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Sidelines

The pages immediately following will give you a streamlined account of our recent Convocation. Naturally the great majority of our members could not attend, but they will surely wish to know what was done at that important meeting. Those who were there will no doubt be glad to read anything that can help them live over again in memory the pleasant days at Asheville. . . . Much respected and admired was Joe Clark’s statement of “Goals for Achievement” in his report as Chairman of the Scholarship Commission, . . .

This time our new Grand Third Counselor, Ellis Barker, tells us about the State of Utah, which next year will celebrate the centennial of its pioneers, while Sigma Pi marks the attainment of just half that age. . . . We point with pride to various brothers who at the moment are “In the News.”

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Officers and Delegates on the steps at Grove Park Inn
WHAT HAPPENED AT ASHEVILLE

A Summary of the Convocation

The eighteenth Convocation was called to order by Grand Sage J. B. Hillegass at 9:26 A.M., Thursday, September 4, at Grove Park Inn, Asheville, North Carolina. Invocation was given by Past Grand Sage M. Atlee Ermold. We present here a few brief excerpts of significant passages from some of the Grand Officers' reports.

From the Report of the Grand Sage, J. B. Hillegass:

As Grand Sage of the Fraternity and on behalf of the Grand Chapter and the Southern Chapters and Alumni Clubs, I welcome all of you to the 1946 and Eighteenth Convocation of the Sigma Pi Fraternity of the United States. I hope you will gather both intellectual and spiritual interest and enjoyment at this first post World War II Convocation; and that you will intermingle pleasure in full measure with the intellectual food during your stay here in Asheville, North Carolina. Serious consideration by everyone present of all the problems that arise during our stay here will amply satisfy me, especially if the general membership joins whole-heartedly in our deliberations. Please render us your interest, vigor, and devotion so that Sigma Pi may be invigorated in response to your stimuli. My primary wish is that the delegates may take back to their respective Chapters a renewed spirit, vigor, and enthusiasm, and I sincerely hope that you respond to the stimuli that all of us may inject into our proceedings.

In my last report of 1940 at the Seventeenth Convocation, I attempted a short review of the period between 1938 and 1940. I told you that I first came to national officership in 1928 and to the office of the Grand Sage in 1938, a decade that was probably at that time considered one of the most momentous in the economic history of the world. From 1938 to date, we have been through nearly a decade that surely was one of the most momentous in terms of war that the world has ever seen. It has caused also a tremendous change in the economic history of the world throughout this period. Your officers, some of whom have served in the Armed Forces and many of whom have served as civilians, have managed to survive and have brought with them the survival of the Fraternity itself. I shall repeat what I said in 1940: "like some of the crustaceans, we have lost an occasional limb, but each year when we shed the previous year's shell of fear of what the depression would do (and now fear what the world will do), we have emerged sound in body and limb in order that we might carry on in our respective collegiate locales."

In January, 1939, our EMERALD listed 26 Chapters and 13 Alumni Clubs, and I am sure that as of September 1, 1946, we are equally as strong if not considerably stronger. However, unity of our corporate body by its very survival has been strengthened by the uncharted seas over which it has sailed during this trying period.

Six years ago, the very existence of Fraternities was being challenged by the public and also by some college administrators and deans, but now the war has shown the government, the college presidents and deans, and the public, the necessity and worthwhileness of the fraternal system.

Economically we have had to pull in our necks, because when the active memberships were depleted in our chapters, funds for the activities of the fraternities were greatly reduced, and we accordingly
eliminated some of our activities, and drew our belts somewhat tighter in order to carry on with a sound financial policy. Now that the chapters are being reactivated by returning veterans and new initiatives, we shall have to arrange again for a traveling representative to call regularly on all the chapters. This was eliminated during the war period.

Since we last met, the revised ritual has been distributed, and the Sigma Pi Manual has been revised and is now being reprinted; and of course printed copies of the 1940 Convocation Minutes were distributed. We have passed Executive Council Orders #145-162 inclusive and Foundation Board of Directors Orders #22-31 inclusive. We have attempted to maintain scholarship on its highest level and ever strive to improve it. We have attempted to give more and more extracurricular inspiration and training to the member chapters, believing that that which we supply as a teaching in social living is not given by the colleges and universities.

When I became Archon in 1928, Sigma Pi was a good, small, and intense Fraternity. It is still small in number of chapters, but it is more intense, more prolific, and more of a leader in the Fraternity world than it was then. In 1938 when I came to the office of Grand Sage, our members in the normal cycle of events were desirous of increasing its size, believing that size gives importance to a Fraternity, just as many college boys are wrongly constrained to believe that the importance of a man is dependent upon the size of his pocket book.

Years ago, Sigma Pi expanded only geographically, and I can remember in my collegiate days that when a chapter was suggested for a college, not so far from my alma mater, both my chapter and another adjoining chapter said, “Never, the college is not good enough,” just because it was an arch rival of our college. We do not need expansion to be the leader that we are. Our importance will never be inflated by size, and I feel that our growth should continue slowly, soundly, and surely for the benefit of Sigma Pi now, and in the future.

By the standard of selection that Sigma Pi Chapters use, the Fraternity develops, and if I am not mistaken Sigma Pi has developed everywhere as a leader in the field of Fraternal organizations; therefore our standards must be high and our selection excellent.

I am supposed to review in this report what has occurred since our last Convocation. From the standpoint of correspondence I have three folders, each about six inches in depth, the contents of which, even though given in the form of a résumé, would bore you to tears, and I am going to leave that portion of my report in the hands of the Executive Secretary, whose report, as a matter of necessity, must be a detailed one covering almost everything that has happened in these six years. You have received his reports for each successive year, a review of them will show the course of events as they occurred, and his latest report will bring them up to date.

During the last three years I have had the privilege of serving on the Executive Committee of the National Interfraternity Council, having first been elected a member for a year and then having advanced in being elected Treasurer, in which capacity I am still serving.

Our future is not obscured by the light of world events and I think that a continuation of our present policies, keeping in mind the fact that a sound economic background is essential to our development, is the road to a bigger, better, and sounder Sigma Pi.

For a while almost the whole world was under the pressure of economic turmoil, and as a consequence there arose the doctrines of Communism, Socialism, Fascism, Falangism, and in addition labor as a political party reared its head under the guise of one or the other of the aforementioned -isms, or in the form of State Socialism. We, here in the United States, under the economic pressure that existed from 1931 to 1939, started a centralization of governmental power that brought with it a bureaucracy that could create laws and provide penalties for the violation thereof without the representatives
of the people having anything to say about them. This was continued cumulatively throughout the war, and sooner or later we must reap the whirlwind. Some of the people's representatives are trying to reverse the trend, minimize bureaucracy, and take this country back to its representative form of government. That is a good thing to do. While the battle between those of our representatives who believe in decentralization and the bureaucrats who believe in the centralization of power is going on, we as a fraternal organization must carry on in our colleges, both educationally and socially without formal representation. The individuals who make up the brotherhood must exercise that representation as individuals for the maintenance and betterment of the organization.

If our country could allow the water of inflation to be squeezed out of our economy so that we can get back our representative form of government, we can show the other nations of the world that a democracy will work. Then only shall we have international peace and stability and a nation in which we can fairly well forecast our future. This could only be done by teaching the undergraduate how to live democratically with his fellowmen as a part of a social group. He gets his first lessons in his family circle, he gets his next lessons during the most formative period of his life—in the fraternity circle; and he gets his final lessons in the school of hard knocks. Let the first two lessons be inadequate, and the last may make of him an -ist of some kind or other and usually one that is un-American. It has been said that bankruptcy of anyone will make him some kind of -ist but that is only where the first two steps in his training for living have been inadequate. Let us rededicate ourselves to the learning, the training, and the teaching of those American principles of living which had their inception in the Constitution of the United States, for the maintenance of equality of opportunity as it is to be found in America under its representative form of government.

For the future I propose a continuing course looking toward a greater spiritual and intellectual development so that we may continue our leadership in the fraternal field.

In closing, I want to thank all of those who have served with me and for Sigma Pi, for their cooperation and assistance in carrying on the work of the Fraternity through the last six years in the face of their arduous duties, either as civilians or as members of the Armed Forces, and I especially want to emphasize my appreciation for the work done by our Executive Secretary, Harold Jacobsen, during the time when we had no traveling secretary, and upon whom fell practically the entire burden of carrying out Sigma Pi's aims and objects under the supervision and executive direction of the Grand Chapter.

I bring my term in office to a close with the honor and privilege of being the Chairman of this present Convocation, and I want to express my personal appreciation and thanks to the organization for giving me the opportunity of gaining the intellectual and spiritual experiences that I have had during the last eighteen years in fraternity work. I shall depart from this office with all good wishes to my successor and a fervent prayer that Sigma Pi may continue doing its bit for the young men whom in some measure it may have the privilege of serving as the years go by.

From the Report of Chairman of Sigma Pi Foundation, Becher W. Hungerford:

The real purpose of the Foundation, as I see it, is to establish an endowment fund to be used to supply sufficient income to pay for The Emerald and to defray the expenses of the Executive Office. May I remind you that the Foundation at present falls very far short of its objective. But as the years go on and as the fund increases, it is evident that the Foundation will reach its goal. During the war years, in spite of inactive chapters, lack of membership, and almost insurmountable obstacles, the Foundation has grown. In 1940 the total paid into the endowment was $55,250.50. As of June 1, 1946 it was $80,579.50.
One of the first acts taken by the Board of Directors during the last six years was to freeze all loans. With decreased income it was deemed inadvisable to make new loans. It was felt that during the war chapters would be unable to meet their interest and principal payments and that it would be better to conserve the principal of the Foundation during such uncertain times. May I hasten to add that by and large the chapters through renting their houses were able to keep up their payments in whole or in part, so that the over-all picture was not so bad as expected.

Another significant act taken by the Foundation during the past six years was the advancement of funds by the Foundation to the Grand Chapter in order to take it over the war period. Thus, the Foundation played a highly important role in keeping the Fraternity in a going and solvent condition during the most critical years of its existence.

We also appropriated or earmarked the sum of $5,000 for special small loans to assist in reviving and revitalizing chapters during the postwar period without the necessity of going through the usual procedure for obtaining loans.

Now that the war is over, we must look to the future and to the expansion of both the Fraternity and the Foundation. The next Chairman will be a busy man, because I anticipate numerous calls for assistance. Some of the requests are for refinancing, and others look to the building or purchase of new homes.

It is well, however, for the chapters to consider whether or not their applications will meet the required standards set up by the Foundation. More particularly, the chapters ought to understand why the standards are as high as they seem to be. In this connection we must remember that the Foundation is a charitable corporation deriving its funds from contributions of the members of the Fraternity, and it is incumbent on the Foundation to produce income for the benefit of the Fraternity. Income is produced only from the Foundation’s investments. It is the duty of the Board of Directors to see that the money are properly invested. The kind of investments which the Foundation is authorized to make are, of course, varied, but a large part of them consist of second mortgages. Now a trustee, and in a sense the Board of Directors are trustees, would never invest in a second mortgage, for second mortgages are considered junior liens and are the most precarious sort of investments; yet in order to be of the most service to the chapters the Foundation must make such investments. My training as a lawyer makes me shudder when I think that most of our investments are in this sort of security, and I hope the time will come when the Foundation will be large enough and strong enough to be able to finance all of its houses with first mortgages.

