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Central Office Moves

Over two years ago National Council, recognizing a need to remove our Central Office from a neighborhood which had become not only undesirable but unsafe, started research and study directed toward relocating. After looking into all types of locations, building, buying, etc. it was decided the most practical plan would be to lease a building suited to our needs.

Because of the deterioration of the Washington Boulevard area, it has taken some time to sell our building there, but this was done finally and an excellent new location found. We have leased an attractive one-story building at 1717 West 86th Street, Indianapolis, IN 46260 and have had the interior constructed to suit our needs. The big move will be made about July 15, 1978.

When in our new quarters we will have a spacious and attractive archives and reception lounge area as well as adequate office facilities. We will tell you lots more about our lovely new quarters in the winter issue of the Triangle, and do hope that when in Indianapolis after the move, you will stop to see it.

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On the Cover

Members of Alpha Omicron at UCLA celebrate their Greek Sing win with co-entrants Kappa Sigma.



As one of the hostess chapters for the 1978 convention in Scottsdale, the Orange County Alumnae chapter is busy making table favors and items for sale in the Violet Shop. In the photos above (left) Carol Norris Sneary, Violet Shop chairman, is working with Alice Wire and Ruth Bardwell Joujon-Roche making "headache bottles." At right, Barbara Williams Fenter, Shari Closson Garay and Nancy Firth Lange are making sailboat table decorations for the awards banquet.

Convention Schedule

Mountain Shadows, Scottsdale, Ariz.

Thursday, June 29

1 p.m.-5:30 p.m.— Registration
4:30 p.m.— Nat'l Council Nominee Reception
6 p.m.— Welcome Banquet
8 p.m.— Opening Formal Business Meeting

6:30 p.m.—

Western Cookout Banquet—
Confirmed Conventionites Dinner
8 p.m.— Collegiate District Business Meetings
9 p.m.— Slide shows and song fest

Friday, June 30

7 a.m.— Breakfast (Nat'l Council Balloting)
8 a.m.— Parliamentary Procedure
8:45 a.m.— Formal Business Meeting
12:00 p.m.— Lunch (Nat'l Council Balloting)
1 p.m.— Collegiate District Meetings
Alumnae Discussion Groups
2 p.m.— Formal Business Meeting
6:30 p.m.— Alumnae Awards Banquet
8:30 p.m.— Skits and Singing
(8-10 p.m.— Nat'l Council Balloting)

Sunday, July 2 "White Day"

7 a.m.— Breakfast
8 a.m.— Inspirational Service
9 a.m.— Collegiate Business Meetings
Alumnae Workshop
10 a.m.— Formal Business Meeting
12 p.m.— Lunch
1:30 p.m.— Order of the Triangle
2:30 p.m.— Initiation
3 p.m.— Model Meeting—
Collegiates
Alumnae Roundtable
4 p.m.— Collegiate and Alumnae Roundtables
5 p.m.— Memorial Service
7 p.m.— Awards Banquet
9:30 p.m.— Skits and Singing

Saturday, July 1

7 a.m.— Breakfast
8 a.m.— Parliamentary Procedure
8:30 a.m.— Collegiate Rush Clinic
Alumnae Roundtables and Workshop
12 p.m.— Lunch
1:30 p.m.— Collegiate and Alumnae Workshops

Monday, July 3

7 a.m.— Breakfast
8:30 a.m.— Formal Business Meeting
11 a.m.— Pack up
12 p.m.— Lunch
1 p.m.— Convention Disbands
Departure for Post Convention tours

Indiana's 8th Installed at Tri-State



Initiates of Zeta Theta Chapter, Tri-State College, Ind.

By Nancy Shott, BΣ, and Sherry Anderson, ΓH

When Marty Fisher pledged Beta Sigma chapter of Sigma Kappa in 1975 she probably never thought that some day she would be starting another chapter. But with a transfer to Tri-State College in 1976 she suddenly found herself without a sorority chapter, and decided to do something about it. A visit with the Dean of Students brought permission to form a group. With the help of Barbara Irwin, National Director of Expansion, Ann Schrader, Travelling Consultant and several Gamma Etas, the Zeta Theta colony was pledged Feb. 6, 1977.

Throughout a year of pledging the girls worked hard to increase their numbers. In the fall of 1977, twenty-five of the pledges moved into Illikai Hall together and made it their new home. They met together in the basement lounge, and planned and

dreamed in their third floor rooms. Finally their dreams began to come true as installation was set for early in December.

On the evening of Dec. 2, the installation team of Barbara Irwin, Sherry Anderson, National Music Chairman; Cinda Zimmack, president of Beta Sigma; Nancy Shott, pledge trainer of Beta Sigma; and Suzanne McGaughey, recording secretary of Beta Sigma arrived on campus. A pinning ceremony was held in the meeting room in Illikai Hall, and then the two groups got together for a song exchange. The girls of Angola entertained their guests with a rousing rendition of their theme song, "Come Sail Away." For the pledges of Zeta Theta it was only a few hours until they would join the bond. It must have been "visions of violets that danced in their heads" that night.

A light layer of snow fell during the early morning hours, but Saturday dawned as a beautiful, clear day. The hills of the Zollner Country Club, frosted with snow, made an elegant background for the anxious group of pledges in their long white gowns. By 2 o'clock that afternoon, Zeta Theta became the eighth chapter in Indiana, with 22 new collegiate initiates, 4 honor initiates, and 3 alumnae initiates. A special moment for Marty Fisher must have come when her grandmother, Mrs. Martha Berkes, a former pledge of I.U., was initiated as an alum after only a 47 year pledgship!!!

A celebration of the chapter's new status followed that evening in the Zollner clubhouse. The new chapter was welcomed to the national sorority by Mrs. Irwin. Congratulations from the university came from Elizabeth Elliott, an honor initiate and the wife of Tri-State's president, Mrs. Nancy Perry, the assistant dean and Panhellenic advisor, and Miss Ann Lovelady, the Dean of Students. The chapters response came from Becky Tittle, the group's first president. Messages of congratulations and the money tree were presented by Mrs. Betty Paquette, Central Office Executive and then as a highlight, a silver tea service from National Council was presented by Mrs. Irwin. Later that evening the girls joined the local fraternities for dancing and a celebration of their new status.



Alumnae and honor initiates of Zeta Theta are Elizabeth Elliot, Margaret Lewis, Carolina Nagle, Roberta SanGiacomo, Martha Berkes, Debra Simon and Lucille Koch.

The next morning Model Meeting was held for the new initiates and the transition from colony to chapter was complete. The last event that weekend was the presentation of the new group to the faculty and students of Tri-State at an afternoon tea.

New initiates of Zeta Theta are Rita Bobay, Jodi Bryer, Kevin Carter, Debra Chilton, Lisa Davis, Sara Gaskill, Anni Huston, Tamara Kock, Margaret Kollar, Julie Lacharite, Cynthia Laskley, Darla McIlreth, Lorna McKenzie, Leslie McMurray, Eileen Margison, Doreen Noakes, Janet Owen, Teresa Sarber, Rebecca Tittle, Sheryl Wagner, Teresa Wisner, and Tamara Weston.

Marty Fisher and her grandmother, Mrs. Martha Berkes, a Sigma Kappa pledge 47 years ago, were both initiated into Zeta Theta Chapter.



Alumnae Awards Renamed for Founders

By ELEANOR DYGERT HADDON, Phi, Vice-president for Alumnae

In line with the new emphasis on alumnae involvement to be highlighted at the 1978 convention, five alumnae awards have been named in recognition of Sigma Kappa's founders.

Other awards recognizing outstanding alumnae contributions will be awarded this year for the first time.

The MARY CAFFREY LOW Award will be presented to the outstanding alumnae chapter located in a college community. Judging will be based on chapter cooperation with Advisory Board and Corporation Board, alumnae participation in Panhellenic, public relations programs, community projects, alumnae-collegiate projects, and support of national programs.

The ELIZABETH HOAG Award will be presented to the outstanding alumnae chapter not located in a college community.

The IDA FULLER PIECE Award will be presented to the most improved alumnae chapter in a college community and the FRANCES MANN HALL Award will go to the most improved alumnae chapter not in a college community.

A new award this year will go to the alumnae

chapter that assists a collegiate chapter in winning the coveted Teamwork Trophy. In previous years, the alumnae chapter has been recognized for its contribution to the Teamwork Trophy but received no special award. The new award has been named for LOUISE HELEN COBURN.

Another new award to be presented this year is given by Martha Mussett, BE, and the Houston Alumnae Chapter, in memory of her sister Patricia, who served on National Council as Director of Extension 1966-70. The PATRICIA CARLIN SMITH Alumnae sisterhood award will be presented to the alumnae chapter which has worked for a college chapter (old or new) beyond the call of duty. This is a traveling award.

The Peoria Alumnae Chapter has provided another traveling award to be presented by Council to the alumnae chapter having the best newsletter.

Other alumnae awards include the ANDERSON Award to be presented for the most outstanding alumnae gerontology project, the Order of the GOLDEN TRIANGLE given in recognition of a gift of \$100 or more to the National Endowment Fund, and the TRIANGLE alumnae award, given in recognition of contributions to the quarterly magazine.



Delta Rho at James Madison University has a Sigma Kappa Dreamland rush party.

ANGELO STATE

ZETA KAPPA—Informal rush started our second semester as a chapter with the first night centering on the theme "butterflies are free." A banana split party with a skit take-off on the Gong show highlighted the second night. The ever popular kidnap breakfast at president Barbara King's apartment followed the ceremony for the four pledges. The members enjoyed donuts and orange juice while the pledge class staged a pajama fashion show for the actives and entertained neighboring fraternity members with eyeopening early morning serenades, Sigma Kappa style.

The crowning of King and Queen of Hearts, Therm Roberts of Lambda Chi Alpha and our first vice president Crystal Moreland, climaxed the semiformal Valentine dance. Crystal also recently received the Marian Frutiger award for sisterhood. Beau Mark Hill, Pi Kappa Alpha, was given a Valentine gift at the dance.

Our main gerontology project centers on Leisure Lodge, a nearby nursing home. Once every two weeks each member visits the residents and attends the home's planned functions, theme and holiday parties.

Zeta Kappa was the recent recipient of the world hunger award banner given by campus organizations B.S.U. and University Center program council for making the largest cash donation to the drive.

We organized a chapter volleyball team to compete in intramurals. Other members used their artistic talents to make

signs to support our basketball teams, the Rams and the Rambelles.—**CYNTHIA A. PERKINS**

BABSON

ZETA ZETA—Rush chairman Beth Armknecht organized the three parties that brought us our eight pledges who were immediately pulled into helping with our fund raising project—selling winter weekend t-shirts. If Dorothy Logan, that event's chairman, had been able to see into the future, she would have changed the t-shirts to read "winter week," since we were hit with two feet of snow and declared a disaster area!

Other events for the semester included a hair cutting demonstration by Trends, a rape seminar and a fashion show.

