful liking for the Beach.

Paul Chatom, Jr., '14, is with the Standard Oil Company in the Orient. He is stationed at Moukden, China.

Doc. Watson, '20, who is at present at Affiliated Colleges in San Francisco, will obtain his license in the spring.

Robert Hall, '21, passed his bar examination and will obtain his J. D. in May.

Hugo Methman, '22, who has been in the S. F. office of the Hartford Casualty and Indemnity Company has been given a substantial increase and has been sent to Los Angeles as a special agent.

#### SIGMA CHAPTER, IOWA STATE COLLEGE

**N**INE-TEEN HUNDRED TWENTY-THREE sees the alumni at Ames having luncheons together every second and fourth Wednesday at the Cranford Coffee Shop. Visiting alumni are invited and expected. The following Sigma men are in attendance: Lieutenant Solon, B. Renshaw, H. Lew Wallace, Arthur W. Turner, Harold G. Sprague, James Johnson, E. W. Hanna, Harley Shellito, and Harold Bowen. In addition is Brother Sam S. Williman, of Gamma, our head football coach.

Sigma Alumni are proud to have Sam Williman as the Ames head football coach. He is adding morale to this college, unexpected influence to the football team, and inspiration to the men of Sigma Chapter.

N. Ray Carmichael, Assistant Plant Pathologist, U. S. D. A. at Washington, D. C., spent a few days in Ames on his way to St. Paul, Minn., where he has charge of the Minnesota division for six weeks. He will then resume his work at Washington. The "Deacon" is rapidly obtaining diplomatic dignity.

W. Paul Lindauer was transferred from the Ames office of the State Highway Commission to Sioux City, where he has charge of the divisional Road Section.

Three of our County Agents have joined the group of growing Sigma Alumni. Brother Frank Schwieger, of Adams County, stepped over the line at Commencement time in company with A. W. (Mary) Pickford and Leland (Tumps) Page. Brother Sumner Davis, of Flandrue, S. D., came into the new fold at Homecoming while Brother Sidney Mathesin of Allamakee County stepped over the sands at the County Agents' Conference in October.

Elmer Loy and Emma Bragg were married in Omaha, Neb., December 23, 1922. Elmer is teaching and also connected with one of the Ford distributors. Mr. and Mrs. Loy will be at home at 4546 N. 39th St., Omaha, Neb.

Burness La Doux and Helen Henshaw were married on Christmas at Spirit Lake, Iowa. Mr. and Mrs. LaDoux will be at home in Waterloo, Iowa, where "Burn" is located to handle the territory for the James Manufacturing Company, of Fort Atkinson, Wis.

Following the loss of new armory at Ames, Lieutenant Renshaw with the other members of the military department are being housed temporarily at the West Gate Cottage.

Brother Arthur W. Turner of the Agricultural Engineering Department at Ames has had his Sixth Iowa Station Bulletin on "The Prevention of Soil Erosion" distributed. These bulletins were edited in co-authorship with Professor M. H. Hoffman. In a recent Government Bulletin, No. 1234, Brother Turner was mentioned as a middle-western authority on the above-mentioned subject.

Brother Lew Wallace, also of the Ames Agricultural Engineering Department with his successful Research on Lubricating oils, may follow in the steps of Brother Carmichael as to upward progress. Both of the men will receive their master's degree this spring.

The Sigma Alumni located at Ames sent Brother Turner to represent them at the recent Sigma Pi Convocation at Vincennes, Ind.

Ben Nichols has joined the Cupid row. He and Miss Ora Ekey were married the first of the year. They are at home in Nichols, Iowa.

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I am, Faithfully yours,

*Harry H. Smith*

Secretary of the Foundation.