By reason of their insecurity second mortgages have always demanded a higher rate of interest than other investments. Granted that the rates on first mortgages are lower today than they have ever been before, that does not hold true with second mortgages. Perhaps the Foundation could cut the rate on first mortgages, but I recommend that our interest rate on second mortgages remains the same as heretofore.

I further recommend that the policy of the Foundation continue to be substantially the same as in the past, namely, that it be as generous as possible within the standards established by the Board, but following the standards strictly. After all, it is your money, and the Fraternity does not want to lose it for you.

Lastly I believe that we are entering an era of great expansion in the college fraternity system. I should like to see each chapter press Foundation subscriptions to the utmost. I should like to see all Foundation subscribers now on the books make an effort to pay up their subscriptions. The stronger the Foundation, the more impregnable Sigma Pi.

From the Report of the Executive Secretary, Harold Jacobsen:

There is no need to burden the Convocation with numerous statistics or any detail review of the last six years. Regu
larly I have submitted to the Executive Council and sent to chapters and all interested officers a detail report covering each fiscal year. They and the progressive reports and information in The Emerald constitute a full record of both the Grand Chapter and the Fraternity since our last Convocation.

Six years ago fraternities had recovered from a great period of economic depression and were facing the future with much optimism and hope, only to be interrupted and set back by a second World War. In 1917 and 1918 fraternities suffered: but not nearly so much as they did in World War II. On the other hand the Greek-letter societies seem to be recovering much better and more rapidly than they did after the last war. The recovery of Sigma Pi and its chapters has exceeded expectations.

The war years taxed all fraternity leaders, and they had to cope with and at least temporarily solve unprecedented problems. I think Sigma Pi has been fortunate in its leadership, and I mean leadership both among undergraduate and alumni members in the active chapters and in the Grand Chapter. The invariable work performed by chapter alumni in maintaining an organization or in taking charge of the affairs of a chapter may not be fully appreciated. Neither may the work of your national officers be fully appreciated by some in the Fraternity. I personally think they have all done an exceedingly fine job, considering conditions and the times. Therefore, it would be most fitting for this Convocation to pay tribute and give full recognition to the services rendered to Sigma Pi by Grand Officers, certain Archons, Chapter Advisers, Alumni Comptrollers, and alumni officers who did so much for the particular chapters. It is only right that we recognize and express appreciation to the men who have served Sigma Pi and its chapters so well during a very critical period.

EXECUTIVE COUNCIL MEETINGS

The 1942 Convocation had to be cancelled because of war restrictions and effects of the war on the active chapters. Instead of that convention, the national officers met in New York City on November 25 and 26, 1942, for the purpose of determining ways and means to cope with conditions arising from the war emergency. The results of that meeting were published in a special 18-page booklet, and included instructions and information for the guidance of chapters and alumni officers throughout the war. Highlights of the meeting were: a ceiling placed on the Grand Chapter budget; active member dues established on a monthly basis; provisions made and instructions issued for liquidation of members' indebtedness to chapters and chapters' indebtedness to the national; membership restrictions and regulations temporarily suspended in order that the chapters might better maintain a nucleus organization on every campus; outline of the procedure for a chapter to assume dormant status; and an appeal to all members to cooperate and assist in maintaining the Sigma Pi organization, consistent with the country's "all-out war effort."

During subsequent years of the war the officers who were delegates to the annual meetings of the N.I.C. would meet together informally to discuss and consider Sigma Pi business. Following the cessation of hostilities the Executive Council met at Columbus, Ohio, on September 29, 30, and October 1, 1945, to make postwar plans for the reactivation of dormant chapters and reorganization of all Fraternity activities. The many decisions and policies of far-reaching importance which were made at that epochal meeting were incorporated in Executive Council Order No. 191 and Foundation Board of Directors Order No. 31.

MEMBERSHIP

Initiates

Strangely enough, the war did not immediately cause a decrease in the number of new members. Actually there was an increase through 1942-43 when a record number of members were initiated per active chapter, namely 14.8. There was a big drop the following year and then two
years ago there began an increase in the number of new members.

**Pledges**

Three years ago the chapters initiated only a little more than one out of every two men pledged. Two years ago they initiated about three out of every four men pledged, or 75.8 per cent. Last year 65.2 per cent of the pledges were initiated. These figures show, as in previous years, that much more attention should be given and effort expended to make a larger number of pledges qualify for full membership. It means that greater care should be taken in the selection of pledges, because there is no use in spending both effort and money to pledge 100 men if only 50 or 60 are initiated. We should strive for not only selective rushing but also more thorough training of pledges with particular scrutiny of and assistance to pledges on their studies.

Half of the chapters were dormant by the end of 1943-44. Only Eta, Theta, Kappa, Lambda, Nu, Omicron, Rho, Phi, Alpha-Iota, Alpha-Mu, and Alpha-Nu were able to maintain a good or reasonable campus nucleus throughout the entire war period.

There were in all sixteen chapters which were totally or partially dormant during part or most of the war years. Soon after the capitulation of Germany the activation of chapters began. By the fall of 1945, after the surrender of Japan and return of many veterans to the campuses, the chapters were quickly reorganized. Among the first were Beta, Upsilon, Alpha-Theta, and Alpha-Lambda. Alpha-Zeta was reorganized solely by the efforts of faculty members who selected a group of five new students, all ex-servicemen. Within six months they had an active membership of twelve men and seven pledges. Pi, Mu, Alpha-Eta, Alpha-Delta, and Gamma were all reestablished during the five-week period ending April 8, 1946. Before the end of the academic year both Zeta and Psi were able to organize and initiate some men, while Alpha-Kappa alumni were pushing a program for revival of the L.S.U. Chapter. Thus, within one year after the end of the war only two chapters, Sigma and Omega, had not been reactivated or definite plans in progress for their reestablishment. Even though no undergraduate members of Sigma or Omega may return to the campus, it is almost certain they will be revived because both the chapters have assets that will provide the necessary financial foundation for reestablishing.

Any chapter with a considerable old debt to the Grand Chapter is under a handicap, and although I realize the unfairness to those chapters which have always paid in full, I believe that this Convocation should now recognize the unsoundness of having a large old amount due the Grand Chapter, and the representatives here be broad-minded enough to provide for or authorize the Executive Council to take such special measures or allow such discounts as it thinks advisable, in order to liquidate what are chapter liabilities but assets to the Grand Chapter. I don’t think that any chapter with an old balance due the national would bring this question up on the floor of the Convocation, but I do so in the belief that the liquidation of these debts—even at a considerable discount in some instances—would make both our chapters and the national organization financially stronger; and the stronger we are individually and collectively, the better we can attain our goals and promote the fundamental objectives of Sigma Pi.

**Budget**

Certainly everybody realizes that there has been inflation, that the dollar today doesn’t purchase so much as it did 6 or 10 years ago, and that the cost of commodities and services, including employable help of all kinds, has increased. I don’t believe the experts and statisticians are themselves agreed as to the percentage of increase in all lines. The active chapters today are paying more for food, help, and miscellaneous utilities than they did years ago, and have had to make a corresponding increase in the monthly charges for dues, room, and board. In the last few years our office-rent has increased about
33 per cent, but is still considered very reasonable for the space and services included. The cost of printing, supplies, equipment, and everything else has gone up. We have had about 25 per cent increase in the basic cost of printing The Emerald. We have to pay as much today for a new stenographer or clerk as we did in former years for an experienced girl after five or more years on the job. That is not only necessary but fair in accordance with the increased wage-scales and the higher cost of living. Although costs and expenses have gone up, the Grand Chapter has not increased dues or assessments, and they have remained practically constant during the past 20 years. That probably is one of the fundamental reasons why the Grand Chapter has been experiencing years of operating deficits.

The Fraternity is not like the federal government which can, but in my opinion should not, continuously borrow and increase its indebtedness, but is like any business which must keep out of the red or eventually cease to function. We must face the issue of Grand Chapter operating deficits, and even though the prospects are ahead for several very good years, take such steps as might be necessary to guarantee that amount of income required to balance the budget and at the same time maintain the services and the organization which we want Sigma Pi to have.

Although reduced in size from the standpoint of pages, The Emerald was published without interruption, thus completing 32 consecutive years. King Wilkin, who had served as Editor from July, 1929, was forced to resign with the August 1944 issue. He served longer than anyone else as editor and served Sigma Pi well. After I edited the next five issues, the Executive Council was fortunate in obtaining as Editor Louis Foley, whose work many members are familiar with, and I believe all will agree that in him we have a very capable and proficient editor.

The Grand Chapter and the Foundation are two separate corporations, but if we consider them together, the financial strength of the Fraternity has shown a substantial improvement. The number of fully paid subscriptions increased more than 100 per cent, since we last met. The total outstanding in loans shows a net decrease, while the cash or quickly convertible assets of the endowment shows a substantial improvement.

During the two years 1944 and 1945 Foundation subscribers were offered the opportunity to pay installments or complete subscriptions at a 25 per cent discount. This may or may not have been an important factor in the growth of the endowment fund, but I believe that the war made many members realize the value and true meaning of the Fraternity, and they made a greater effort both to support it and to guarantee its future. All receipts from discounted installment payments were invested in U. S. War Bonds, and the income from those bonds will revert to principal until such time as the full amount of the discounts is liquidated, so that actually the Foundation will receive and have the full principal value of every subscription on which a discount was allowed. It may be of interest to note that the value of War Bonds held by the Foundation is $15,398.50, while those held by the Grand Chapter have a value of $732.00.

There is need for a better and fuller understanding of both the purpose and the limitations of the Sigma Pi Foundation. Many members do not appreciate that the Fraternity has a definite obligation to every paid-up Foundation subscriber. They think that a chapter should be entitled to a loan just for the asking, or that the interest rates are too high. Our fund is not limitless, and in order to protect it and insure a reasonable distribution of financial aid to chapters, it is necessary that certain minimum requirements be met by a chapter before it can obtain a loan. The Federal government does not guarantee Foundation loans; if it did, perhaps the Foundation Board of Directors could very well be more liberal. It is necessary for the members and chapters of the Fraternity to see to it that the Foundation is administered in accordance with the By-Laws, and I am

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sure no member or chapter would want the Board of Directors to do otherwise.

Comparative chapter scholarship ratings were not compiled during the war, and the Clegg Scholarship Trophy has not been awarded since the year 1941-42 when Omega was the winner. Awarding of the scholarship trophy will be resumed beginning with the year 1946-47.

Shortly after the close of the school year 1942-43, Frank T. Nickels went into war work following a leave of absence. It was expected that Nick would return as Traveling Secretary after the war, but a month ago he decided to stay with the Western Electric Company and accordingly resigned. We now have a vacancy and very important job to fill. It is most desirable that if at all possible a full-time visiting officer be placed in the field this fall. I don’t think I have to discuss the need for a full-time Traveling Secretary, because the national officers and all chapters realize the importance of this position and its value to the individual chapters and Sigma Pi as a whole. We shall all miss Nick. He was a capable, enthusiastic, and conscientious secretary, well liked by all who knew or worked with him. We wish him every success in the industrial world.

Sigma Pi and its members made a real contribution to the war effort. Both the national organization and some chapters purchased War Bonds; more than 2,000 members were in uniform, almost half of whom were commissioned officers; and our records show that ninety (90) paid the supreme sacrifice. I think this Convocation should pay tribute to the brothers of Sigma Pi’s Service and Honor Roll.