Our president Sally Shea and Dorothy Logan, Sue White, Beth Langevin and Marylou Reilly, our furniture committee, met over Christmas vacation to find some after-Christmas bargains for our chapter rooms. These shopping sprees resulted in the purchase of a new stereo system, a color television and some badly needed furniture.—**PEGGY O'BRIEN**

CAL. STATE (FULLERTON)

EPSILON TAU—We learned to like whipped cream one evening when our 21 new pledges auctioned off whipped cream pies to collegiates for the purpose of throwing them in the actives' faces! During the fall semester we auctioned off a quilt at our Founders' Day luncheon, held numerous bake sales on and off campus,

attended game shows in Hollywood to applaud for dollars, and sold handcrafts and baked goods at the Orange county alumnae bazaar. The proceeds will purchase a 44-member composite picture for our newly decorated chapter room.

After hearing a program about Gordon Lane convalescent hospital, we decided to go Christmas carolling there. We gave each of the elderly people a gift—a ditty bag filled with useful items. Combining an exchange with Lambda Chi Alpha with a Halloween philanthropy, we carved pumpkins with children in the Orange county children's hospital.

Our chapter won first place for participating in Homecoming activities. Dawn Sampson was elected Homecoming queen and also made the cheerleader squad.

Tricia Clark, a longtime employee of Disneyland, was chosen one of four national finalists for the Disneyland Ambassador to the World in November. Tricia Soderstrom received the Orange county Panhellenic scholarship.

In honor of one of our recently deceased alumnae, Louise Blake, we have set up a scholarship fund for chapter members with the guidance of Mrs. Gordon Fenters, National first vice president for collegiates. In February her mother, Mrs. Harold Belsey, was given the opportunity to become a Sigma Kappa because of her service to Epsilon Tau chapter and the North Orange county alumnae association. At the luncheon following the ceremony, the chapter selected Dawn Sampson as the most outstanding active and the pledges voted Monica Ramirez as the most inspirational active.

At a Panhellenic potluck dinner in February we received the scholarship award for a 2.95 overall grade point average. We also tied with Gamma Phi Beta for the Panhellenic spirit award. The evening also launched a big and little sister sorority program.

We joined Sigma Pi for an exchange, with the day's events including a barbecue at their fraternity house, followed by a hayride in the evening. After an informal meeting one night, the chapter also invited them over for a BYOB—they brought their own bananas and we provided the ice cream and topping.—CATHY FIROR and SHARY TIRDEL

UCLA

ALPHA OMICRON—Close to 1,000 persons watched Alpha Omicron win first place at UCLA's annual Greek Sing. Sigma Kappa entered the mixed choral division with Alpha Tau Omega and did a take-off on the songs of the fifties. Besides winning first place in the mixed choral division, we also won the Sweepstakes trophy. Needless to say, everyone was extremely proud of our victory and we celebrated in an appropriate style afterwards.

A future activity planned is a repeat of last year's prize winning booth "Showboat" for UCLA's Mardi Gra. Mardi Gra is the biggest event on campus and each year a fraternity asks a sorority to participate with them. We were such a success last year that Triangle fraternity asked us to participate with them for the second year in a row. The girls are busy preparing costumes and choreographing dance routines and skits for our performance. Last year, after *Playboy* publisher Hugh Hefner saw our "showgirls" he stopped and invited two of our members to a party at his mansion.

After a week of inspirational activities, initiation was held. Following the ceremony, we had a lovely luncheon at the Miramar Hotel on the beach in Santa Monica. In honor of all our new initiates, we held our annual Violet Ball at the Palos Verdes Country Club. It was a very elegant affair. The buffet dinner was delicious and the band was terrific for dancing.

Other activities include several champagne raids by different fraternities and a "Dad's Day" where our fathers watched UCLA's football team beat Cal.

Our fund raising efforts have met with success. We sold over 600 Valentine carnations to Greeks on campus. We also appeared in the game show *Tattletales* audience and raised \$850, merely by sitting and watching the filming of the show. Alpha Omicron has been blessed with very supportive alumnae who held a successful Christmas Bazaar for house improvements.

Three years after recolonization on the UCLA campus, Alpha Omicron chapter has securely anchored itself in the mainstream of Greek life. Consequently, we look to the future with anticipation of more good things to come.

CENTRAL OKLAHOMA

DELTA CHI—Fall rush, under the guidance of Cindy Stocks, brought us 18 pledges including two legacies. In intramurals Delta Chi took first over the other sororities in football.

Thirty Delta Upsilon's visited our chapter in September for a weekend of sharing new ideas and we held an exchange with Kappa Sigma fraternity. Our alumnae chapter hosted a Halloween party with costumes ranging from bugs to band leaders!

At the Violet Ball, Junior Noah, Alpha Tau Omega, was elected pledge class Beau and Jack Horner, Sigma Tau Gamma, was chosen chapter Beau.

Becky Mitchell and Kay Schnetzler are active on University Activities Board and Dani Garner keeps us informed from the High-School Relations Board. Linda Gray, AWS vice president, Linda Owens, and Dani Garner, AWS treasurer, keep us up to date with that organization. Linda Gray is also Panhellenic president.

This year the Delta Sigma Chi journalism fraternity chose five Sigmas to appear

in the annual calendar—Bobbie Bearden representing University Center Activities Board, Becky Mitchell—Acacia, Cindy Wilcox—Sigma Tau Gamma, Donna Ethridge—ROTC, and LuAnn Dillman—Sigma Kappa. Debbie Mones was first runner-up for outstanding senior Greek woman and Bobbie Bearden was first runner-up in the Miss CSU pageant.

Kappa Sigma gave Starduster bids to Kim Munn, LuAnn Dillman, Linda Owens, Deanna Perez, Janice Pierce, Judy Parks, and Cathy Moss. Alpha Tau Omega honored Dani Garner, Karen Wheeler, and Donna Wells with bids to Daughters of the Maltese Cross.

Kim Munn, Becky Mitchell, and Kay Schnetzler were chosen to be listed in *Who's Who*.

Gerontology programs this year included visiting and Christmas carolling at local nursing homes. At Thanksgiving we again gave a food basket to a needy family in the campus area. Visiting the children's convalescent home was as rewarding to us as it was to the children.—LUANN DILLMAN

From the Collegiates

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DARTMOUTH

ZETA LAMBDA—Welcoming six sophomore pledges in the fall, we anticipate a strong spring rush with over 80 members of the Class of '81—one third of the freshman women—showing an interest in Sigma Kappa at informal rush this winter.

We raised over \$100 for the college's United Way fund drive through contributions and a bake sale, and over \$50 for the Hanover senior citizen's center through another bake sale. Also at the center, Francophiles Gail Frawley, Laurie Livesey, and Deb Stevens contributed to a slide show about France at one of the monthly birthday parties. Sigma Kappa scheduled a concert there by the Dartmouth Aires and Woodwind, men's and women's close harmony singing groups of which Beth Blatt is a member.

Muffy Ramsdell was elected secretary-treasurer of the Dartmouth Corinthian yacht club, replacing Shaun Smith who received the Conover trophy for her service to the club. Lisa Mendelson was co-captain of the basketball team, Thayer Wendell played varsity tennis, Beth Baron played varsity squash, Holly Rathskated for the women's ice hockey club, and Kim McConaughy and Debbie Hart were on the women's ski team. Co-captain Denise Rusicka led the swim team, which included Karen Altman, Nancy Gildan, and Meg Huffaker. Freestyler Nancy and diver Karen qualified to compete in the NCAA championships in Georgia.

Stacy Phillips was elected vice president of the Class of 1980. President of the women's glee club, Barbie Snyder, sang with members Karen Abrams and Beth Blatt. Sherry La Prade, Ann Munves, and Laura Woodberry were named news editors of the *Daily Dartmouth*, and Triff H'Doubler was appointed its advertising manager. Dana Abraham kept busy this winter coaching the Hanover High School swim team.

Of the Zeta Lambda spring graduates Jane Frederick was accepted by Duke University Law School and chapter treasurer Kathy Cates was appointed to the Board of Directors of the Hanover National Bank and Trust Company and accepted by Harvard Business School.—ANN MUNVES

EASTERN ILLINOIS

GAMMA MU—Thanks to the hard work of Tammy Harpster and April Higgins, rush co-chairmen, we received five new pledges. We also celebrated the initiation of 24 actives.

Through special permission from National, Gamma Mu was proud to initiate our housemother, Mrs. Estel "Mom" Cox who has been with us since we started on Eastern's campus over 20 years ago. Attending the ceremony were numerous alumnae and our NPC delegate, Mrs. Ruth Miller.

Tammy Harpster placed second in the



Epsilon Taus (above) at Cal. State (Fullerton), Monica Ramirez, left, and Sally Tuley, right, were members of the court when Berta Maras, center, was crowned Phi Kappa Tau Sweetheart. Dawn Sampson (right) is crowned Homecoming Queen for Cal State (Fullerton). An Epsilon Tau active, she was sponsored by the campus Panhellenic and Interfraternity council groups.



Miss Charleston-Delta Chi beauty pageant. Annette Warneka and Peggy Pratt were initiated into Kappa Delta Pi.

Our parents' Day banquet was held at the Charleston Holiday Inn and most of our time that month was spent preparing for Greek Week. —MELISSA MANOS

FLORIDA STATE

OMEGA—For our annual week of giving the girls gathered clothes for Goodwill, sent letters to our sponsor girl, had a brunch with the alumnae, sent Valentine cards to a local old folks home and gave blood at the blood bank.

The highlight of the quarter was our Winter White Pearl weekend: a casino-disco party on Friday, followed by a formal banquet and dance on Saturday, and a picnic on Sunday as the finale.

Our new Sigma Kappa Man, Billy Byrd, was announced at the banquet. Billy, a Sigma Nu, was also our Man in 1976.

Sigma Chi held their annual Derby week in February with the theme of "around the world." Omega's country was Greece and we participated in a derby decorating contest, house decorating and sorority field day.

Ruthann Davis was named to *Who's Who* and Omicron Delta Kappa. Mary Sue Beck was tapped into Phi Eta Sigma and Rotaract. Cathy Cameron and Nancy Lair were also tapped into Rotaract. Millie Lanier and Tammy Ring were chosen for Sigma Alpha Iota. Nancy Lair was tapped

for Alpha Lambda Delta.

Katie Pipkorn was installed as second vice president of Panhellenic at a banquet in January. —LISA B. SCHUCK

ILLINOIS

THETA—The initiation of 25 pledges in February was followed quickly by their class pledge dance when "Dynamic Duos" got together in costume for an evening of dancing with a Valentine's Day theme. Our informal pledge class as well as seniors decided to take walk-outs the same weekend to the surprise of the few girls left in the house.

We observed the founding of Theta chapter Feb. 22, 1906 with a 72 year anniversary party complete with chapter history and anecdotes from alumnae.

Several girls helped an area merchant with inventory, resulting in a \$100 donation to the American Farm School.

An Oriental dinner with chopsticks marked the first ethnic dinner planned for the semester. Exchanges and rehearsals for the spring Atius-Sachem Sing with Kappa Sigma kept the chapter busy with campus fraternities.

A local gynecologist spoke to the chapter on preventative health in March. Additional self-improvement guest speakers are planned.

We participated with Lambda Chi Alpha in a bike-a-thon for Easter seals and held our spring formal in April.

Nancy Budd was the first recipient of

the Fred H. Turner Memorial award. She is currently serving as an intern gathering data on campus issues for the dean of students. Joan Anderson was initiated into Phi Upsilon Omicron, home economics honorary and service fraternity and Kathy Doll, Laurie Hoffman and Jill Nelson were initiated into Phi Gamma Nu business sorority. —KAREN HUELSMAN

INDIANA

TAU—Rush started off with a new, fresh look as we had our living room painted and a new pewter chandelier installed in preparation for open houses. But our favorite addition was the antique framed mirror, given us by our spring and fall pledge classes of 1977. We continued into formal with an "around the world" theme, resulting in 16 pledges.