We should have on the national service record the name of every brother who was in uniform. I know that some chapters, particularly those which were dormant, have experienced considerable difficulty in compiling a complete chapter service list. To insure getting a complete record for the archives, perhaps provisions should be made for the Grand Chapter to print and mail postage-paid cards requesting service data. At the same time such a mailing to all members would obtain new or correct addresses for the mailing list which suffered greatly during the war.

Two officers are not expected to be here: GSC Walter H. Lemmond and Acting GSC Herman S. Sidener. I understand it is the desire of both these brothers to retire from national Fraternity work. Herm Sidener was called back during the war, and there are few who have contributed more in years and constructive work than has he. In these men Sigma Pi loses two great national leaders, but we know they will continue an active interest in the Fraternity.

Again I express my appreciation for the cooperation received from all officers and members of Sigma Pi, particularly Brothers Hillegass and Hungerford with whom I naturally must have the closest contacts. We have a good Fraternity, a sound Fraternity, an organization with great future prospects. What we do with it depends upon the members and leaders of today as well as those who will follow in our footsteps. I know we all wish Sigma Pi continued growth, prosperity, and success.

On behalf of Brother S. Ben Helm of Alpha chapter the Executive Secretary presented a gavel which was made by J. A. Landon, “the gavel king,” of Springfield, Illinois, from black walnut taken during the course of repairs from the historic State House or Capitol building in Springfield where Abraham Lincoln argued cases at law and delivered famous speeches. The gavel was presented in memory of old Alpha chapter.

It was unanimously voted that the Fraternity hold a special 1947 anniversary convocation, at which business would be conducted and committees report, with voting of a regular convocation as well as commemorating the fiftieth anniversary of the Fraternity, but that election of officers and the regular business of biennial convocations would naturally be deferred until 1948. Time and place are to be decided by the Executive Council.

The incoming Grand Sage was authorized and directed to appoint a committee to study old debts of chapters to the Grand Chapter, and to recommend
appropriate action in the various cases in order that all chapter debts for old dues, assessments, etc., may be liquidated on a satisfactory and equitable basis.

The new officers elected by unanimous ballot were:

GS—Becher W. Hungerford, A-B '24, 209 S. LaSalle St., Chicago 4, Ill.
GSC—William A. Smith, II '19, 609 Mitchell St., Ithaca, N.Y.
GTC—Ellis W. Barker, II '21, 264 S. 10 East, Salt Lake City, Utah.
GH—Frank C. Abbott, M '42, Office of the Provost, Cornell University, Ithaca, N.Y.
PGS—J. B. Hillegass, N '20, Norristown-Penn Trust Bldg., Norristown, Pa.
Appointments (made later by Grand Sage Hungerford):
Foundation Chairman—Richard G. Lowe, Θ '25, 120 W. 4th St., Williamstown, Pa.
Emerald Editor—Louis Foley, E '15, Ecole Champlain, Ferrisburg, Vt.
Executive Secretary—Harold Jacobsen, A '24, Box 222, Elizabeth, N.J.
Scholarship Chairman—Dr. Joseph D. Clark, P, 15 Furchee St., Raleigh, N.C.
Expansion Chairman—Frank E. Gray, Y, c/o Premier Metals Corp., P.O. Box 1271, Phoenix, Ariz.

(The terms of office for the Grand Herald and the Foundation Chairman are for four (4) years.)

While the delegates enjoyed dancing on the evening of September 6, with dates obtained mainly through Bill Cran dall of Pi and the hostess of Grove Park Inn, the Foundation Board of Directors, including the newly elected officers, held a special meeting for the purpose of discussing, and considering matters of importance relating to the endowment fund and with particular respect to chapter loans and future demands upon the Foundation.

Archon Carter discussed the matter of publicity and public relations. Harman told about his activities in the publicity obtained for Alpha-Lambda chapter. Others who contributed to the discussion were Dolce, Pfeiffer, Prickitt, Cutbirth, Hall, and Foley. It was suggested that a cup be presented to the chapter obtaining the most desirable and constructive publicity. The Christmas parties for children as conducted by Nu and Upsilon chapters, as well as the attendance at church of Alpha-Iota members in a body each month, were described as desirable and valuable forms of publicity. It was emphasized that news about the pledging, initiation, or campus accomplishments of each member should be sent to his local home newspaper. The Grand Sage cautioned about the importance of avoiding adverse and negative publicity. Harman moved that a public relations committee be appointed and that provisions be made for a publicity member in each Province and in each chapter, so as to stimulate and obtain the maximum possible favorable publicity for Sigma Pi, its chapters, and its members. Passed.

Archon Carter, on behalf of the alumni in New Orleans and the members of Omicron and Alpha-Kappa chapters, invited the Grand Chapter to hold its 1948 convocation in New Orleans. After a brief discussion Bro. Cutbirth moved that the regular 1948 convocation be held in New Orleans, unless at the discretion of the Executive Council or in consideration of conditions, it should become necessary or be deemed advisable to hold the convocation elsewhere. Passed unanimously.

Delegates Clarke, Dolce, and Williams discussed the probability of an increase in active member dues to balance the Grand Chapter, and GTC Lowe stated that initiation fees can probably remain the same but that it seemed evident that dues would have to be increased. A rollcall asking each official delegate to specify the maximum his chapter could pay per month in active member dues showed: $2.00: B, H, O, II, T, Ψ, ΔΔ, ΔΘ, AK, AM, ΔΔ; $1.50: Θ, Λ, M, N, P, Ψ, ΔΔ; $2.50: AI; K and AN: Delegates not present (called
home unexpectedly) Summary: 11 at $2.00, 7 at $1.50, 1 at $2.50; average $1.85.

Archon Gray moved that active member dues be raised to not less than $2.00 a month per undergraduate initiated member in each chapter. (Original motion also provided for new chapters to be excused from active member dues for the first six months, but this was subsequently withdrawn.) Reeves of Psi questioned if said dues were intended to include or provide a sufficient amount for convocation expenses of chapter delegates. It was explained by the maker of the motion that it was intended that the increase in dues be primarily to provide adequate income for operating the Grand Chapter including traveling of officers, expansion, etc., and that only if financial conditions warrant could or would a portion of active member dues be made available to reduce the customary convocation assessment. Motion passed.

Resolutions adopted:

Resolved, That we extend our sincere thanks to Bro. S. Ben Helm, Alpha, for presenting the Grand Chapter with the registered gavel made by J. A. Landon ("Gavel King") and for establishing the tradition and heritage of Sigma Pi by donating the gift to be used henceforth in the meetings and ceremonies of the Grand Chapter.

Resolved, That we extend herewith our sincere thanks and appreciation to the following outgoing members of the Executive Council for unusual services rendered in the interests of our Fraternity during the War and for the period since the last Convocation in 1940: Grand Sage—J. B. Hillegass; Grand Third Counselor—Richard G. Lowe; Grand Second Counselor—Walter H. Lemmond; Grand Fourth Counselor—Cletus A. Broecker; Grand First Counselor—Ellis W. Barker; Grand Herald—Robert L. Stone; Acting Grand Second Counselor—Herman S. Sidener; also to former Traveling Secretary, Frank T. Nickels.

Resolved, That we recognize and express our thanks and appreciation for the devoted and invaluable services to the fraternity rendered by its Executive Secretary, Harold Jacobsen.

Resolved, That we express our appreciation to the management of Grove Park Inn for the courteous and efficient services and for the cooperation in making their facilities available to us in carrying out the various events and activities incident to this Convocation.

Resolved, That the officers, delegates, and members present at this Convocation do herewith recognize the passing of our beloved Past Grand Officer, Oscar E. Gerney, and wish to record in the Minutes of this Convocation this expression of esteem and appreciation for the life, the fellowship, and the contribution to our fraternal objectives added during his life in Sigma Pi Fraternity.

Resolved, That the officers, delegates, and members present at this Convocation do hereby express and extend our thanks and appreciation to Louis Foley and his entire staff for the excellent high character of The Emerald of Sigma Pi, and for the continuous effort expended by them in publishing the Fraternity’s quarterly magazine.

Whereas, The advent of World War II brought to the fraternity world the success of new and violent problems which imposed drastic strains and new problems on the various chapters of the Sigma Pi Fraternity; and, Whereas, These problems were met and dealt with successfully only through the unusual and tireless efforts of Archons, alumni, actives, and friends of the undergraduate active chapters;

Therefore, Be It Resolved, That we herewith recognize and especially commend with honor and esteem the following who have so unselfishly given of themselves and their means to perpetuate the Fraternity during the war years, and who have contributed and assisted in countless ways to reactivate or reorganize chapters and to carry out the objectives of the Sigma Pi Fraternity:


THE EMERALD OF SIGMA PI
Lymann C. Smith, Beta Adviser, whose efforts greatly facilitated the opening of the Chapter; and Robert M. Kroger, for assistance in reorganizing the alumni.

Frank F. Fowler, Gamma Comptroller, and Roy R. Reed, House Company officer.

Merlin E. Holman and Charles A. Patterson, Zeta alumni officers; and Roger F. Rice, returning GI undergraduate.

J. Roy Leevy, Eta Adviser; C. W. Moeller, Comptroller, and Mrs. Moeller who was acting comptroller while her husband was overseas.

Richard G. Lowe, Theta Comptroller, for years of assistance and guidance and especially for efforts in the reactivation of the Chapter.

Philip W. Timberlake, Lambda Adviser, for untiring interest in the Chapter during the lean years of the war.

Harry G. Specht, chairman of Mu Alumni Corporation, and William A. Smith, faculty adviser.

Herbert R. Harington, Nu Comptroller and Chapter adviser, for exceptional interest in and service to the Chapter.

Wesley J. Schroeder, Omicron Adviser; Stanley C. Fitzpatrick and James D. Carter.

Lorenzo T. Mozley, Pi Comptroller, Ellis W. Barker and Bird Jex.

Former Rho Comptroller Robert L. Stone, and especially Dr. Arthur F. Greaves-Walker (retired) for his untiring efforts and exceptional loyalty to Rho throughout the years.

George B. Hartman and Edward H. Ohlsen, Sigma Adviser and Comptroller respectively.

Tom F. Ham, Jr., Upsilon postwar Sage, and Frank E. Gray, Comptroller.

Cyrus E. Palmer, Phi Comptroller and Adviser for many uninterrupted years of service and devotion to the Chapter.

Benjamin F. Johnson, Jr., Psi Comptroller and Adviser; also Louis D. Yancey, Jr., and Charles Anderson.

Henry G. Good, Alpha-Delta Comptroller and Adviser.

Walter B. Howard, Willis L. Dorn, and John F. Smith, Alpha-Zeta Comptroller and Advisers respectively.

Lloyd H. Williams, Alpha-Eta Comptroller, and James D. Carter, Adviser.

Alva L. Sawyer and John W. Gross, alumni, and Joseph Colletti for untiring efforts in reestablishing Alpha-Theta.

Paul G. Herold, Alpha-Iota Adviser, for exceptional services in steering the Chapter through the war period; and Hans E. Schmolldt for his interest and efforts in publishing the alumni paper throughout the war.

Normand H. Edwards, Alpha-Kappa Comptroller, for maintaining the alumni contacts and his activities in connection with the reactivation of the Chapter.

Steve R. Harman, the mainspring in the reactivation of Alpha-Lambda.

William Hazell and Robert J. Fleming, Alpha-Mu Adviser and Comptroller respectively.

Edgar E. Folk, II, Alpha-Nu Adviser.

Resolved, That the Fraternity express its gratitude and appreciation to the Committee on Ritual Revision consisting of Herman S. Sidener, Harold Jacobsen, and Frank T. Nickels, and to all others who contributed or aided in the preparation of the new Manual of Ceremonies which was printed in 1941. Special commendation is given Bro. Sidener for his research in connection with and in checking all ritual data; and to Executive Secretary Jacobsen for the typography, sketches, and general makeup.

Gold Stars

WHEREAS, The Sigma Pi Fraternity of the United States of America is a society made up of young men selected for outstanding character and quality of manhood from the students on the campuses of our American colleges and universities; and,

WHEREAS, The impact of World War II on our country called hundreds of Sigma Pi brothers to the defense of their country; and,
WHEREAS, Each initiate into our Fraternity has, along with other promises, given his solemn pledge to defend the United States of America; and,
WHEREAS, Many of our active and alumni brothers pursuant to this pledge have given their lives as a supreme sacrifice in order that justice and democracy shall prevail and fraternalism, as exemplified by Sigma Pi, may be maintained throughout the world:

Be It Therefore Resolved, That the Fraternity in Convocation assembled, recognize this final act of courage and devotion to duty by establishing here-with an Honor Roll of all those who have so given their lives: to wit—

(Note: Pledges have names in all capital letters)

Bet a
David T. Parrish

G amma
John E. Bohlender
Robert S. Hall
Duncan R. Scott

E psilon
Thomas R. Barry
Robert B. Helms
Roy F.
Klopfenstein
Philip A. Nelson
Richard P. Overmier
Edward L. Winston
Z eta
Frank R. Mann
Edward G. vom Hufe
E ta
Donald H. Green
CORLY R. HANSEN
Robert M. Hutchinson
WILLIAM KOENNIG
William R. Nielson
Raymond R. Oeftiger

Frederick H. Fox, Jr.
William H. Hoyt, Jr.
Robert A. Lynn
Jacob H. Neff
Samuel I. Ogden

Marvin L. Thomas

Jay A. Baldwin
Lee J. Halling
Garth B. Larsen
George M. Rose
John J. Webster

(Theta)
Thomas N. Harris
John J. Spangler
LEONARD C.
URQUHART, JR.

(Iota)
Floyd Gilleece

(Kappa)
JOHN C. DICKEL
William E. Johnson
George S. Monroe
Gunter Trost
Harry K. Von Drea
Charles L. White

(Lambda)
Robert G. Easton

(Mu)
Louis L. Baldwin
Harold B. Dohner, Jr.
Clifford A. Stanton

(Nu)
William R. Fleming

(Omega)
Joseph P. Kappenmann
Alvin W. Meade, Jr.

Alpha Delta
Robert R. Brewer
William Lee Cochran
Ben C. Foshee

Alpha Zeta
Robert H. Frear
Porter F. Moran
Howard R. Thomas

Alpha Eta
John T. Davidson
Gordon L. Holland
Joseph M. Holland
Donald M. Johnson
Clifton E. Rountree

Alpha Theta
Richard E. Byers
Kenneth G. Edwards
Guy M. Freeman
HARLAN G. HAYS
William F. Owen

Alpha Iota
Willett Kanehl
Irvin C. Spotti
JERRY M. WICKLIFFE, JR.
John Zagata
JOSEPH R. ZAGATA

Alpha Kappa
Louis I. Bentz
Oscar V. Magee, Jr.

Alpha Lambda
William L. McKinney
James P. Phillips
Robert A. Upshur

Phi
Bruce F. Brisenden
James C. Newman

Psi
Gordon J. Daves, Jr.

WILLIAM D. JOHN-
Be It Also Resolved, That this Resolution and Honor Roll be printed or engrossed in an appropriate style for posterity and be signed by the proper officers of the Grand Chapter; and further, that a copy thereof, modified in such manner as might be necessary and signed by the officers of a chapter, be sent to the parents or nearest relative of each beloved member on this Honor Roll.

A final motion, duly seconded and passed, pertaining to all resolutions, provided that the Executive Council be authorized to modify same, add names to complete the lists, etc., in order to carry out the full spirit and intent of all resolutions.

The complete and final report of the Credentials Committee reported the Convocation voting strength as 21 chapters, 9 present and past Grand Officers, 4 chartered alumni clubs; total 55 votes. The total registration was 80 including 14 wives and relatives; the total number of various national officers and Archons was 16; visiting alumni 4; chapter delegates and undergraduates 46.

The chairman of the Codification Committee submitted the proposal of Alpha-Iota Chapter for the automatic dropping of pledges. Upon motion duly seconded and passed after but little discussion, By-Law 1 was amended by the addition of the following section:

Section 5. Any pledge who fails to make the minimum grade or to meet the requirements of the Fraternity or the college for initiation by the end of the second quarter or term after he is pledged, shall be automatically dropped; provided, however, that no college or interfraternity council ruling requires a longer period of time in which to qualify at least once for initiation. A pledge who fails to be initiated under the provisions herein, may be repledged upon vote of a chapter whenever circumstances warrant it, for one additional period within which to qualify for initiation.

Reeves suggested that the chapters notify each other of official rush-periods and send or exchange messages of congratulation. Harth spoke of the value of chapter alumni papers and requested that each chapter include on its mailing-list all other chapters, national officers, Archons, etc. One delegate spoke of the need for more Sigma Pi songs and requested that chapters exchange their most popular songs and that consideration be given to including them in a new song book or publishing from time to time in The Emerald.

Archon Smith, as chairman of the special committee appointed to consolidate the views and suggestions of the Convocation on expansion, reported in part as follows:

"We believe that the success of any program of expansion is dependent upon the strength of already existing chapters of Sigma Pi serving as examples of the merits and values of affiliation with Sigma Pi Fraternity. They must be characterized by such quality of social life, sound financial structure, campus activity, and scholastic attainment as to attract the most favorable attention of other individuals and groups on college campuses. To this end your committee endorses wholeheartedly the recommendations of the Scholarship Committee.

"We believe that the most effective and most permanent expansion of the Fraternity will come through the efforts of groups and individuals in Sigma Pi working within an area small enough to permit them to know intimately the characteristics of those institutions and those groups which provide potential opportunity for addition to the ranks of Sigma Pi Chapters. We believe that responsibility and initiative in expansion should rest as largely as possible upon those groups and individuals in Sigma Pi who are not only in position to know the characteristics of potential chapters but who are in position to demonstrate the values of affiliation with Sigma Pi. . . ."

"We believe that the leadership and direction provided by the Archon in a Province is one of the most effective means toward maintenance of such strong, healthy chapters and in giving direction and stimulus to individuals and groups in carrying on the work of expansion."
Newly elected officers were installed by Grand Sage Hillegass as master of ceremonies and Louis Foley as acting Herald. The 1946 Convocation was closed by Grand Sage Hungerford and adjourned sine die at 6:45 P.M. Saturday, September 7.

That evening there was held the customary Convocation banquet. M. Atlee Ermold, charter member of Kappa Chapter at Temple University and Grand Sage from 1910 to 1912, was master of ceremonies, while J. B. Hillegass, retiring Grand Sage, was toastmaster. The principal address was made by Brigadier General John P. Kennedy, retired, war-time commander of Fort Bragg, who is a member of Alpha-Delta Chapter at Alabama Polytechnic Institute. A highlight of the evening's program was a rendition of the song "Sweetheart of Sigma Pi" by its author, Mrs. Ellis Barker of Salt Lake City.
By way of illustrating the spirit of what I have to recommend, I wish in all modesty to explain a portion of my father’s practice of medicine. As a horse-and-buggy doctor over a period of forty-eight years, my revered sire looked upon life as a totality, complex and interrelated with every phase of experience. Fortunately, he was more than an expert in medical science: he was a farmer, a church leader, an active political leader, a justice of the peace, and a member of local and county school boards. By virtue of such wide associations, he knew his community and its people. There was hardly a family that he did not know intimately over a period of two generations. The successes and failures, pains and joys, and fears and hopes of his people were common knowledge to him. And when he saw his patients and friends, he understood many personal ailments not recorded in ordinary case-histories. His diagnoses were made in the light of the totality of human experience, its peculiarities and special frustration. The cure was effected only in part by medicine, but in great measure by a long-felt sympathy with the entire personality of the patient.

In the spirit of this physician of the body and the soul, I bring to you the views and suggestions of the Scholarship Commission, by way of setting forth basic principles so vital to the over-all development of a dynamic program of scholarship within the chapters of the Sigma Pi Fraternity. The Commission, therefore, offers the following recommendations:

1. That Sigma Pi Fraternity predicate its scholastic aims upon the principle of the interrelated totality of life—in which there is an unconscious integration of body, mind, and spirit—so that personality and character may have their fullest growth and usefulness.

2. That the Fraternity, as a matter of mature judgment and self-preservation, take the long view of establishing sound and high standards of scholastic achievement, just as ambitious in objectives as are those set up by the Fraternity for social prominence and financial security. And that such aims in the maintenance of high scholarship be agreed upon by every chapter within the Fraternity, with a view to establishing minimum norms for the Fraternity at large.

3. That each Chapter appoint a scholarship committee, charged with the responsibility of studying procedures conducive to better study habits and the effecting of worthy standards of mental achievement.

4. That each Chapter award annually a scholarship cup, upon which is engraved the name of the recipient for having attained the highest record in scholarship within the Chapter. (This particular cup, uniform in size and general details, might profitably be the same for all chapters. Prominent alumni would be asked to donate such cups, thus emphasizing in a general way the competence and interest of the alumni in promoting the total values of fraternity life.)

5. That the Scholarship Committee of each chapter submit to the chapter all pertinent and available data on the scholastic record of the prospective pledge, and that such information be weighed carefully before the approval of any candidate.

6. That each pledge meet all minimum requirements, including credit points, of the college with which the Chapter is affiliated.

7. That it is requisite that each Chapter have a sympathetic faculty adviser, preferably one who is a resident in chapter quarters, for the purpose of consulting with the chapter, its officers and committees, concerning all matters affecting the total welfare of the fraternity.
SKY-LINE DRIVE
A mountain road atop the world in central Utah.
Ninety-nine years ago, Jim Bridger—perhaps the greatest trapper and scout of the early West—offered the first Mormon pioneers a thousand dollars for the first bushel of grain they could raise in the Great Salt Lake basin. Undaunted by Bridger's discouragement, these pioneers continued their journey into the desert and wilderness now known as Utah, and although they arrived late in July, immediately planted crops of corn and grain for their first winter.

However good a scout and trapper he was, Jim Bridger proved to be no prophet, for the Utah pioneers harvested a crop before the winter set in. Almost one hundred years have passed since Bridger made his notable offer (history does not say whether he paid off or not), but if he could see now what those hardy pioneers made out of that wilderness, he would be sitting straight up in his grave. He was wise in the ways of the wilderness, but he was no colonizer, and it took a great leader to accomplish what was undertaken by Brigham Young and his valiant band.

There are many interesting things about Utah, but the world perhaps first associates Utah with the Mormons, just as it associates Asia with the Mohammedans,
Egypt with the Sphynx, and Palestine with the early Christians.