In January Alice White took office as Panhellenic second vice president and Sue Effrein became the first intramural chairman, in addition to being elected to the Trike Council of Indiana University Foundation. Six other Sigmas will also represent us at Foundation.

After hours of preparation, our main activities for early spring, I.U. Sing and February Follies, had to be cancelled due to the energy shortage that the coal strike brought about. However, we did have a clothes drive for the Maine Seacoast Mission.

Our spring dance and Little 500 activities took place after our extended spring break. —CYNTHIA SIPKA

KANSAS

XI—After taking 11 pledges in the fall and 15 in spring rush we were motivated for open rush, asking potential pledges to join us for every function and activity.

Some of our social activities included fall and spring barn parties, winter formal, Moms' and Dads' weekends, Little Sister weekend for high school seniors, Sigma Chi Derby Day, Homecoming with Theta Tau fraternity, and Phi Psi 500. Our intramurals included first place in bowling, and football and softball teams.

Many of our members were involved in extra-curricular activities—little sisters to several fraternities and a wide range of honorary societies and organizations. Kathy Means will study abroad for a year in Nancy, France.

Our week of giving was the main philanthropy project of the year.—EVIE HERBERGER

LENOIR—RHYNE

EPSILON ALPHA's formal spring rush centered around three parties. At the first one, a skit emphasized the theme "The Rainbow's End." We held a Hawaiian luau for the second. An emotional mood pervaded the preference party as each sister showed what sisterhood meant to her. Panhellenic was excited this year with the largest rush in the past eight years.

Sponsoring a food drive for a needy family in November, Panhellenic kidnapped the four sorority presidents, requiring a can of food for each chapter sister as ransom. Collecting more food than necessary, Sigma Kappa came in first.

We make monthly visits to Hilddale, our local philanthropy, taking a planned program each time.—BETTY ANN YOUNG

LONGWOOD

DELTA NU—Liz Baker, Peggy Higgins, Cathy Sterling, and pledge Wendy Zachary were chosen as Little Sisters of Phi Gamma Delta.

Alda Brown was elected vice-president of the intramural activities association and was initiated into Delta Psi Kappa. Cindy Chapman was elected president of Pi Omega Pi. Beth Devan was initiated into Lambda Iota Tau and Carol Henry was elected president of the Longwood company of dancers. Sue Miskar was nominated freshman representative to the legislative branch of the student government.

Tilsia Stephens was chosen for *Who's Who* and ten members and two pledges made Dean's list last semester: Alda Brown, Beth Devan, Stacy Johnson, Carla Cousins, Suzanne Senell, Susann Smith, Malinda Schultheis, Karen Rich, Tilsia Stephens, Elizabeth Durham, Carol Henry, and Diane Gruenwald.—GAYLE O'NEIL FLOYD

LOUISIANA TECH

BETA EPSILON—After initiation of

our 37 pledges in January, they and their escorts were presented at our winter formal held in the Petroleum Tower in Shreveport. Elisabeth Cawthon was presented the Frances Fletcher award for outstanding senior.

Karen Cobb and Shelia Smith were elected as members of the La Chainette court. Glenda Echols was chosen as a Lagniappe beauty. Tau Kappa Epsilon chose JoAnn Dowling, Lissa Bransford and Ann Raborn for Order of Diana. Julie Cook was selected as a member of Star and Crescent by Kappa Sigma.

Laura Robertson, sophomore, was named news editor of the campus paper, *The Tech Talk*.

Our president, Lisa Liner was invited to the president's Mardi Gras ball in Washington, D.C. Only one girl from each congressional district in Louisiana was chosen by her congressman to reign as a princess of that affair.

Sigas were also proud of their 2.8 chapter average, making the chapter first in sorority and fraternity scholastic rankings at Tech.—LISA ROSSIE

MADISON

DELTA RHO—Our rushes added 14 pledges in the fall, eight in December and seven in the spring.

Some of our community service activities included participation in the IFC-Panhellenic bike-a-thon for the Camelot nursing home, decorating for the community's Heart ball, working at a rock-and-roll-a-thon for Camelot nursing home, and volunteering to work at the blood drive.

In the fall we sold hot dogs to dorms and fraternities during Monday night football games. Our annual Founders' Day formal at the Sheraton was held in November and the pledges threw a costume party for the sisters. The big brothers and all of the chapter had a munch-out party at Pizza Hut to get acquainted with the pledges.

Initiation and fall banquet were held



Lisa Liner, president of Beta Epsilon-Louisiana Tech, reigned as a princess at the President's Mardi Gras ball in Washington, D.C.

while it snowed ten inches! Dancing fever hit the chapter for parties with Teke, Sigma Nu, Sigma Phi Epsilon, Kappa Sigma and Theta Chi.

Delta Rho is looking forward to next year when we will be joining the thirteen other fraternities and sororities who will each be moving into the new houses built by the school to create J.M.U.'s first Greek row.—JOY L. PAPE

MARYLAND

BETA ZETA—Fall started with an action-packed Inspiration week and then formal rush, ending with 25 pledges. Later in the semester the pledges received third place trophy and \$25 in Panhellenic's pledge skit night.

FSU Slayings Elicit Warning

After the slaying of two Chi Omega sorority sisters at Florida State, I cannot express to you how much your safety can mean to many people.

Every person on the FSU campus was affected by this brutal attack. Women never go out alone at night. Doors are locked 24 hours a day. A campus escort service was stepped up to entail more hours and a foot patrol of campus security was established.

But even with all this, it is not enough. Each girl has to be responsible enough to care about the lives of herself and her sisters. Make sure the doors and windows are kept closed and locked. Report any strange looking characters hanging around the neighborhood. Report any unidentified screams immediately. Spontaneous action may save a life.—LISA B. SCHUCK, *Omega*



Alice White, Tau, was elected Panhellenic second vice-president at Indiana University.

In October we worked with Sigma Nu for Homecoming, winning third place for our float and third for our Homecoming Spirit! With Sigma Chi we hosted a Halloween party for 20 retarded children. We also had an open haunted house for the children of College Park. At Maryland's dance marathon for the American Cancer society that same weekend Kerry Buckel and Alpha Tau Omega Fred Wade made it through 72 hours of perpetual motion.

Faith Cable is Alpha Gamma Rho sweetheart, Carole Brennan is Delta Upsilon sweetheart, and seven Sigma Nu little sisters are in Beta Zeta. Kerry Buckel was chosen Alpha Gamma Rho's outstanding little sister. Melissa Cable received the Service to Panhellenic award and Sigma Kappa tied for second place in overall sorority spirit at pledge debut. Melissa Cable was also named to *Who's Who*.

For our gerontology program many girls have an older shut-in friend they call two or three times weekly. Intramurals have us busy with bowling, swimming, and football. —CYNTHIA DICK

MIAMI (OHIO)

ALPHA IOTA—Second semester was ushered in with initiation of 15 actives at Sesquicentennial Chapel. Following the ceremony we held the initiation banquet at the University Center with alumna Mrs. Margaret Riley as speaker. Awards were given to Teri Shelley, outstanding pledge; Linda Tosko, most study hours with an active; and Diane Downey, best pledge scrapbook. We welcomed three new pledges during winter informal rush.

The annual winter formal and fall pledge class presentation was held at the

King's Island Inn in Cincinnati, dining and dancing to the music of "Bamboo."

Pledges kidnapped the chapter for a walk-out to Purdue University and music-loving Sigmas journeyed to Cincinnati to see "Chicago."

Our after-Christmas Christmas party gave us all a chance to relax and exchange gifts and greetings for the new year. Sigmas recognized in January at the scholarship banquet included Isabel Vasquez, highest active grade point average; Laurie Baumgardner, highest pledge grade point; Mary McClung and Teri Cohen, most academic improvement. Maureen Rainey and Isabel Vasquez received the top Big-L'il Sis team award. The pledges presented their poems and paddles after the award presentation.

In February we enjoyed a Valentine party hosted by Kappa Sigma. Sophomore Sigmas made and delivered valentines to the Oxford View nursing home.

Teaming up with Kappa Sigma and Sigma Alpha Mu with a theme presentation of "Twenties medley," we entered Greek Sing festival under the direction of Kristen Mitchell.

Winter pledge presentation took place at spring formal dinner dance.

Mrs. Zelma Hefner, an Oxford alumna, was awarded "citizen of the year" for her continued efforts for the improvement of the Oxford community and its citizens. —KATHRYN SUCHY

NORTH CAROLINA

GAMMA PHI—Spring semester began with Inspiration week for the pledges, climaxed with the initiation ceremony and banquet where awards were given to Cindi Lewis, outstanding pledge; Patience Dibrell, scholarship; and Audrey Tilley,

Pahl award. The new officers were also installed at that time.

Informal rush started off with a hotdog party and was followed by dinner at the Village Inn. Theme party focused on "both sides of the Sigma Kappa coin," showing the fun and serious sides of our chapter. After preference party we pledged 11 girls.

For our first service project this semester we co-sponsored "bounce for beats" with Sigma Alpha Mu, raising money for the Heart fund. Money was collected at several different shopping centers and a Saturday night dance ended the activities.

Jody Simmons and Cheryl Boswell were chosen Phi Kappa Tau little sisters. Jo Andrews was selected friendliest sister. —MARY ANN SPANGLER

NORTH COLORADO

GAMMA ALPHA—In a joint effort with Sigma Alpha Epsilon fraternity, we entered the Homecoming first prize float, 40 feet long and ten feet high. We presented a Christmas program with the SAE's at Bonnell nursing home and for Valentine's day visited the Fair Acres rest home and gave valentines and cookies.

The chapter was very active in the organization and production of the "dance for those who can't" dance-a-thon for muscular dystrophy. College members participated in the dancing, music, and contestant care.

Active in the intramural program, we have a flag football, volleyball, basketball, and softball team for all the seasons. One winning football score was 54 to 6.

Fraternity little sisters include Heidi Hummel and Vicki Van Male, Lambda Chi Alpha; Debra Deverall and Diane



Pat Henderson, Delta Rho, is Panhellenic president at James Madison University.

Scrubby, Sigma Alpha Epsilon; Cynthia Armistead, Lind Brewer, Mary Jo Eakle, Becky Lane, Beth Pearce and Kelly Stevens, Sigma Chi.

Heidi Hummel and Joanie Kelly are members of Spurs, as well as Gwen White who is also a member of Phi Beta Lambda. Cindy Roberts is the U.N.C. Panhellenic vice president. We are proud to say that Deanna Frey, Miss Teenage Iowa, is an active new initiate of Gamma Alpha. Our fall pledge class of 20 girls were presented at our pledge formal in November when our new house mother Ellen Soloman was honored.

Kassey Rassmussen, Patricia Baberschmidt, Colleen Lannon and Sandra Macintosh spent academic quarters at the university's campus in Florence, Italy and had exciting experiences to share with the chapter.