Though we have no new frontiers to pioneer, as they had one hundred years ago, there still remains deep within most Americans much of the pioneer spirit which urges them to discover America for themselves. This probably explains why thousands travel each year from every state to Utah to add this picturesque and unique experience to their lives.

Strategically located as the hub of the great cross-roads of the west, by plane, by train, or by highway, Salt Lake City has now become a verdant city of over 200,000 cupped in a valley among majestic mountains. With the golden spires of the Mormon Temple gleaming against a star-studded sky, the resonant music of the world-renowned Tabernacle organ in the air, fresh canyon water bubbling from clean fountains at each street corner, the sights of many factories, smelters, mines, farms, and industrious living fill the panorama of Salt Lake Valley, and all combine to create a lasting memory for all those who visit.

The many wonderlands of nature in Utah have been made into National Parks for all to enjoy. These awe-inspiring sights
reveal the lavish hand with which nature has sculptured and painted, but all this natural grandeur must be combined with the people and their activities to gain a clear picture of what Utah is today.

In evaluating what Utah represents today, we may note that one of the first acts of the early pioneers after entering the valley was to establish a University. The earliest pioneers entered Salt Lake Valley on July 24, 1847, and on February 26, 1850, the Assembly of the early territory of Deseret, as this area was then called, established the University of Deseret. This name was later changed to the University of Utah, when the Territorial lines for Nevada, Utah, and the surrounding States were established.

This early emphasis on education has borne fruits. Today Utah ranks top in the nation on many yard-sticks by which the educational standing of the State can be measured. For instance, Utah ranks first among all the States of the Union in number of persons graduating from high schools per thousand of population. In 1938 the U. S. average was 7.9. In Utah it was 14.1. By another measure, the percentage of population with college training, Utah ranks first in the Nation at 24.4%; second is District of Columbia with 22.2%; third California, 21.58%. In 1940 Utah ranked highest in the Nation in having the largest number of students enrolled in institutions of higher education per 1000 of population. Utah's figure was 23.7 students per 1000; California, second with 17.4 students; the average of the United States was 11.3. Utah has three universities and many junior colleges. The

and produced this remarkable tower-bridge in Bryce.
three Universities are the University of Utah, Salt Lake City; State Agricultural College at Logan, Utah; and Brigham Young University at Provo, Utah. The largest enrollment at the University of Utah before the war was 4,600. This year, indications are that the enrollment will reach 9,000.

The University of Utah campus, on the east foothills overlooking the City, is a beautiful ground with many modern buildings, an institution that is winning
distinction and recognition throughout the country for the excellence of its training.

The first pioneers entering the valley were guided by religious motives, and faced with the great need to produce food for their settlers, they discouraged every kind of mining and gambling activity on the part of their people. It was not until many years after the first pioneers entered, that the exploitation of the rich mountain ore-deposits that abound in the State began their development. Many of these mining operations have made enormous contributions to the nation's supply of metals and coal, and an evaluation of Utah today must include a statement concerning these things. Utah has enough coal deposits in the State to serve the entire world for over a hundred years.

At the present time there is great oil activity in the area adjoining the Utah-Colorado line, and there is considerable prospecting throughout other areas of the State. In the precious metals there have been millions of dollars produced in the State from its silver, gold, lead, zinc, and other metal mines. Many of these are active today. The most notable silver producers are the Silver King Coalition, and Tintic Standard Mines. Perhaps the biggest metal producer in the State is the Utah Copper Company at Bingham, Utah, about 40 miles from Salt Lake City, where a whole mountain is literally being whittled away, shoveled into train loads of cars, and transported to the smelters for reduction into blister copper. This operation, a subsidiary of Kennecott Copper Corporation, has been producing

The Great White Throne, Zion National Park.

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for over 50 years enormous quantities of copper, and is one of the leading producers in the world.

The impact of World War II brought to the foreground the development of the iron-ore deposits in Southern Utah. These are now being converted into useful steel by the huge Geneva steel works completed during the war and recently sold to the United States Steel Corporation. This plant, said to be the most modern in the world today, is entering a new phase of production which is likely to change the economy of Utah and several adjoining states in the mountain west.

Since there is such a small part, probably four or five per cent, of the area of Utah that can be cultivated, because of lack of water availability, it naturally follows that the huge areas of mountain,
desert, range, and open country, are devoted to the production of sheep, cattle, and other livestock. Great herds of all kinds of domestic animals are being produced and shipped to many parts of the country. Some livestock men specialize in raising thoroughbred sheep and breeding stock cattle, demand for which is worldwide.

The war period brought many defense
plants and industries, most of which are continuing in operation, and the new westward movement is accelerating the development of Utah's mineral, coal, and oil resources, adding new industrial plants, and luring many people to make their homes here.

This land of mountains, valleys, salt water, and deserts, which to Jim Bridger seemed worthless, but in another's eyes was the "Promised Land," has become the chosen home of 600,000 people who enjoy its healthful climate of four equal seasons, its religious freedom, its opportunity for development of natural resources, along with a life full of rich western experience.

Few sections of our country have such a rich background of color, drama, and achievement. Stirred to great heights by religious fervor, sacrifice, suffering, and strength, these people, about whom so many strange tales have been written, opened and developed what has been called an inland empire. With their dramatic history and background behind them, there can be little surprise that these people are preparing to celebrate their centennial in 1947.

Under a high blue sky enriched with majestic clouds, a Utah road vanishes in the distance of the desert.
Fraternity Pessimists Prove Wrong Again

The usual fraternity pessimists had their big day while World War II was in full swing. The cry was heard from members in all the different fraternities that when the soldier members returned to campus they would be too mature to take up where they left off. Some went even farther and vowed the entire fraternity system was in the testing, and from these returned veterans of land and sea and air. The whole build-up in pessimism has exploded in the faces of the gloom-builders. The direct opposite is taking place on practically every campus, and the most enthusiastic and the best skilled in rebuilding the chapters, in all fraternities, have been and are these very fraternity brothers whom the soft-cushioned boys were maligning and rather intimating it would be just as well if they did not return to their respective chapters and colleges. So another much ado about nothing has come to pass, and if there is any sense of making good, there are apologies to be made, and if not big enough for that part, then “see how red my face is” when the fine work of these returned veterans is being shown these builders of ghost-stories. How much better it would have been if these men, with the penchant to hunt the juniper bush, had given that time and energy helping their respective chapters to be in the best possible shape to extend a welcome to these returning men. Their loyalty has been shown not only to country, but to college and fraternity. Let us hail them as the finest among the rebuilders on the campuses of the universities and colleges at the present day. As men grow older, there is too great a tendency to grow cynical and even to have their heads screwed too much in looking backward. Not the spirit of gloom but the verve of enthusiasm is the need of the hour. In nation, in college, and in fraternity, the pessimist has been given a very black eye.—AKII Alpha.

We are living in a dying and decadent age. Youth is corrupt, lacking in respect for elders, and impatient of restraint. Age-old truth is doubted and the teaching of the fathers is questioned. The signs of the time forecast the destruction of the world at an early date, and the end of time.—Inscription on an ancient Egyptian tomb—The Triad of Acacia.

Fraternity Criticism Unjust

Charges of “extravagance, dissipation, snobbishness, and loafing” against college fraternities and their members in general are “practically baseless,” Frederick L. Hovde, president of Purdue University, asserted in a speech here recently.

“We need not give too much attention to those who damn fraternities for the unwise conduct of a few individuals who may be members, or for the complete failure of a single chapter, for I believe, by and large, that all colleges and universities which have fraternities have benefited from their presence and service.

“Most of the criticism leveled against fraternities comes from irresponsible and uninformed critics who are usually people outside the system whose motive to criticism emanates from jealousy.

“Fraternities are performing miracles in the housing of returned veterans. Fraternity house rules are certainly better, and study conditions good, compared to most other types of college housing.” (The Indianapolis Star, March 3.)

If we are going to be successful in our fight against the legacy of Hitler, we must begin with ourselves. We must restore and fully reinstate our own ideals and standards. We must restore shame and the readiness to be ashamed. This can only be done by education. Herein lie the challenging responsibility and opportunity of the University and the Church and all
Out here where death and the odor of decay are everywhere, one can really understand the meaning of fraternity. We're all buddies—brothers till the end—fighting for one goal—freedom, equality, and the chance to return to our own homes and loved ones. I've seen men out on patrol risk their lives to protect a wounded buddy. They wouldn't withdraw to save themselves even though the odds were overwhelming. They couldn't bear to think of the Japs mutilating the body of a wounded man. They'd fight to the last man just to save him. That's fraternity, and if we can model ourselves after that, we'll come closer to ending all wars than we ever have before. War teaches man a lot even though he pays dearly for it.—A LIEUTENANT IN NEW GUINEA IN ∆T Quarterly.

The student has a better chance to make good if he: Safeguards his health; participates in athletics, even if he never makes a varsity team; has occasional "dates"; keeps up a satisfactory religious worship not inconsistent with his science and philosophy; lives on the campus; studies as many hours daily as are required to finish assignments; learns how to make and keep a schedule of work, reading, recreation, exercise, and rest; makes his own decisions promptly; seeks competent advice without becoming overdependent upon it; keeps track of his money; enlarges his reading interests, particularly in books; rides a hobby without letting it ride him; concerns himself with the larger community outside the campus. From WHAT IT TAKES TO MAKE GOOD IN COLLEGE, publication of the Public Affairs Committee, New York in The Circle of 0ΔK.

The Magazine of Sigma Chi for July-August celebrated with a very attractive issue the 65th anniversary of the publication along with the 25th year of service of its editor, Chester W. Cleveland.
Victory—and We Mean Victory!

The formal gathering of our Grand Officers and chapter delegates at Asheville, two months ago, had been announced as a "Victory Convocation." The term was obviously appropriate, inasmuch as it was the victory of our country in the most terrible of all wars that put an end to the blackout of convocations in which the fraternity had been living since 1940. Emblematic of that victory was the proportion of ex-servicemen among the chapter delegates; they had helped actively to make it possible.

Since the war, however, Sigma Pi has been winning victories of her own. Dormant chapters have been reactivated, alumni groups have swung into action, new projects have been launched, and on various campuses all sorts of difficulties in post-war conditions have been overcome. In some places, we know, the battle has been a hard one, but the boys are coming through.

So there really was a spirit of victory in the air at Asheville. It was not the shouting kind. That would have seemed inappropriate at a time when we still had freshly in mind the long list of brothers who gave up their lives in the nation’s defense. The Convocation, in fact, was not spectacular, but quiet, purposeful, and businesslike in its sessions, with hearty but not boisterous good fellowship during the informal intervals. There was work to be done, and work was done. Future years may see this meeting marked as an outstandingly important convention in the history of the fraternity.

It will not be surprising if we soon find ourselves in a period of considerable expansion. The time is ripe for it now as never before. As everyone knows, college enrollments have increased enormously, and at many institutions there is evident need for more fraternity chapters. The Greek-letter world as a whole has recognized a certain responsibility for giving opportunity to the greatly increased number of young men now eligible to fraternities. It is only fair, and in the interest of all Greek societies, that the swelling ranks of new "material" should have a chance. And Sigma Pi has a share in that responsibility.