Special thanks go to alumnae Val Vickerelli, Vonnie Speckman, Dr. Betty Lowry our faculty advisor, and the advisory board who initiated improvements for our house. —HEIDI HIMMEL

NORTHEAST MISSOURI

DELTA THETA—Diane Pagel is an Alpha Kappa Lambda Little Sis; Julie Hughes and Terry Sundstrom are Phi Lambda Chi Dames; LuAnn Frederick is a Delta Chi Chi Delphia and Alison Landmann, Judy Curtis and Rhonda Behrens are Phi Kappa Theta Little Sisses with Marvalee Wapplehorst treasurer and Carol Plasseyer historian of that group.

We have adopted a grandmother living at the Manor Care Center, visiting her as often as possible, and having parties for all the residents of this home for the elderly.

For our moneymaking project we sold boxes of popcorn, while the pledges were busy selling bumper stickers reading "Greeks do it Better" and candy bars.

In November we held a Parents' Day banquet, and our Christmas formal was highlighted by two candle lightings. —JANINA HOGG

NORTHERN ILLINOIS

GAMMA ZETA—To make each member realize how important her contribution to rush was, our chairmen Kathy Siavelis and Joanna Schatz, formed a "friendship circle" prior to rush. Posters were hung throughout the house to keep enthusiasm high as we ended up with seven pledges.

Included among our rush party themes were an ice cream parlor, a garden party, and a Japanese theme. Cherry blossoms were strewn across the ceiling, a pool decked with greenery was placed in the foyer which was hung with Japanese lanterns. Japanese art prints were displayed on the walls. We dressed in kimono's to emphasize the decor.

Our winter formal was held at the Drake Oak Brook and each of our members got to sit on Santa's lap at our Christmas party when Santa's helpers delivered gifts from under the tree and Mrs. Santa read aloud stories about each initiate.



Karen Degler, Wendy Wilson, Karen Rosenquist, Jennifer Janson, and Nancy Arnold of Alpha Iota sell frozen bananas to raise money for philanthropies at Miami's spring carnival.

In January our 17 fall pledges were honored at a dinner and their pledge dance with initiation on January 22.

We welcomed our new housemother, Mrs. Alice Arends in February, presenting her with flowers and a t-shirt at a dinner in her honor.

Cheri Balla is a new member of N.I.'s Association for the Education of Young Children and of the Council of Exceptional Children. Wendy Meinzer was initiated into Sigma Theta Chi, national nursing sorority.

Sally Gottschalk was elected recruiting officer of the Public Relations Student Society of America, and is a new student member of the Publicity Club of Chicago. Linda Pelozo was selected to serve on the promotions committee for the American Marketing Association.

Robin O'Connell is a member of the Silverettes, pompom team.

Barb Bradley was elected president of Theta Chi fraternity's Daughters of the Crossed Swords. Jlie Omholdt is a little sister pledge at Phi Kappa Sigma and Daren Zeleny pledged Sigma Pi Little Sister Sweetheart. —SALLY GOTTSCHALK

OREGON

ALPHA PHI—We returned in September to a newly carpeted and painted hallway and to reupholstered livingroom furniture, thanks to the alumnae who put the time and effort to complete the redecoration of our chapter house. Other events included a tea honoring the collegiates, hosted by the alumnae. It also offered the pledges the opportunity to meet the alumnae for the first time. —MIRIAM MANN

OREGON STATE

UPSILON—Fall rush brought us 32 pledges. At the holiday season we held our 38th annual Smorgasbord dinner, with over 150 professors and their guests at-

tending the evening affair which was topped off later that night by the annual house Christmas party and gift exchange.

Our house volleyball team captured the all-sorority championship and we won the annual Homecoming sign competition in November with the theme "Leave it to Beaver to Dam up the Cougars."

Our formal fall term dance was dedicated to our new pledges, while the winter term dance had a theme of ΣK sports camp with everyone dressed as their favorite sport.

Dad's Weekend activities included a basketball game, wrestling and gymnastic matches, a starlight ball, tours of campus buildings, and a banquet at the house in honor of the attending fathers. A white elephant auction was held with the proceeds going toward our philanthropy projects.

Karen Froehlich is Panhellenic vice-president, a member of several service honoraries, active in church and community events, and was selected as one of 30 outstanding sophomores on the OSU campus. Deanne Bertelson is the yearbook editor, Deb Grothe is a home economics senator, and Karen Cowan and Marie Rietmann will be traveling to Russia this spring with the OSU choir. —CLAUDIA CRAIG

PURDUE

BETA SIGMA—The highlight of the beginning of a new semester was the pledging of 24. Of these, Geline Seidlitz was chosen as a Junior Panhellenic queen and Nancy Henkle was chosen the outstanding junior woman chemical engineer with a perfect 6.0 index.

A scholarship dinner was held honoring those on the Dean's list which also included Sue Bonham, Andy Burt, Nancy Gemmer, and Shirley Headley who each received a 6.0 last semester. Shirley is also treasurer of Senior Panhellenic board

5 Jolly Sisters are ΣK 's

Join Beta Epsilon between 1966 and 1977

There are sisters and there are sisters, but in the Jolly family it sometimes gets confusing. From fall of 1966 to the fall of 1977, five Jolly sisters have been initiated by Beta Epsilon chapter of Sigma Kappa at Louisiana Tech.

Originally from Shreveport, all but Jennifer, the youngest, have now graduated in education and are married.

Donna Jolly Wilson, the eldest, is married to a Tech graduate and lives in Des Moines, Iowa, where she is busy raising three children.

Kaye Jolly Cochran graduated from Tech in 1973 and is a teacher and coach at a high school in Shreveport. She has two children and is also treasurer of the Sigma Kappa alumnae in Shreveport.

Celeste Jolly Reger also married a Tech graduate and lives in Houston with her husband and their child.

The latest graduate was Lisa Jolly Liner who recently moved to Ypsilanti, Mich.

Jennifer Jolly, who pledged in the fall of 1977, is a physical education major. Tech seems to be a tradition with the Jollys—Jennifer's



The Jolly sisters, all members of Beta Epsilon at Louisiana Tech, are, front row, left to right, Lisa Jolly Liner and Jennifer Jolly. Back row, Kaye Jolly Cochran, Donna Jolly Wilson, Celeste Jolly Reger.

nifer's mother was a cheerleader and her father a football player at Tech.

"My sisters always told me to have an open mind and to make my own decision about a sorority," Jennifer said. "My sister's weren't the reason I chose Sigma Kappa. It was the feeling in their house and the girls themselves." —LISA ROSSIE, *Beta Epsilon*

and editor of the PSA freshman register. Deanna Eaton was selected Junior Panhellenic representative to the Senior board.

With a first runner-up basketball championship team we were in the running for first place in the all-sorority intramural standings. Paula Solms participated in a swim-a-thon for the benefit of the Heart fund. We worked with Alpha Chi Rho fraternity in collecting for the March of Dimes.

We are anticipating the return of Mary Lou Macke and Judy Cochley who are studying abroad. Karen Bradbury is working as an intern at the state senate in Indianapolis this semester.

Lisa Markward was our queen candidate for the Grand Prix festivities and Nancy Dobson, Suzanne McGaughey and Lisa Markward were chosen as Tractor Pull girls. —ANNE STRATMAN

RHODE ISLAND

PHI—With a new and shorter rush pro-

gram this fall, chairman Terry Delany and assistant Kim Hodgden helped us attract 25 pledges, with an additional two joining during informal rush.

At a spaghetti dinner given for the pledges, a humorous poem written about each one provided the entertainment for an evening of food and fun.

We were also proud to welcome our new housemother, Vicki Daniellian, by giving a tea in her honor. Other campus housemothers, escorted by their respective house officers attended, resulting in an afternoon of making new friends.

Valentine's Day weekend our pledges traveled to a nearby nursing home and sang songs for the residents. During this fun afternoon they had the opportunity to visit with a spirited Sigma Kappa alumna living there.

The women's intramural volleyball championship crown was captured this year with the help of Rory Inderlin, Patti Douglas, Joanne Monti, Donna Beaudoin, Mary LaGarde, Terry Delany, Pam Fallon and Rita Lussier. Our basketball team

with a record of 7-0 put the Super Sigma's in contention for the intramural championship. Three of our team, Patti Douglas, Terry Delany and Joanne Monti, were among the top ten highest scorers in the league.

Other highlights include Terry Delany's election as Panhellenic president and Linda Speziale as treasurer. In addition, Nancy McKinstry was nominated for the Truman scholarship for sophomores with good academic standing and interested in public affairs. —ANGELA RITTER

SOUTHWEST MISSOURI

DELTA UPSILON—We presented new themes during rush this spring. A "fire-side" party welcomed rushees with roasting marshmallows and singing in front of the fireplace. At "Wednesday Nite Live" we entertained rushees with silent films and chips and dips. We ended rush with a cheese party at which we served a variety of cheeses and Shirley Temples.

During Inspiration Week Jill Carlson

was named ideal active, and Tammy Rummel, ideas pledge. Pledge scholarship award went to Joy Maneke and active scholarship awards to Cathy Carras and Karen Wahl. Alumnae honored new initiates at a party with funny skits and delicious food. A pledge dance also honored new initiates and new pledges.

One of the many activities this semester was having an Easter egg hunt at the local children's home. We saw the slides of the American Farm School and had our campus sponsor talk to the chapter about study habits. Alumnae presented a program on planning your wedding, and Panhellenic representatives attended a convention at the University of Illinois to bring back new ideas to the chapter.—KAREN WAHL

STEVEN F. AUSTIN

GAMMA CHI—The East Texas country fair held annually at SFA allows any campus organization to set up a booth, so Gamma Chi went into the giant cookie selling business, a money-making project for the chapter which also allowed us to meet many girls who were going through rush later in the fall.

An interesting aspect of the gerontology program found the chapter singing "Pass It On" in the church where our adopted grandfather is a member. This was broadcast over the radio.

Surprised chapter members awoke on the morning of April 5 to find our president Sheryl Wilson kidnapped by Lambda Chi Alpha. To insure her safe return we paid a ransom of canned goods which were distributed by the fraternity to a local welfare program.

A Parents' Weekend was a spring semester highlight. Events on the agenda included Pledge Presentation on Saturday night when the fall pledges were escorted in by their fathers and introduced with a speech written by their big sisters. A slide show and banquet followed. We also hosted a picnic for members and parents the next day.—K SMITH

TENNESSEE (MARTIN)

ZETA DELTA—On Feb. 11 Zeta Delta held its second annual Sigma Splash in the physical education complex at U.T.M. The event is a swimming contest for all the fraternities and sororities on campus with ping pong, newspaper relay, raft, medley relay, free style, and backstroke races. Trophies were awarded to the fraternity and sorority which had accumulated the most number of points in all the events. The profits from the 25 cent admission fee and the ten dollar entry fee went to the Maine Sea Coast Mission.—KATHLEEN ETHEL PETERSON.

TEXAS TECH

GAMMA IOTA—Pledges turned the tables on the actives for the annual Pad-dle Party, with a pre-Valentine's day party that turned out to be a scavenger hunt.

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Sigma Kappa and Alpha Phi tied for first place in the pancake eating contest during the Lions' Club pancake festival. Diana Butler took the honors with the help of coach Sue Heinz.

The snow was perfect and the slopes of Sierra Blanca at Ruidoso, N.M. were filled with Sigmas Feb. 11-12 when we stayed at Kim Bartell's cabin for our chapter retreat.