To some of us it seems a good thing that our chapter-roll has lengthened rather slowly and steadily during most of our first half-century. Had we added many chapters rapidly in the earlier years, we might have found ourselves hardly prepared to handle them. As it is, the fraternity has had time to evolve a sound organization and develop a workable system. In this matter of organization the recent Convocation showed an improvement which we predict will have far-reaching effects: a clear recognition of the functions and the importance of Archons.

Now we are in a position to acquire and assimilate new groups as it could not be done so easily or satisfactorily with the less-perfected arrangements of a decade or two ago. Any likely number of chapters could now be added without the risk of unwieldiness that there might once have been. When and where expansion is indicated, we are ready to go ahead.

L.F.

Time was when the parents of some students entering Emory University came with them to help the Dean arrange their son’s schedules; now it seems that the wives have assumed the parents’ responsibility. This year an ex-G.I., who came in to register for the fall quarter, meekly watched as his wife collaborated with Dean Miller (Registrar and Sigma Pi alumnus) in preparing his schedule.
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SIGMA PI
IN THE NEWS

"THE VETERANS' ONE-MAN LOBBY"

Under this title, an article by Clarence Woodbury in The American Magazine for May, 1946, tells very interestingly about the career and the achievements of John Thomas Taylor, of Kappa Chapter at Temple University. Colonel Taylor, who is a Washington lawyer, is director of the American Legion's legislative program. Mr. Woodbury describes him as "beyond doubt ... the most successful lobbyist in the history of the world." Before World War II, he had "rammed 630 different veterans' bills through Congress, forced three Presidents to their knees in doing so, and obtained for ex-servicemen benefits of more than 13 billion dollars."

Colonel Taylor began to be "the No. 1 Friend of the Veteran" when he took part in the first arrangements made in Paris for the organization of the American Legion. Soon afterward his Washington
law-offices became the first Legion headquarters. He has been working for the welfare of veterans with increasing success ever since.

On the very day of our official entry into World War I, Taylor enlisted in the infantry. During that war he attained the rank of captain. In the course of 17 months' overseas, he was in four offensives. He had the honor of leading the first U. S. troops across the Rhine, and of planting the first American flag on German soil.

Three months before Pearl Harbor, General Marshall made him a full colonel and appointed him assistant director of Army Public Relations. In 1942 he went abroad with General Patton's First Army, participated actively in the stormy landing at Casablanca, and continued with the main forces through the invasions of Sicily, Italy, and Southern France. But his experience in actual combat, though surely impressive enough, is overshadowed by his ceaseless activity, on behalf of veterans, in the "wars of Congress" through all these years.

The article about Colonel Taylor in The American Magazine should be read not only by every Sigma Pi who is interested in knowing about a distinguished member of our Fraternity, but by every GI who has any curiosity concerning the outstanding champion who has won many peace-time battles for the rights of ex-servicemen.

VOCAATIONAL COMMISSIONER

Raymond W. Gregory, Eta, became Assistant Commissioner for Vocational Education in the U.S. Office of Education last July. Since 1936 he has been a member of the staff of the Agricultural Education Service in the Vocational Division of the U. S. Office of Education. During the recent war he had immediate charge of the administration of the Food Production War Training program. Under this program 200,000 training courses, enrolling approximately four and a half million persons, were organized and conducted by local public-school systems operating under State boards for vocational education with emergency appropriations made available through the U.S. Office of Education. This Food Production War Training program, conducted in approximately 15,000 rural communities, did much to help the farmers of the Nation break all records for agricultural production, despite man-power shortages. More recently Dr. Gregory has been serving as Deputy Director of the Division of Surplus Prop-

RAYMOND W. GREGORY, Eta
Agricultural Education in Indiana. He received advanced degrees from Cornell University in 1924 and 1937, specializing in rural education, with particular emphasis on public-school administration and secondary education. He has served as assistant in rural education at Cornell University, 1923-24; associate professor of agricultural education at Purdue University, 1924-36; Assistant State Supervisor of Agricultural Education, Indiana, 1928-36; Specialist in Agricultural Education, U. S. Office of Education, 1936-46. He was Editor of the original American Vocational Association Journal from 1928 to 1932, and has been a member of the editorial board for the Agricultural Education Magazine since 1929.

Recently he was made a member of the War-Navy Committee on the U. S. Armed Forces Institute. This Committee, appointed by the Secretaries of War and Navy, recommends policies to the Secretaries for the operation of the United States Armed Forces Institute.

Since 1936 he has been agricultural editor of the J. B. Lippincott Publishing Company and as such has had responsibility for the development of their agricultural text and reference book publishing program.

Dr. Gregory is a veteran of World War I. He is a member of the American Legion, the American Vocational Association, the National Education Association, and other organizations. As an undergraduate he was Third Counselor of Eta Chapter at Purdue.

DEAN OF PITTSBURGH GRADUATE SCHOOL

To Thetans who knew Brother Herbert E. Longenecker as a "triple threat" scholar, campus leader, and musician at Penn State in the early 30's, it has been gratifying—but not surprising—to follow his rapid advancements as a chemist and college administrator.

In 1944, they read in the college's Alumni News that Herb had been appointed to the University of Pittsburgh's newly-created post of Dean of Research in the Natural Sciences. His duties—at age 31—were to coordinate the university's research in the basic sciences, mainly biology, chemistry, physics, and psychology.

Last February came a new announcement—in even larger headlines. Now he had been promoted to the rank of Dean of the Graduate School, an office usually reserved for men nearly twice his age.

The obvious question is: "What next?" But, without venturing in that direction, let's fill in some of the background and prove that, in Herb's case at least, a man's undergraduate days are a good index of later achievements.

Along with distinguished scholarship, in the difficult curriculum of Agricultural and Biological Chemistry, Herb won campus recognition as President of Interfraternity Council, junior class secretary, and member of top campus societies—Lion's Paw, Skull and Bones, Student Board, Student Union, and Intramural Board. He was president of Phi Lambda Upsilon and Phi Mu Alpha, and vice-president of Liebig Chemical Society.

HERBERT E. LONGENECKER
Music was an important sideline—a heritage from music-loving Lititz, Pa., his home town. Besides singing in the college Glee Club for three years, he earned a considerable bit of expense money playing saxophone in the leading campus dance orchestra—the “Varsity Ten.” This took two or three nights a week.

After receiving his B.S. degree in June of 1933, Herb remained at Penn State as a part-time instructor in physiological, biophysical, and agricultural chemistry for three years while earning his M.S. (1934) and Ph.D (1936). During summer “vacations” he worked as a research chemist for Rohm and Haas Company in Bristol, near Philadelphia.

In 1936 he was appointed a National Research Council Fellow in the Natural Sciences and began two years of research in the composition and biological synthesis of fat—studying first at University of Liverpool, England, later at University of Cologne, Germany, and Queen’s University, Canada.

Then, eight years ago, he joined the Pitt faculty, as a senior research fellow in chemistry. In 1941 he was made an assistant professor, and in 1942 associate professor of chemistry and associate director of the Buhl Foundation Research Project. A year later he became full professor and director of the Buhl project. Meanwhile he taught advanced organic chemistry and food and sanitary chemistry.

His major research interests are: constitution of natural fats, the nutritional significance of fats, action of enzymes, biological synthesis of vitamin C, relation of vitamin B-complex and liver pancreas extracts to the metabolism of fats, and fat spoilage. He is a member of numerous scientific organizations and is now chairman of the Pittsburgh Section of the American Chemical Society and past president of the Pittsburgh Chemists’ Club. He is chairman of the Committee on Fats of the Food and Nutrition Board, National Research Council. During the war he served as an expert consultant on fats and oils for the Office of the Quartermaster General. He is now a member of the War Department’s six-man Committee on Food Research, which has advisory responsibilities for a million-dollar-a-year program of research on foods in more than 50 university and industrial laboratories.

Back of these interests is a strong academic heritage. Herb’s father, the late Abraham S. Longenecker, was President of Millersville (Pa.) State Teachers College, and his mother, Mary Ellen Herr Longenecker, was for many years a teacher in the Lititz schools. In 1936, Herb married Jane Seager, of Mechanicsburg, a school teacher until “interrupted” and they reside with their three children in Pittsburgh.

**AUTHORITY ON CERAMICS**

Robert L. Stone, Rho

From the *American Ceramic Society Bulletin* we reprint this article concerning Robert L. Stone of Rho Chapter. Bob is well known in Sigma Pi, having been resident adviser of Rho from 1935 to 1937, Archon of Iota Province from 1936 to 1938, and Grand Herald from 1938 to 1946. In his new position Bob is located at 2525 North High Street, Columbus, Ohio.
Robert L. Stone joined the staff of The American Ceramic Society as Technical Secretary on June 15, 1946. This position was established by the Board of Trustees because of the increasing importance of the publications of The Society to members in the ceramic industry and the increasing need for specialization in the management of the affairs of The Society. Mr. Stone brings with him a wide background in the ceramic industry as well as long experience in the affairs of The Society.

Biography of Robert L. Stone

Robert Le Grande Stone was born in Huron County, Ohio, August 16, 1912. He attended public schools in Huron and Erie counties and was graduated in 1930 from Norwalk Community High School, Norwalk, Ohio, as valedictorian of his class and a member of the National Honor Society.

Mr. Stone demonstrated his prowess in agriculture when he raised a Poland China sow that won the blue ribbon at the Huron County fair in 1929. He was president of the Huron County "4-H" club in 1925.

In the fall of 1930, Mr. Stone registered in the Department of Mechanical Engineering at the Missouri School of Mines and Metallurgy, Rolla, Mo. By spring of the first year, the late M. E. Holmes, who was then head of the Department of Ceramic Engineering, had so convincingly pointed out the possibilities of the field that Mr. Stone transferred registration to that Department. He was graduated in 1934 with the degree of Bachelor of Science. He was president of the Orton Society and was the first Missouri School of Mines student to become a member of Keramos.

Mr. Stone entered North Carolina State College in September, 1934, as Teaching Fellow in the Department of Ceramic Engineering. He received his degree of Master of Science in 1936 and after graduation continued in the Department as an instructor. During the period 1936 to 1939, he was junior partner in the firm Greaves-Walker Engineers and was research ceramist for the Feldspathic Research Corporation during the summers.

During 1939 and 1940, Mr. Stone was research engineer and production manager of the Hale Manufacturing Company, Mount Airy, N.C.

He was appointed assistant professor at the New York State College of Ceramics in January, 1941, and returned to North Carolina State College in June of that year as associate professor.

Early in 1942, Dr. Greaves-Walker, head of the Department, was called to Washington, D.C., to serve with the War Production Board and Mr. Stone was appointed acting head of the Department.

He served in this capacity until June, 1945, when he accepted the position of director of research at the Stupakoff Ceramic and Manufacturing Company, Latrobe, Pa., in which capacity he continued until assuming his present position.

During the period as acting head of the Ceramic Engineering Department at North Carolina State College, Mr. Stone directed an extensive research on steatite porcelain for the Office of Scientific Research and Development of the War Production Board at the laboratories of the Department. At Stupakoff, he had charge of research in the fields of steatite and electrical porcelains, refractory oxide ceramics, high dielectric ceramics, metallurgy, and physical control and testing.

Mr. Stone is a Fellow of The American Ceramic Society. He has occupied numerous positions in The Society, the principal ones being Chairman of the Structural Clay Products Division in 1945 and Chairman of the Committee on Publications from 1944 until he resigned to take his new post.

He is also a member of Sigma Xi, Tau Beta Pi, Phi Kappa Phi, Keramos, Sigma Pi Alpha, Institute of Ceramic Engineers, North Carolina Society of Engineers, Society for the Promotion of Engineering Education, and Lions Club International. He has served as the Grand Herald of Sigma Pi fraternity since 1938. He is a licensed ceramic engineer in North Carolina.

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at Cornell, where as FOR a few months before his graduation date in 1941, and last term finished up his work at Cornell, where as Sage of Mu Chapter he was instrumental in its reactivation.

Brother Huff was Managing Editor and Editor-in-Chief of The Cornell Daily Sun, in his undergraduate days. After entering the Navy in July, 1941, as a chief petty officer, he was assigned to duty in the Office of Public Relations at the Naval Air Station, Pensacola, Florida, and later served as Public Relations Officer for the Naval Air Training Center at Pensacola. He was recently released to inactive status as Lieutenant, USNR, after nearly two years' service as commanding officer of the U.S.S. LCI (L) 998.

In addition to his service as a publicist, Bill will act as a liaison with representatives of business and industry for the Future Farmers of America. He has played a key part in making arrangements for the national FFA convention in Kansas City, October 21-24, at which President Truman delivered the major address.

LOAN SUPERVISOR FOR EQUITABLE

The May, 1946, issue of Farm Loan News, published by the Equitable Life Assurance Society of the United States, devoted its "Family Album" section to the following account of Carol W. Wright of Iota Chapter:

C. W. WRIGHT of San Francisco

Though a native Californian, a life-long resident of the Golden State, and, of course, a booster of its charms, Carol Wright will, on occasion, admit there are parts of other states in the Union worth living in. He is Loan Supervisor for the Equitable Society in Cali-
The disgrace of humanity, this has become almost a rhetorical question. Put it to both a college professor and a lout drinking himself into a stupor in a Georgia Beer Hall, and your answer each time will be "no." Their reasons may differ, but the "no" still falls like a guillotine on the neck of Justice. The professor will agree that all men merit the right to forge their own way upward to equality with their fellows, but the lout will refuse to give even this crumb of charity.

When Thomas Jefferson with his goose-quill pen scratched out the immortal words, "we hold these truths to be self evident, that all men are created equal," did the Armenian, the Englishman, the Italian, the Negro, and the Jew march hand and hand into the warming light of brotherhood and mutual respect? No.

When Abraham Lincoln, after watching four years of man's bloody inhumanity to man, rededicated our nation to the proposition that all men are created equal, did the chains and shackles drop automatically from the limbs of the Negro? No, the irons may have fallen, but the chafing sores they caused still burn beneath the skin of his grandchildren. We have fought several wars involving the principle of equality, but we still differentiate among ourselves as surely as if we painted red dots between each other's eyes.

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"ARE ALL MEN CREATED EQUAL?"

Thus was entitled the prize-winning essay in the contest sponsored by the Council for Student Unity at U.C.L.A. It was written by Will Harriss, Herald of Upsilon Chapter, who was awarded a beautiful trophy as first prize. The article appears here as printed in the Daily Bruin, the school paper. The picture shows Harriss with the trophy in the Upsilon chapter living-room.
Ours is a land where the place of a man’s birth is unimportant, and yet a United States Senator begins a letter to an Italo-American with the salutation, “Dear Dago.” All men are equal before the law, we say, and a state legislature passes a resolution proclaiming white supremacy. America is a land of equal opportunity, but we find men with college degrees cleaning latrines on Pullman cars.

Why is this? Why does one man feel superior to another because his nose is shorter, or his lips are thinner, or he has less pigmentation in his skin? Why does an ignorant sharecropper think himself “better” than George W. Carver, or the Christian ditch-digger feel superior to the Jewish president of the firm for which he works?

Why does a man go to church and worship a Jew, applaud music played by a Negro, praise books written by an Armenian, and then lash out at all of them with a forked tongue? Psychologists say it is apparently a human trait that every man wants to think himself superior to some other man or group, even though he himself is the bottommost dreg in the scum of the human race.

The answer can really be given in one word: stupidity—blind, leaden-weighted, crushing stupidity. A man viliﬁes another man as being foreign without remembering that his own forebears were immigrants. In a sense, there is no such thing as a native American, for even the Indians are descendants of people who migrated to this continent from Asia.

Obviously, it must be understood that men are not created equal in intelligence or ability. A blind man can not paint like Van Gogh, nor can a congenital idiot write brilliant essays on Plato’s conception of the ideal republic. To an intelligent person, however, it should seem clear that if any man possesses these potentialities he should be given every opportunity, encouragement, and support to bring them to flower.

America’s minority groups do not demand that wealth, executive positions, or higher education be handed them without any effort or merit on their part. They are willing to work for them. They ask only that the road to opportunity be cleared so that they might advance along it by their own thirst for knowledge and zeal for self-improvement. They ask no favors. They do appeal for justice.

The answer to this entire labyrinth of conflict lies in education; educate both the hater and the hated, to show the one why his cherished “superiority” is but a childish fantasy, and to give the other a chance to elevate himself to intellectual equality with other people.

Let the anthropologist wipe from the hater’s mind the bigoted myth of racial superiority; let the sociologist create in him a regard for his fellows’ rights; and let the teacher of the cultures drag him from his slough of boorishness.

We can no longer afford to condemn groups of people as being ignorant, while at the same time we deny them the right to educate themselves away from that ignorance. Only God knows how many a “mute inglorious Milton” lies in America’s dust, his brain stiffled and at last killed by our own stupidity.

If we wish, we can cure this disease with which the world is afflicted. Let us engrave the words of Jefferson and Lincoln not merely on the pedestals of statues, but in our hearts and minds as well.

SIGMA PI AUTOGRAPHS

A leather-bound book of autographs of outstanding Sigma Pi members was presented to Executive Secretary Harold Jacobsen for the archives of the fraternity by Steve Harman, Alpha-Lambda, at the Convocation in Asheville.

The book contains the autograph of the four founders, many of the past Grand Sages, Sigma Pi’s highest-ranking military officers, and other successful alumni.

FOR NOVEMBER, 1946
LEADER IN COLLEGE JOURNALISM

Steve "Scoop" Harman, Alpha-Lambda, who proposed a national plan of public relations for the fraternity at the Grove Park Inn convocation, is the first student at Mississippi State to serve as editor-in-chief of the student newspaper, The Reflector, during two different school years.

Brother Harman, according to The Reflector, has just won approval of his plan for additional journalistic courses at Mississippi State. The plan, as passed by the school's administrative council, calls for new courses that are designed to cover the fundamentals of recognizing and gathering news, and writing of various kinds of stories in news form.

A member of the administrative council was quoted as saying, "this plan forms a solid foundation for the journalism department that has long been desired here."

All the strength and force of man comes from his faith in things unseen. He who believes is strong; he who doubts is weak. Strong convictions precede great actions. The man strongly possessed of an idea is the master of all who are uncertain or wavering. Clear, deep, living convictions rule the world.—JAMES FREEMAN CLARK.
NOTE: At the deadline date for this issue, many colleges had hardly yet begun the school year.—Editor.

GAMMA—Ohio State

Just as in 1919, Gamma made a typical Sigma Pi come-back when autumn quarter opened on the first of October. In spite of the fact that six months previously only three Sigs were registered at Ohio State, the chapter rolls now show twelve actives and nineteen pledges. The main credit for this magnificent advancement should be given to Roy Reed and Frank Fowler, both of Columbus, who did yeoman service as alumni officers of the House Company; and Jim Jones, Don Phillips, and Bob Reel, all returning veterans, who formed the postwar chapter. In the space of six short months, these three men built the chapter to its present strength.

At the first meeting of the autumn quarter the following officers were elected for the coming year: S—Joseph F. Sowar; FC—Howard I. Jones; SC—George W. Scanor; TC—Donald R. Phillips; FoC—Raymond J. Sandrock; and H—James A. Jones. Important committee chairmen are Robert M. Reel, rushing, and James “Rip” Van Winkle, athletics.

The chapter house is crammed to capacity, and several actives and pledges are living in University rooming-houses patiently waiting for an opening. It was necessary to redecorate the first floor of the house since existing dining facilities were not sufficient to handle the large number of boarders this quarter.

Under the direction of Ray Sandrock, social affairs for the chapter are getting under way. The social season will be climaxed by the first postwar Gamma Chapter Hard Times Dance on Homecoming night, November 23.

Touch football teams are being organized, and from the looks of the new men, both active and pledge teams will enjoy a successful season. Table tennis, horseshoes, and basketball will complete the chapter’s intramural participation.

“The Gamma Greek,” Chapter Alumni publication, is nearly ready for press, and so all Gamma alumni will soon receive a complete report of the status of the chapter. Howard Jones is Acting Editor; so if you alumni have any material of fraternal interest, just forward it to Jonesy at the Chapter House.

The chapter wishes to thank all those loyal Sigma Pi’s, both undergraduate and alumni, who gave the chapter assistance during the war and during the reorganization. This is the spirit that makes the wearers of the Greek Cross so proud of their Fraternity.

—Howard I. Jones

ZETA—Ohio Northern

With the opening of school on September 18, 1946, Zeta really became active on the campus. We had just a token force during the late spring and summer months, but with the start of the fall quarter, we came back with a bang. We now boast 12 actives and 3 pledges, and are conducting an extensive campaign to pledge more men.

At the last election the following men were elected to office: S—Roger F. Rice; FC—John W. Bloom; SC—Robert W. Crider; TC—John W. Foltz; FoC—Charles W. Thobaben; and H—Fred A. Kusta. James W. Allcroft, Jr., was appointed as intramural manager, and Edward E. Seymour and Stanley J. Kwicinski are carrying on as social chairmen. We are planning our first house-dance on October 11 which we hope will help us in our drive for pledges.

We are using Brother Patterson’s apartment
for a house at the present time, and have seven men living there. We expect that the apartment will be a temporary arrangement and hope to have a house in the not-too-distant future.

During the summer months Zeta copped a tie for first on the all-sport trophy. Even though we only had eight men on the campus, we managed a first in golf and horseshoes, and a tie for first in the swimming meet.

We should appreciate hearing from any of the old alumni. Our new address is 206 1/2 North Main Street, Ada, Ohio. Don't be bashful, fellows. See you all at homecoming.

ETA—Purdue

Eta now has forty-six men in the chapter house and annex. The annex, conveniently located across the street from the chapter house, was made possible by the cooperation of one of Eta's own actives, Roland E. "Blondie" Cedarholm. In former years we got along without an annex, but this year we need it badly.

The chapter house has received a small amount of redecorating on the inside, and we expect delivery within the next month of new rugs and furniture.

We've been visited by alumni Wilbur J. Meek, Warren G. Klehfoth, "Ernie" R. Paulus, William R. Fall, John W. Gramelspacher, and John E. Helmich during these first two weeks of school and were certainly glad to see them dropping in on us.

Our Social Chairman is on the ball: we have lined up three trade dances for this semester already, and that's quite a job with the girl ratio as it is here at Purdue. We are also going well on the plans for the Barndance, an event which was eliminated during the war. Every effort is being exerted to make it one that will compensate for the times we were not able to have this otherwise yearly event.

Rushing is just getting into full swing for this semester, and as yet we haven't added to the present number of pledges.