In January the chapter honored those Sigmas who made the Dean's list. Yolanda Reifein received our scholarship award for making a 4.0 grade average in the fall.

Laurie Thompson was recently selected as a little sister to Kappa Sigma.

We have enjoyed mixers with Kappa Sigma, Sigma Nu and Kappa Alpha.—JANICE YATES

WASHINGTON STATE

ALPHA GAMMA—We started a new semester with an all-house retreat to set chapter and individual goals, later cele-

brating a successful retreat with a Kentucky Fried Chicken feed at the chapter house.

For our favorite spring rush party we decorate the dining room in red and white as an old fashioned ice cream parlor and rushees and members enjoy making and eating ice cream sundaes.

Our fall pledges were initiated Feb. 25 after an Inspiration week of scavenger hunts, skits, firesides, and attendance at a special church service. The senior class honored the initiates by taking on their house duties during the week. Nancy Marentette was senior speaker and Cynthia Wagner spoke for the initiates.

Sandra Erpenbach is Washington State's new Panhellenic president. Pledge Cynthia Wagner represented Sigma Kappa on the university drill team, the Cougarettes, and Carolyn Short was a finalist in the sweetheart of Sigma Chi queen contest.

Nancy Maxson, Diane Stevenson, and JoAnn Cloaninger made President's honor roll first semester with a 4.0 grade point average.

Our spring formal was held April 8 at the Red Lion Inn in Spokane.—LAUREL OAKS

WESTERN ILLINOIS

DELTA SIGMA—We started the year with Becki Waldorf on Homecoming court. Then in Greek Olympics we came in third place. Our powder puff football team, with only one loss, won the consolation trophy sponsored by the TKE's. With hard work we sold the most tickets for the Blind Olympics (USABA) held at W.I.U. in April.

Sue Rafferty, Cindy Robb, Sheila Hagan, Deb Dearing, Suze Quick, and Mary Fran Coffey were elected to *Who's Who*. The award of Sigma Kappa girl of the quarter was given to Sue Rafferty—spring, Sheila Hagan—fall, and Cindy Robb—winter. Susie Farrar was elected a member of Mortar Board-Arista.

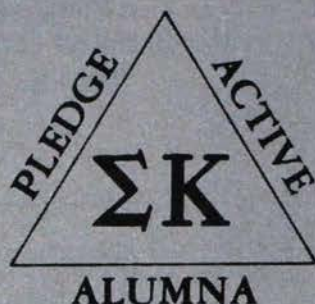
Kathy Wirth, a junior majoring in elementary education, was the Henry County Pork Queen and received second runner-up at the Illinois state contest in Peoria in January. With this award she also received Miss Congeniality with a bouquet of roses and a silver platter as mementoes.—CINDY ROBB



Kathy Wirth, Delta Sigma-Western Illinois, was second runner-up for the Illinois Pork Queen title and was voted Miss Congeniality.

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ARIZONA

TUCSON—A luncheon held in September at Lodge on the Desert started the activities for our calendar year. We are happy to welcome five Sigma Kappas from Green Valley as members of our chapter.

As we have done for the past five years, the Tucson Alumnae made gifts for the St. Elizabeth of Hungary Clinic Christmas party. We made 150 small pillows for the occasion. We also had our usual Christmas party and gift exchange. We contributed \$100 to the National Endowment Fund, in memory of Ruth Lingle, past National President, and founder of our Tucson Alumnae Chapter.

Our big project for the year is making table decorations for the opening banquet at the National Convention in Scottsdale in June.—EDNA E. BROTHERTON, *Theta*

ARKANSAS

CENTRAL ARKANSAS—Our chapter is actively involved with the Little Rock Panhellenic under the leadership of our representative, Sheryl Jones Dunn, ΔT . Activities have included volunteer work with the book cart project at the Arkansas Children's Hospital and the annual style show for graduating high school seniors in the area. Several of our members participated in both activities.

Members and husbands enjoyed a "Cajun night" at a local seafood restaurant on the Arkansas River.

Alumnae members traveled to Delta Tau chapter in late spring for the annual alumnae member induction ceremony. This is always a moving event for both collegiates and alumnae.—JANET RIDDLE CLAY, *Delta Tau*

CALIFORNIA

SAN DIEGO NORTH COUNTY—We started 1978 off by hosting a Sigma Kappa California Weekend Conference the weekend of January 21-22. The conference was held at the El Cortez Hotel and the theme was "Violets Are Forever." The conference included a series of roundtables, a formal banquet and a Sunday brunch. It was a rewarding and stimulating experience for the 75 alumnae, actives and pledges who attended.

We are actively involved with the collegiate groups in our area. Paula Skillman Chapman, AO , is currently serving as rush advisor to Beta Psi at San Diego State. We helped spruce up their guest bathroom before their very successful Winter rush. Three other members of our chapter serve on Zeta Mu colony's advisory board. We have just completed an alum big sister program with the Zeta Mu pledges.

We are still working with the Ocean Knolls Convalescent Home as our gerontology project. For Easter we sent them a large plant for their lobby or recreation room.

We met in March to work on centerpieces for the Initiation and Awards banquet at National Convention. Our April

meeting was highlighted by a Tupperware party with a percentage of sales going to our treasury. Election of officers also took place at this meeting. In May we will hold installation of our officers. Recent San Diego area graduates will join us for the Senior Induction ceremony.—DARLENE TYDLASKA

CONNECTICUT

HARTFORD—Due to inclement weather and health problems of hostesses,

Hartford Alumnae cancelled the scheduled January meeting. At a later date 12 Sigmas braved the adverse weather to socialize over lunch in Hartford, at which time we met Peggy Mill Coldwell, BZ , and hope to see her again in the future. At our March meeting, we enjoyed a fascinating illustrated talk on grave stone rubbings.

This has been a fallow season with snow storm after snow storm and consequent postponement of activities throughout the area. We shall return to normal with transportation improvement.—ELIZABETH BEAN, *Nu*

From the Alumnae

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DELAWARE

WILMINGTON-NEWARK—Our alumnae chapter was busy this winter and spring with many activities. Three new members joined us during the winter: Susan Katsoff, N , Virginia Keel, Ω , and Joyce Bischoff, BE .

In February we held a workshop to make Easter favors for the patients at the Mary Campbell Center in Wilmington. Marilyn Reinsell Lawton, BI , our philanthropy chairman, organized this project again this year.

The Wilmington Alumnae of Pi Beta Phi entertained the Sigma Kappas for a potluck dinner and a white elephant auction in March. This was part of the Panhellenic sorority exchange program. The Sigma Kappas also participated in the Panhellenic Spring Luncheon and the annual Dinner Dance.

We held our April meeting at the home of Jane Domino Papas, BA . New Castle County Home Economics agent Susan Matusiak spoke on the topic "Frustration and Stress." Everyone had an enjoyable and informative evening.—MARGARET EVANS ARCH, *Tau*

FLORIDA

CLEARWATER—Under the leadership of our president, Muriel Plate Hancock, AA , monthly meetings of the Clearwater Alumnae Chapter combine business, social and educational facets.

The annual Christmas luncheon at the Sheraton Sand Key Hotel had the majority of the chapter in attendance. Excellent planning by Ellen Moore Gibson, AA , and Rita Schnell Hinkley, AI , added to a most enjoyable afternoon.

As several of the members are interested in needlework, a most informative talk, demonstration, and display of the many needlework forms was conducted at the January meeting at the home of Dorothy Tenner Walworth, Θ , co-hosted by Florence Lanned Tann, AM . In February the locale shifted to the New Port Richey home of Virginia Connoy Harris, BI , with

Lille Schraeder Brandon, ΔA , as co-hostess. Following luncheon at a local restaurant the members enjoyed a discussion of other available leisure-time activities culminating in an explanation of chisel-carving on pieces of tree trunks. Two unusual exhibits—a pelican and a Siamese cat—were shown.

The Clearwater alumnae continue active in the regional Panhellenic group, participating recently in a joint meeting with the St. Petersburg Panhellenic group. This luncheon meeting featured the subject, "The Way We Were." The bi-monthly meeting in March scheduled the informative topic, "Women and the Law." The Clearwater Alumnae acted as one of the co-hostess sororities at the annual Panhellenic meeting and installation of new officers in May. Currently Sigma Kappas representative is Eloise Foatz Hilbert, E .—BERNICE SCHEER MADDOCKS, *Delta Lambda*

MIAMI—Instead of Spring, it was "Signs of the Zodiac" that were "busting out all over" at the 18th Tasting Tea of the Miami Alumnae Chapter in February. (As one newspaper item put it, "Who said it wouldn't last?") Clara Louise Goss Steiger, X , with characteristic artistry made all the posters of the twelve Zodiac signs that decorated the room and were used to designate the four seasons represented by the theme party tables. These tables were Springtime with Venus, with a miniature May Pole centering the inviting springtime luncheon menu; Summer in the Sun, an alfresco dinner with a grill roast of corn and potatoes, and lobster for the focal point; a Harvest Moon Dinner, with, among other goodies, a mouth-watering Peanut Butter pie; and a Winter Solstice Supper that started with hot apple wine and ended with "Capricorn's Reliable Cranberry Cake."

The Gourmet Corner, always popular with our guests for its homemade baked goods, pickles and jams, sold out completely, and the "Part of Fortune," our boutique of old and new treasures, did a



Four Sigma Kappas have been president of the Miami Women's Panhellenic Association. They are shown wearing their distinguishing sashes at the Founders' Day meeting honoring charter members and past presidents. Left to right are Helen Kunde Jones, BΔ; Martha Turner Denham, Ω; Mary Ruth Murray, Ω; and Clara Louise Goss Steiger, X.

thriving business. Our guests were enthusiastic and complimentary; our coffers were replenished, and we were well pleased with the results of our labors!

Our monthly parties continue at the Coral Gables Convalescent Home. For our Christmas party, the favors for our guests—snowmen complete with top hats and broom sticks, and colorful little Christmas trees of pine cones gay with sequin ornaments—were made by the Girl Scouts of Troop 502-Juniors, of which Nancy Denham Denton, Ω, is the leader.

The February meeting of Miami Women's Panhellenic Association always celebrates its Founders' Day and honors the charter members and past presidents. Four Sigma Kappas have served in this capacity during the 61 years of the association: Mary Ruth Murray, Ω; Helen Kunde Jones, BΔ; Martha Turner Denham, Ω; and Clara Louise Goss Steiger, X. The Panhellenic Players, of which Martha Denham is a member, put on the skit which was a part of the program for the meeting.

Our March meeting was held at the Veterans's Administration Hospital, where we had a demonstration of some of the audio-visual materials that have been purchased with our contributions to that hospital.—*MARTHA TURNER DENHAM, Omega*

ILLINOIS

PEORIA—With spring finding it hard to get started this year, we decided to help it along by organizing a garage sale. Not only did this sale help us with future convention expenses, but certainly got many of us started early on our spring house cleaning!

At our monthly meeting we had an interesting program presented by Dr. John

Wood, a local plastic surgeon. In his film presentation he showed many examples of different skin and bone problems and how these are helped by the skill of the surgeon.

Our Spring luncheon was held in April, where we honored our graduating Bradley Beta Nu seniors. During this time we installed our new officers and presented our Outstanding Alum and Beta Nu awards.

We will end our yearly meetings by enjoying an evening out at the Conklin Dinner Theatre in May.

We are looking forward to seeing many new and old friends at Convention!!—*GAYLE A. DAUGHERITY*

IOWA

AMES—Our eventful year has been under the direction of President Vicki Johnson; Vice-president Olivia Madison; Secretary Alicia Feters; and Treasurer Hilary Ziebold. In early fall, a highly successful progressive dinner was held for the pledges of Alpha Epsilon Chapter, the first of what we hope will become a yearly tradition. We celebrated Founders' Day jointly with Alpha Epsilon Chapter, with a brunch at the chapter house for all area alums and collegiates, followed by a program and coffee. The highlight of the afternoon was the presentation of a 50-year pin to Edna Hem, who in turn told us some entertaining tales of her years in college and Sigma Kappa. We're looking forward to our annual Salad Bar and Bridge Benefit in the spring, and also to the National Convention this summer.—*VICKI JOHNSON, Alpha Epsilon*

KANSAS

KANSAS CITY—The Greater Kansas City Alumnae Chapter is continuing its

emphasis on communication. Our biggest project for this year is now completed. We prepared and served about 300 lunches to the participants of Kansas City's Heart Auction. All food preparation was done in Sigmas' homes and last-minute assembly was done at the auction itself. The auction proceeds benefit the Cardiac Care Center at Kansas City's Children's Mercy Hospital. Not only did our efforts benefit the hospital, but we enlisted the support of many of our area Sigmas, thus benefiting our own group. A fine communicating experience all the way around.

We were the recipient of a joint communication from the National Office and the American Farm School when we viewed the slide presentation about the Farm School. Every Sigma present thoroughly enjoyed learning about the School's background and current efforts and accomplishments.

The women of the active chapters at Central Missouri State University, at Southwest Missouri State University, and at Kansas University were invited to our annual Christmas Coffee. Forty Sigmas and Sigma Kappa Mothers attended a very lovely brunch during the Christmas season. And since that time many of our alumnae have participated in our entertainment group's events, taking in a concert, a professional basketball game, and a musical.

Thus we have not only communicated with others through our service project, but we've communicated within our group and with other Sigma Kappas on intellectual, social, and cultural levels.—*LAUREN BENNETT CAMERON, Xi*

KENTUCKY

BLUE GRASS—As a result of the Blue Grass alumnae's combined Founders' Day celebration with the Beta Kappa and Alpha Chi active chapters held at Transylvania this year, the two active chapters later held a joint song fest at Georgetown.

The annual Christmas luncheon again featured a silent auction of homemade Christmas ornaments, with proceeds going for a gerontology project. The 31 members present enjoyed Christmas music and a peppy introduction to barbershop quartet by Lexington's Sweet Adelines.

For Christmas, too, each resident of Miller's Nursing Home, our local philanthropy, received a "stained-glass" snowflake ornament (made of tissue paper) to decorate a window in his or her room.

Betsy Billinger, ΔO, presented a fascinating program on her VISTA experiences—a year with the Chippewa Indians. As part of her presentation, Betsy demonstrated Indian dances and how to make simple, yet beautiful, beaded necklaces.—*LOIS J. BREWER BARNES, Alpha Delta*

LOUISIANA

NEW ORLEANS—"Way down yonder in New Orleans," the Greater New

Orleans Chapter is making plans for rush. Sheryl Seiler Collier, EB, rush advisor for the U. of New Orleans Chapter is working to coordinate plans. A workshop in late summer coordinates rush techniques, discussion of panhellenic rules and Sigma Kappa education.

The alumnae attend rush parties and are responsible for name tags for the formal party. They also made "wish pillows" for each rushee at the preference party to take home to make all her wishes come true.

The alumnae serve refreshments to

leave the actives free to devote their full attention to rushing. The rush committee secures recommendations before bidding and works with the U. of New Orleans Panhellenic in matching bids. The New Orleans Alumnae work very hard with the Epsilon Beta Chapter to make rush so successful.—DIANA DIXON SAUERBREI, *Epsilon Beta*

MARYLAND

COLLEGE PARK—We have been very busy working with the Beta Zeta Chapter

on the University of Maryland campus. In January we presented the twenty new initiates with violet pins.

In early February our Advisory Board; Emmy Lou Moke Midgett, Judy Roots, Gerry Pfaff, Mary Kay Dent, and Patti Friel, all Beta Zetas, met with the old and new officers of the chapter. A delicious luncheon was prepared by one of the members.

We held a joint raffle with the active chapter to earn money to help buy dining room chairs for the house and to replenish the treasury of the alumnae chapter.

Lillian Budd Completes 12th Book

History Named Heritage Project

A new book by Lillian Budd, Θ-Illinois, with the engaging title "Footsteps on the Tall Grass Prairie" and named a Heritage Project by the Bicentennial Commission has been completed. Mrs. Budd was commissioned by the Lombard Historical Society to research and write a history of Lombard, Ill., situated twenty miles due west of Chicago, a town intimately involved in the nation's early days.

"In the beginning there were the footsteps of the wind making their impressions on the tall grasses native to this portion of Illinois, not waist-high grasses but shoulder-high to a man on horseback. Then came the footsteps of the buffalo, the Indian, the white man, on, on, to the footsteps of progress," she writes.

Eminent historian, Dr. Walter Havighurst, has written the introduction in which he says, "Beginnings are recovered in this history of Lombard—yeasty beginnings that contain the germ of growth. Lillian Budd has a feeling for growing things. She shows us that the growth of a town is as natural as the growth of prairie grasses or a prairie grove. The growth of Lombard is a story jostling with people and alive with change . . . Books like this mirror the character of a place while, at the same time, they help to mold its character.

And Clarence W. Hall of Read-

er's Digest, says of Lillian Budd, "While Mrs. Budd's primary field has been fiction, all her works have been based on historical incidents. Her diligence in digging for historical facts underlying her fiction has resulted in books whose historicity has never been questioned.

"Lillian Budd," writes former *TRIANGLE* editor Speed Baker, "is Sigma Kappa's self-styled

original gerontological specimen, for this history of Lombard is the twelfth book published since she began writing at the age of 50. Her first book, "April Snow," was on the New York Times Best Seller list for 15 weeks. In 1964 she published "One Heart, One Way," a tribute to college sororities—particularly Sigma Kappa, of course though, she used the name Sigma Omega."



Lillian Budd, Θ, was selected by the Lombard (Illinois) Historical Society to write the Bicentennial history of the city. "Footsteps on the Tall Grass Prairie" is the product of that commission.

After the drawing in February, we all enjoyed a jointly planned and prepared social.

We plan a ten year reunion of all Beta Zeta's from the years 1968-1978 in late spring or early summer.—JUDY ROOTS, *Beta Zeta*

MICHIGAN

SOUTH OAKLAND—The 17 groups which form the Birmingham Panhellenic with Sharon Beyer Frost, AT, as the Sigma Kappa representative, have three activities progressing which once more shows that working together makes the difference. First, to reduce postage cost we have joined as a body to use bulk mail rates for each sorority's mailings. Second, each group gives annually to the Mary Alsaegar Endowment Fund. This money may be used by any Michigan high school senior girl in need of travel funds for a state or national contest. And third, last spring Panhellenic sent every public and private high school senior girl in Birmingham and Bloomfield Hills a flyer explaining what sororities are and how they rush. This clear and brief mailing included the names and philanthropies of each sorority and an illustration of their pins.

Active and alumnae Sigma Kappas celebrated State Day at the Kellogg Center in East Lansing in late fall. At this all day event the Jane Cook Otto, AT, Province Award—silver candlesticks—was retired to Alpha Tau, Michigan, which had won it most often. The Kathryn East Farlow, ΔΛ, Gerontology Award—silver dish—went to Delta Delta, Central Michigan University. The newest award the South Oakland Alumnae Award for Best All Around Active Chapter was claimed by Alpha Tau, Michigan State University. This beautiful silver tray was the gift of sister Gene Gould Huntoon, AZ.

South Oakland's Outstanding Alum this year is Marie Aldon Dodson, ΔΛ. Sister Didson organized our new "Lunch Bunch" in early fall. Bimonthly gatherings are held at various restaurants to socialize with Sigma sisters.—JANET PURMAN MOORE, *Delta Alpha*

MISSOURI

SPRINGFIELD—Our chapter has enjoyed a busy spring with activities involving the Delta Upsilon Chapter at Southwest Missouri State University. Highlight of our activities is our annual New Initiate Party held in February in the home of Gail Radtke Davis, EM. This party is given as a living scrapbook of Sigma Kappa from 1874 until the present, with several authentic costumes from each decade modeled by members of the alumnae group. A unique feature of this program is that most costumes presented are owned and were worn by Sigma Kappa alums during their collegiate years. The new initiates are presented violet pins at the conclusion of the festivities.

The Springfield Alumnae meet in two

groups, one a daytime luncheon group, the other an evening group. This allows us to reach a broad range of Sigma Kappa alumnae with a variety of life styles, interests and talents.—ANNE SIFFORD

PENNSYLVANIA

PITTSBURGH—Even though the Pittsburgh Alumnae Chapter is small, it does accomplish worthwhile things. Every year we send a sizeable donation to St. John's Home in Mars, PA.

In early fall, we met at the Tavern on the Square for a luncheon and held a business meeting afterwards at the home of Lila Jones. Some of the group toured the Post Office Museum and thoroughly enjoyed seeing some reminders of the past.

Our Founders' Day Luncheon was held at the Rusty Scupper with a good turnout for the day. This is an old bank building that has been converted into a restaurant and many interesting shops which we all enjoyed browsing through.

Some of our fifty year members will be honored at the luncheon this spring.—PAT MCCARTHY

TENNESSEE

MEMPHIS—Alumnae in the Memphis area look forward to the spring activities which included the annual dessert tasting where alums bring their favorite desserts and exchange recipes with one another. Guylene Brown, BE, president, compiled a dessert cookbook made up of alumnae recipes for the group to use as a money making project.

Alumnae in the area also took part in a reunion type meeting where we make an all out effort to boost our membership by inviting non-active alumnae to a special meeting. It has proved in past years to be a great way to renew old friendships.

Memphis alums will also have the annual Senior Luncheon honoring graduating Beta Xi seniors, our annual cook-out for husbands and dates, the tea honoring the Mothers of the Beta Xi actives and pledges, and of course helping the Beta Xis with a terrific fall rush.—JUDY CAMPBELL HOGUE, *Gamma Xi*

TEXAS

HOUSTON—We had no time for the winter blahs with our busy calendar. Sixty alums, collegiates and their mothers met for a Christmas lunch at the Brownstone. Gamma Chi collegiates honored Marion Johnson Frutiger, ΓΓ, their out-going Province Officer, with a lovely jade ring with the crest on it. An attorney spoke at the January meeting on women's rights. The February meeting was a presentation on diamonds by the Tiffany Co. A husbands wine and cheese party was held in February, also. March was very busy with Sigmas meeting at the Houston Museum of Fine Arts to view "The Late Works of Cezanne," enjoying a program by a representative of Rice University, and taking part in a cardio-pulmonary re-

suscitation class. The chapter's annual plant sale was held in early April and the well-known project for the Texas Medical Convention—a gerontology booth—was presented in mid-May.

The power of Panhellenic was proven in Houston. The president started a movement in the city which resulted in the cancellation of a nationally televised movie about violence in a sorority house. It was proof that a small group can achieve action.

The alums were proud to recognize a collegiate's scholastic achievement. Ann Patton, ΓΧ, was presented with a lovely pin.

We are sorry to lose three sisters who have moved: Linda Loehman Reed, ΓΙ, to Omaha; Carolyn O'Brien Smith, ΓΙ, to Colorado Springs; and Anne Nolte Martin, ΓΙ, to San Antonio. They will be missed.—ANNE NOLTE MARTIN, *Gamma Iota*

MID-CITIES—The Mid-Cities Alumnae have had a fun and fruitful year. In September we started our year with the annual buffet dinner with members contributing their favorite dishes and visiting with new and old members.

In the fall, we were visited by our Alumnae District Chairman Helen Manlove. Ideas and suggestions were given for gerontology and philanthropy projects for this year.

November was the Founders' Day dinner in which the Mid-Cities Alumnae shared sisterhood with the Fort Worth Alumnae. A delicious dinner was provided by Fort Worth, with the candlelight program presented by Mid-Cities. Each member was presented a mimosa tree. Flo Kloefer hosted our Christmas get together. The wine tasting party, a warm fireplace, fellowship, and friendship put a spark in the cold December evening.

Delores Quinn opened her home on a cold and snowy evening and presented our group with a program on Japanese flower arranging. Several arrangements were presented plus an example in the basics for a beautiful design. We look forward to the spring and the activities it holds for our group.—SANDRA HALL

SAN ANTONIO—The San Antonio Alumnae are proud to have participated in the formation of a colony on the University of Texas at San Antonio campus. The colony was started in December with four pledges and has increased to the 25 needed for a chapter initiation. A week of informal rush was held on campus, and a formal rush party took place with local alumnae and the colony pledges. Sigma Kappa was the first social sorority registered on campus.

The Christmas season was celebrated by members and spouses at a wine and cheese party given at the home of Mrs. David Ginger, EO. Favorite varieties were brought by each couple and liberal samplings of a delightful array were partaken by all.

Our secret sister program with the Epsilon Omicron chapter at San Marcos University was judged a big success.

Eight alums from the San Antonio chapter journeyed to San Marcos for initiation and a coke party afterwards with their secret sisters. Alums not able to attend sent letters telling about themselves and small tokens of congratulations to their secret sisters.—RAMSAY ROOF MUDGET, *Beta Delta*

VIRGINIA

NORTHERN VIRGINIA—The Northern Virginia Alumnae Chapter brings together Sigma Kappas from the Virginia suburbs of Washington, D.C.—two counties and a number of towns and communities. That this is a very transient area is reflected in our membership rolls. We have a nucleus of long-time members and the addition of short-timers adds variety and fresh thinking to our group.

Meetings are held in members' homes and we try to rotate them among the different areas so no one has a long distance to travel for every meeting. Suburban newspapers are very cooperative about publishing notices of meetings. We always include a phone number and find this our most successful method of reaching other Sigma Kappas.

This has been a good year for us. Spring activities included our annual and always popular potluck luncheon and auction of "Santa's mistakes" at the home of Muriel Shadford Blaser, I. In March we enjoyed a special showing of quilts at the Smithsonian and we toured Hillwood, the fabulous estate of the late Marjorie Merriweather Post, in April. Other meetings were at the home of Margaret Davison, Z, and Phyllis Czyzewski Gron, Θ.

City Panhellenic sponsored a fashion show to raise money for a scholarship and we helped provide dessert. Carolyn Reichard, Ξ, is our faithful delegate.

We are always happy to hear from Sigma Kappas not on our mailing list. Call our president, Betty Akers Michael, ΑΨ, at 273-5819 to learn about our activities.—ELINOR FORSYTH SYLVESTER, *Eta*

WASHINGTON

SEATTLE—A recently published roster of some 200 paid-up alumnae members in need of upward revision before it was off the press testifies to the exciting program being carried on by Seattle Area Alumnae.

The chapter, which has taken pride over the years in the fine contributions of its transfer members, starts the 1978-79 year with all Mu officers: Marion Norman Kerr, elected to a second term as president; Mary Ann Jones Maginnis, vice-president; Margaret Collins Leighton, daughter of National President Ernestine Collins, secretary; Sandee Green, corresponding secretary; and Margaret Mowry, treasurer. Keeping us young, Margaret Leighton and Sandee Green are recent graduates.

A busy year began in early fall with the alums following their tradition of taking over as Pledge Night hostesses. A Saturday salad luncheon at the home of Corporation President Doris Giles McKay, ΑΦ,

brought out an enthusiastic group including employed members.

In December the chapter enjoyed two traditional events, both held at the Mu chapter house—a children's party for young children and grandchildren of alumnae; and an evening open house for friends and families of alums and college members.

A morale builder for collegiates studying for exams was the alums' ice cream treat. At February's election meeting, Ruth Morgan Sceva, M, and her miniature dachshund, Toby, were stars of a most unusual program. Rush discussed the advantages and pleasures of dog obedience, training, and Toby, who recently received his Utility Dog Title, highest award given by the American Kennel Club in the obedience field, demonstrated his skills.

A pair of fund-raisers augmented alumnae coffers in the Spring. The second annual Keen Stuff auction was held at the chapter house, with talented Marolyn Nelson Hawkins as auctioneer and everything from furniture and bric-a-brac to art objects and hand crafts going on the block. Dorothy Allison Siewers presented a review of "The Country Diary of an Edwardian Lady" by Edith Holden at a book review brunch at the home of Mona Martyn Noble.

Ongoing activities through the year have included enthusiastic work in the field of gerontology, with Beulah Pearce, M, recording hours spent by sisters at the Seattle Art Museum, where alumnae serve as hostesses each first Friday of the month on Senior Citizens' Day. Coffee and tea are served to a group averaging well over 100 seniors, who bring sack lunches and enjoy a day of lectures and museum tours. The alumnae are also represented on the board of Tallmadge Hamilton House, a senior citizens' center, where they have been active for more than two decades.—DORIS LINCOLN TREPP, *Mu*

WISCONSIN

MILWAUKEE—We are busily involved in reorganization under the new charter received in the fall of 1977. Area Sigmas are encouraged to contact one of the officers elected at our first business meeting to help us get started. The officers are President Linda Hostetler Dreyer, ΒΣ, 17565 Patricia Lane, Brookfield; Vice-president Eunice Risse Blochowisk, ΓΣ, 3730 S. 69th St., Milwaukee; Secretary Kathy Zarline Christensen, ΓΣ, 6900 Darnell, Greendale; Panhellenic Representative Nancy Morris Skarish, T, 3451 N. 89th St., Milwaukee. Please give one of us a call! We are struggling and need everyone's help.

A Christmas tea was given at the home of Harriet Darrow, Ψ, with the help of Mrs. Karl Ziegenhagen, Ψ, and was attended by many alumnae. It was a chance for most of us to meet each other and enjoy a social afternoon at her lovely home.

In February a business meeting was held at the home of Nancy Skarich to make plans for the future activities of the group. We planned a spring luncheon, an annual event with some Sigmas, and will try to expand it to include more area alumnae. Handmade crafts of the group will be sold at the luncheon as a money raising project to give us a fund to use for mailing and other expenses.

Sigma Kappa alumnae are responsible for planning and organizing the annual Milwaukee Panhellenic Fall Luncheon. The date will be Nov. 7, 1978 at the Columns of Tuckaway, Greendale. Dr. John Howard of Rockford College has accepted our invitation to speak and we certainly look forward to that. This event will be attended by all sorority alumnae in the Milwaukee area and will be a big undertaking for our "fledgling" Sigma alumnae chapter!—NANCY MORRIS SKARICH, *Tau*



At Seattle Area Alumnae's Appreciation Tea, National President Ernestine Duncan Collins, left, and Jessie Pepper Padelford scholarship treasurer Vivian Carpenter Thomas, right, visit with scholarship recipient Julie Bartz.



Seated at the head table at California's "Violets ARE Forever" banquet are (left to right) Betty Merman, Mary Schacht, Linda Berkshire, Paula Chapman, Cheryl White and Winona Averill.

75 Attend California Convo

By DARLENE TYDLASKA

"Violets Are Forever" served as the theme for the Sigma Kappa California Weekend Conference held January 21 and 22 at the El Cortez Hotel in San Diego. More than 75 alumnae, actives and pledges shared their ideas and a great deal of fun at the conference which was hosted by The San Diego North County Alumnae "Gingham Gang."

Activities began early Saturday morning with registration and a get acquainted coffee where participants were kept busy trying to find the "right" Sigma to sign their rosters. Following a lunch break, a series of round tables gave everyone the opportunity to collect and share information on such topics as Alumnae Spirit, Formal Rush, Advisor Effectiveness, Song Exchange, Panhellenic, Officer Training and others.

An afternoon break gave collegiates time to prepare for evening entertainment and everyone a chance to relax and visit a bit before the lovely "Violets Are Forever" banquet. As featured

speaker, Cheryl White, Province Officer, boosted our Sigma Kappa zeal further with her enthusiasm and spirit. Collegiate entertainment ended the banquet on a lively note.

Sunday morning's roundtables included Ritual, Pledge programs, Chapter Traditions, and Informal Rush. The conference closed with the Pearl Brunch at which alumnae talent sparkled as they took their turn providing the entertainment.

Special recognition and thanks should be given to Paula Skillman Chapman, AO, conference chairman who did most of the organization and footwork for the weekend. Supporting her were conference officers: Hallie Herndon Jackson, AO, Registrar; Margaret Lehman, Secretary and Stephanie Stolarz-Fantino, AO, Sergeant-at-Arms; who kept things running smoothly. San Diego North County Alumnae members served on conference committees and acted as hostesses throughout the weekend to make the conference a success.



California Conference officers were (standing, left to right) Paula Skillman Chapman, chairman, and Stephanie Stolarz-Fantino, Sergeant-at-arms. (Seated, left to right) Margaret Lehman, secretary and Hallie Herndon Jackson, Registrar.



Collegiates getting acquainted are (left to right) Diane Cincotta, BΨ, Lisa Walker, ZH, Heidi McNalley, ZH, Carey Nerad, AO, and Charlotte Sprague, ZH.

There's a 'Greek Revival' on Sorority Row

The Tudor and Georgian mansions, virtually empty during the fraternal system's low profile in the dissident sixties, are again filling to capacity. In fact, there's a rush on.

Increasing numbers of young women are pledging themselves to organizational lifestyles—a sign that social sororities are on the upswing.

Barometers of this drift on college campuses are three Indianapolis women, national presidents of sororities—Mrs. Harry J. Henry, Phi Mu; Mrs. George W. Skinner, Alpha Gamma Delta, and Mrs. H. Richard Unkel, Alpha Xi Delta.

"The reactionaries certainly had an effect," observes Mrs. Unkel. "But I don't think that sororities were at as low an ebb as the public believed. My latest figures show there is a nine and one-half per cent increase in coeds pledging women's groups this year."

Why the renewed interest in sororities?

"There's a change in attitude," Mrs. Unkel continues. "Young women are seeing the values of heritage, are clinging to some things of value. The fraternal system has survived for these 200 years."

The three national presidents agree that sororities have kept pace with the times without relaxing the standards of good conduct they hold dear. Individual chapters are in step with guidelines set by the administration on campuses where they are housed.

"Schools have become more liberal," Mrs. Skinner notes. "We have followed suit to a degree."

Mrs. Unkel continues that while "personally old-fashioned, I try to go along with the times. One of my concerns is the conduct of our young women. Good manners never go out of fashion."

In recent years, sorority members have shifted their service from personal servitude for members to outreach into the community.

The presidents three, who collectively head up several hundred thousand women, maintain a member can retain her individuality—a criticism from radicals in the sixties—within the Greek link.

What's on the mind of a prospective pledge?

She inquires about scholarship, asks about study hours, according to the head of Alpha Gamma Delta.

Today's student asks what a sorority can do for her. "We're working toward achieving a balance between personal satisfaction, development, service to others, leadership, and a sense of needing to have leadership," Mrs. Unkel mentions. "The old idea of the thirties and forties that we are just social, we've tried to dispel."

The national president of Phi Mu, based at Atlanta, Ga., sees an increasing number of questions concerning hazing. "When it's discovered, we put an end to it," Mrs. Henry asserts.

A great concern of Mrs. Henry's and of most national sorority presidents is a ruling by the board of trustees of the state universities of New York. She explains, "Last November they opened up state schools to sororities after a 23-year ban. However, they specified there would be no discrimination of selecting candidates for membership, including no discrimination of sex."

The presidents are enjoying the new experience of having university officials seeking their sororities coming onto campuses rather than the Greeks having to do the solicitation.—Interfraternity Research and Advisory Council Bulletin, January, 1978.

Sigmas . . . Here and There

. . . Carol "Candy" Cutler Riddick, Ω, hopes to complete her PhD this year at Penn State "following up on an interest I've had since a teenager (which was added to during our chapter's gerontology projects). I'm doing research on the adjustment of involuntary retirees." A full-time member of the faculty, Candy recently received a reappointment for another three years as a health specialist, due to a proposal she co-authored and for

which a \$250,000 W. K. Kellogg Foundation grant will enable her to serve as project director. Her husband, Howard, is completing his doctorate in human nutrition. The Riddicks live at 1268 S. Garner St., State College, PA 16801.

. . . Mary Ruf Swan, Θ, was featured in the *Cape Cod Times* for her volunteer work with Meals on Wheels.

. . . Peggy Mill Coldwell, BZ, is now with a Hartford, Connecticut brokerage firm.

. . . Marion Gilde, O, has been named manager of the Hartford, CT branch of the Hartford Steam Boiler and Inspection Insurance Company—the first woman in the company's history.

. . . Anita M. Barta, ΔB, has received a Doctor of Philosophy degree in therapeutic recreation from the University of Utah. Since graduating from Utah, Dr. Barta has been a member of the faculty at the University of Wisconsin-LaCrosse, where she is involved in the therapeutic recreation program.



Barbara Fenters, National Collegiate vice-president, Carol Sneary, Orange County Alumnae chapter philanthropy chairman, and Linda Berkshire, Alumnae District Chairman read a letter of thanks from the Orange County Department of Social Services for the chapter's activities which merited the Anderson Alumnae Award for 1977.

Meritorious Service

The Orange County California Alumnae chapter has been named recipient of the Anderson Award for outstanding gerontology programs for 1977.

Lynda Herndon Hyman, ΓK, writes, "Our on-going gerontology project has been to provide aid to meet the many needs of the elderly of Orange County for which no provisions are made in the Supplemental Security Insurance program on which these seniors depend for financial support."

An annual Christmas boutique sale raises money for this special project.

During the past year the philanthropy has provided car repairs, tires for cars needed for medical transportation, plumbing repairs, refrigerators and refrigerator repairs, oven repairs, deposits on apartments when the tenants had to move to escape escalating rents, beds and bedding, rent money for an elderly man whose wallet was stolen while he was being x-rayed at a large hospital, money for an elderly widow to get her piano and music out of a storage facility where she had had to place them when she was forced to move to a less expensive apartment (music has been her "life" and this meant so much to her), and money for a large ham for a Christmas dinner for a group of seniors who had no families to share a holiday meal with.

In expressing thanks to the chapter, the Orange County Department of Social Services director said, "Without your help many of the needs of these senior citizens would have gone unmet and life in what should be their 'golden years' would have been more difficult for all the many people Sigma Kappa has helped this year."

VALUES AND IDEALS

By BETTY WOOD, Director of Philanthropy

While watching a movie on television one evening, I realized how important it is for us to publicize Sigma Kappa and its values. The movie, "Initiation of Sarah," showed the mistaken ideas that many people have of sorority life. It depicted sororities as absurd groups of infantile, cruel, vindictive, self-centered girls who were required to degrade themselves in public to prove their loyalty and who had very little real feeling for anyone. The approach of the movie was completely negativistic as are the plots of many books and movies written about sorority life.

We must work to help let the uninformed public know about the values, activities, and leadership potential of today's sorority women. By tradition, Sigma Kappa places great emphasis on sisterhood, leadership, scholarship, social behavior, and service. These are the aspects of sorority life that should be shown to the public. We must help present sororities as a positive and active entity in today's world.

Although we can learn to present ourselves in a more outgoing fashion in many areas of fraternal life, we have one area of endeavor which is prime for helping the public and therefore an excellent opportunity for attaining positive recognition for sororities in general. That area is SERVICE. Our National Philanthropies include working for the Maine Sea Coast Mission, the American Farm School in Greece, and gerontological activities of many kinds. In addition, our chapters across the country do many other projects giving service to the nearby citizenry.

Remember that our major goal is the service that we are giving, but that general recognition of the work is important. Let newspapers know what you are doing or have done. Sometimes the publicity will give you new help for your projects from dormant Sigmas. Positive publicity which shows that we promote values will improve the reputations of sororities in general. Our future lies in our projection as a group which holds the keys for helping to develop better women for today and tomorrow.

Seek positive recognition by your community for the services to that community made possible by Sigma Kappa, its values and ideals.

Betty Wood
Director of Philanthropy

DEATHS

Nellie Winslow Rideout, A
Ruth Wood Batchelder, E, December, 1977
Florence Whitfield Williams, E, January 5, 1978
Dorothy M. Armington, Θ, January 31, 1978
Frances Hursh, Θ
Julia Johnson Hunt McGillivray, Θ, January 9, 1978
Thelma Strock Hastings, I, January 6, 1978
Marion Roth Low, I, July, 1976
Mary Rich Montgomery, I, May 24, 1977
Pauline Dawson Ritcher, I, 1977
Susan Belle Rector Rutherford, I, January, 1977
Josephine Mary Bulkeley, M
Gail Austin Grant, M

Adelaide Moody Hayes, M
Jeannie Hegebert Hedwall, M, January 12, 1978
Betty D. Smith King, M
Elizabeth Carey Mayer, M
Dorothy Hess McKillop, M
Ruth Moody, M
Marguerite Gordon Ray, M, September, 1971
Elizabeth M. Tolhuast, M
Jeanette Twyman, M
Edythe Draper Wilson, M, November 27, 1977
Martha Daniels, Ξ, March 3, 1978
Lois Lines Lawrence, Ξ, August, 1977
Elsie Headlee Sargent, O, November 14, 1976
Gay Johnson Allen, P
Gladys Rowland Hughes, P
Hazel Kinser Miller, P

Wilmoth Dinning Reese, P
Elizabeth Foss Shipman, P, January 22, 1978
Edith Fulmer Williams, P
Amy Ellenwood Gilchrist, AΓ
Marguerite Juanita Lamp, AΓ
Martha Turner Landers, AΓ
Bette Margaret Roberts, AΓ
Georgiana Zipp Hilaire, AΛ, February 11, 1978
Ruth Brookshier Warner, ΓA, January 6, 1978
Louise Belsey Blake, ET, September 19, 1977

SYMPATHY IS EXTENDED TO—
Terri Jo Campo, EΓ, on the death of her father, Henry Andrew Campo, Sr., on September 30, 1977.

Lynryd Skynyrd Singer Leaves Legacy of Love

"Cassie's interest was to bring joy and to enjoy. She was a lover of life, a unique spirit."

Such was said of Cassie Gaines, BΞ, a member of the Lynryd Skynyrd rock group, who was killed on October 21, 1977, when the chartered plane in which she was travelling crashed near Gillsburg, Mississippi. Cassie was a vocalist with the group having joined in 1974 when her brother, Steve Gaines was a member. Steve was also killed in the crash. The group was known for such songs as "Sweet Home Alabama," "Saturday Night Special," and "Free Bird."

Cassie was from Miami, Oklahoma and went to school at Memphis State University where she graduated in 1970 with a double major in Education and Physical Education. In 1970 she was chosen most outstanding P.E. senior major at Memphis State. In 1970 she played in the school's production of "Hair" and in "Dude." She served as president of Beta Xi in 1969-70. Cassie did bring so much to Sigma Kappa—joy, laughter, a love for others and for life. May each of us remember her for that.

JUDY CAMPBELL HOGUE, GAMMA XI

By CAROL CARNEY ROSS, Beta Xi

In the fall of 1967 when Cassie and I pledged Sigma Kappa, I was a freshman

and Cassie was a junior. I remember that to those who tended to lean to the conservative side of the fence (of which I was one), Cassie looked the perfect part of the beginning "hippie" movement. When she wasn't dressed up, she wore jeans a lot and was always a little on the sloppy side—sort of "kinky" even. I can see her now, loud printed mini skirt, leather boots and short swede jacket, hair ratted out to here, lots of make-up and dark red lips that were constantly talking. I wondered at the time just what the future held for Cassie and Sigma Kappa.

As time went on, Cassie kept up her grades which had impressed the actives—seems like she had a 4.0 average when she became a pledge. Anyway, Cassie grew on people. It was obvious that she was highly self-motivated; and she, in turn, became the motivator of the sorority. She was a regular cheerleader at heart, always going around pumping up enthusiasm and spirit. And sing, could this girl sing and play the guitar. Her talent was evidenced by the fact that she gained a major role in the large school production of "Hair." A PE major, she was always involved in sports—volleyball, softball, basketball—nothing seemed to drain her energy. A real live wire, she wanted to know, "What's next?"

By the time her senior year had arrived, she had made so many friends and gained the respect of so many, that she was

elected president of the sorority. She wanted to do everything, she wanted to do all of it, and she wanted to do all of everything right. She constantly urged the sorority to the top in her throaty voice. She wanted SK to be the best, and she personally took on the responsibility of trying to get it there. This was a time when college sororities were failing on the campuses, losing numbers due to the growing dissatisfaction with the times, Viet Nam and the establishment. Even though Cassie looked the part of the dissenting group, she saw the benefits of sisterhood and was totally committed to Sigma Kappa.

She always had a group crowded around her and she certainly kept them entertained, telling jokes and keeping up a steady stream of talk. That's what she was—an entertainer. I didn't know Cassie as well as some did, my life was not physically affected by her comings and goings, but my emotions were. She taught me tolerance—a thing most important in today's or any day's society—tolerance of those who don't dress like we do, but who have many, many fine qualities and who can make life a pleasure to live. I know one thing, she was truly alive. She knew life, she lived it to its fullest and it was obvious that she loved it. Cassie was well-rounded, a credit to the sorority, and I know I shall think of her on occasion for a long time to come.



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