A new committee has been appointed for the Eta-Data staff, and we expect to have an issue out for the alumni by Thanksgiving.

--C. K. Taylor

THETA—Pennsylvania State

The halls resounded with the voices of returning Deltas, as each greeted the other; laughter, mingled with reminiscences, added to the happy din. The fall semester was off to a fine start at Theta, with 44 men living in the house, and six married Deltas living in the Campus Trailer Camp.

Among the old Deltas returning from the services are: Richard L. McCombs, Thomas "I" Wheatley, Robert L. Casselberry, Clarke L. Coldren, "Billy" W. J. Knauft, Harold "Barney" Gerber, Stanley M. Bielski, Frank C. Fryburg, and John G. Cunningham. Richard Malick is the only pledge to return from service, giving us the total of four pledges.

During the summer months, the house was renovated, and it is really beautiful.

Along the sporting lines we have two men vying for varsity jobs on the football squad, namely, "Hal" Wausat and "Bob" Weitzel. John Lammey is on the varsity soccer team; "Wild Bill" Hollenbach is practicing with the lacrosse team (he's last season's goalie); William "Lou" Mather is back from the Southern Professional Leagues, as a "find" of the Athletics; "Hemo" Voneida and Wally Funk are contracted to play professional basketball; and the men, in general, are shaping up the sports teams for the coming inter-fraternity games.

The finer extra-curricular activities have William Parsons as tenor soloist of the College Quartet (he also belongs to the Glee Club); Robert Day, Michael Rosenberger, George Rigg, Louis Gresh as members of the Glee Club; and The Blue Band has Jackie Reeves.

The "Alumni Week-end"—held in conjunction with the Homecoming celebration—was a rousing success. This was our first big week-end of the fall semester, and it more than repaid the "grads" for their visit. Our Alumni News will be circulating before the middle of the semester.

Delta Lloyd B. Black took to the double-lane highway (he got tethered! . . . er, we mean married!) last September 21. The bride was the former Mary Virginia Keck of Kingwood, West Virginia. Congratulations are still ensuing, and the same Deltas are looking forward to the passing of the cigars. (What say, Blackie?)

Our fall and winter social programmes are shaping into some good times—with, or without, good weather. The social Lions will be on the loose, as women are scarce at Penn State this year.

We are glad to know that Alpha-Kappa Chapter is reactivated, and we take this means of extending to them our best wishes for a successful year.—Frederick W. Smith
KAPPA—Temple

The chapter began the official business of the current year at the first meeting of the group on September 30. The meeting was held in the residence of Brother Darwin W. Rannels at 1801 N. Park Avenue, in the heart of the Temple Campus. Forty-four active attended, and Kappa became more and more aware that the war was really over.

The chapter ranks have been bolstered by the many returning veterans of World War II. The chapter is happy and proud to welcome back Brothers Wilson D. Anderson, Edward H. Hall, Nelson H. Futch, Richard T. Dillon, T. J. Michael, Stanley D. Howell, Carlton J. Lake, Burton W. Siglin, and William J. Bechtloff.

With more than twenty men residing on campus, the need for a chapter house is becoming a real problem. At present negotiations are being carried on with several parties for acquisition of a house here at Temple. The entire chapter and the alumni association are backing this project to the last man, and the general feeling is that the efforts will soon bear fruit.

May’s spring elections brought many leaders into the chapter offices. Kappa is indeed fortunate in having such a fine group of officers. Planners, guiders, and lovers of the chapter’s functions and activities for 1946-47 include the following: S—Wilson D. Anderson, FC—Richard W. Stephenson, III; SC—Thomas J. Michael; TC—Saverio A. Garofalo; FoC—John F. Dietrich; and H—Arthur Witlick.

The rôle of fraternities at Temple is daily becoming more important, and they are now receiving the whole-hearted cooperation of the administration. The Inter-fraternity Council has returned to its former strength and will play an integral part in campus affairs. Kappa’s official representatives are Brothers Richard Stephenson and Richard Prevail. They are assisted in this most important function by Brother Russell Carpenter, who has returned to the chapter after a successful operation.

Kappa has again been honored with a University appointment. Pledge Kenneth W. Dorsey has recently been assigned to serve on the Student Commission, Temple’s student governing board.

Plans have been formulated for the rushing season. Our first smoker will be held at the University Club. Brother Robert Livingston Johnson, President of Temple University, is expected to be present at this gala affair.

The entertainment for the evening will be in charge of the Social Committee under the supervision of George T. Garver, Samuel B. Patchell, and William Johnson. The week following the smoker, the chapter will sponsor a Pledge Dinner for those men selected to become pledges of Sigma Pi.

The enrollment of men at Temple is enormous, and prospects for fraternities in general and Sigma Pi in particular are extremely favorable. Kappa is looking forward to the Annual Homecoming, and ideas concerning our part in the program are being worked on. Speculation regarding the Founders’ Day celebration has begun, and this year the Annual Orchid Ball for all actives and alumni is a must.—Richard E. Prevail

LAMBDA—Kenyon

Members of Lambda received not long ago a letter from Brother Jim Hughes asking that the lodge-house debt be removed so that the lodge may be presented to the Chapter as a useful memorial to Lambda’s men who fought and died in the war. The Chapter earnestly asks its members to regard with great seriousness Brother Hughes’ request on behalf of the alumni organization, and to act to achieve its aim.

The “Heritage of the English-Speaking Peoples” conference, at which it will be remembered Senator Taft deplored the war-crime trials, was held in Gambier while Kenyon was on vacation. Lambda’s division was occupied during the conference by guests variously described in the newspapers as “best scholars” and “most able minds.” Three Lambda undergraduates stayed on at the college to assist with conference activities.

Barracks which were supposed to be ready by the beginning of the term to house the almost doubled enrollment are about six weeks from completion, making necessary the crowding into the divisions of all the men previously assigned to those emergency quarters. This means that South Hanna will be a sardine-can for 34 men. On the average there will be three beds and three desks to each single room. But as the prefabricated buildings go up on Harcourt grounds, some men will move away.

A meeting of Lambda trustees was held here in September to discuss alumni organization matters, basic policy, and preparations for the Homecoming in October. We are anxious to have a large alumni group present to treat adequately the proposals to be made.—R. D. Golden
MU—Cornell

Mu men are just starting to appear at the chapter house, as this issue of The Emerald goes to press. Cornell University postponed its opening date three weeks, while efforts were bent toward furthering construction on permanent and temporary housing units which are required to accommodate the University’s upper enrollment of 9,200. Of the 9,200, 5,000 are veterans, and about 40 of the 5,000 are Sigma Pi’s! With a full house of 28 and a dozen of the brothers living out of the house, most of them with their wives and families, the on-campus roster is the longest in many years.

Mu reactivated last March, with nine men living in the house and three other men on campus. A total of seventeen men were pledged last term, and nine of them were initiated. We are therefore entering the new college year in a relatively strong position, considering that chapter income during the last few years has been so drastically limited.

An alumni homecoming is planned for October 11 to 13, and at least two dozen men ranging from the class of ’42 to the class of ’46 have announced their intention of being on hand for the football game with Colgate, the annual alumni business meeting, and the round of fun. In addition, a brief memorial service will be held Sunday morning, October 13, to commemorate those of our number who lost their lives while fighting, or preparing to fight, the enemy: Louis L. Baldwin, Harold B. Dohner, Jr. and Clifford L. Stanton, Jr. The service will be held in the little chapel in Barnes Hall.—Frank C. Abbott

NU—Franklin & Marshall

Some brothers were here all summer; others spent the several months on vacations of one sort or another, or working; still others are just now putting in their first appearance in several years. But for better or for better yet, we are all back to the tune of forty-eight brothers. Of course we don’t all live in the house for various and sundry reasons. Some of the brothers have better-halves and things of that nature. But we have extended a genuine welcome back to the following: William O. Binkley, I. William Blemker, Jr., Douglas L. Breneman, David F. Brubaker, Alfred Dally, Edward C. Fruechtemeyer, William H. Hooper, David Graeff, W. W. Hambleton, Walter F. Johnson, Clair Smith, Jack E. Taylor, and Pledge Paul Hermann.

A very fine report was presented to the chapter by those brothers who attended the Convocation, namely: Clyde D. Boden, Jr., Elliott F. Pettigrew, Jr., Edward Ditto, III, and Wilbur H. Stark. Former Nu’s who also attended were: J. B. Hillegass, Past Grand Sage; John B. Prickett, Archon of Beta Province; George C. Fryburg, official delegate from Theta; and George E. Meagher.

Sigma Pi members on the faculty this semester are Brothers Noss, Herington, Frey, and Martin.

A majority of brothers have been busy recently scraping, painting, and in general putting the finishing touches on a memorial room in the house which will be dedicated with an appropriate plaque to all Nu’s who were killed during the war.

On our fall agenda rushing is the first big item to confront us, and we are all busy looking forward to a new successful rushing season with Jack Martin and Dave Groff doing a Herculean task as heads of the big “R” committee.

Bud Koeniger, a Sigma Chi from Penn State, and Bill Johnson have been recently granted house privileges, and these two fine boys round out our chapter for the present time. We really and truly have one big happy family.—C. Edward Schultz

OMICRON—Tulane

The opening of the fall session at Tulane finds Omicron with an active membership of 23. At the present time we are busily engaged in rush activities, and, under the direction of Brother Jack C. Schwegmann, we are looking forward to a bumper crop of pledges. There has been a series of parties for the past three weeks which have been dedicated to rushing and which have all been very successful. Pledge date is scheduled soon, and a banquet in honor of the new pledges has been planned.

The interior of the chapter rooms has recently been done over and new furniture acquired. We are also looking forward to obtaining a house in the not too distant future.

We are very proud of the fact that two of our brothers, Al Baltazor and Tom McConnell, are taking an active part in the reactivation of our sister chapter at L.S.U. Go to it, boys! We are all right behind you.

Recent elections of officers for Omicron gave the following results: S—Behman P. Thibodaux; FC—Robert M. Reinhardt; SC—Joseph L. Girodo; TC—Charles O. Phillips, Jr.; FoC—John C. Clark, Jr.; and H—Charles A. Perrenod, Jr.

We of Omicron are looking forward to the
Rushing-Week Scenes
at
Nu Chapter,
Franklin and Marshall

House Manager Bob Young
explains the Pledge
Manual.

Sage Dan Boden shows
a rushee the scholarship
cup.

Members and rushees at
table; conversation after
the dessert.
coming semester as one of the greatest times for the chapter. We feel sure the coming session will do much to improve our rating on the Tulane campus both socially and scholastically. One of the big social events of the season will be our Winter formal to be held on December 14 at the Municipal Auditorium. Our past Spring formal was the best of the season, and we intend to keep our reputation for giving outstanding affairs.—Harold L. Herrmann, Jr.

PI—Utah

Fall quarter at the University of Utah sees Pi regaining its position in fraternity circles. During the summer, under the worthy leadership of Sage Glen Young, the Chapter regained the use of the house and made it a house to be proud of, inside and out!

During the summer the boys have been far from dormant. Among the summer adventures were many quick beach parties on the shores of Great Salt Lake.

The early fall open house was a bright star in the history of Pi Chapter. Alumni of Pi attended from near and far, as well as members of other fraternal organizations (sororities too). To warm the visitors' shivering timbers received from autumn's cold wind, cider and doughnuts were served.

The problem of "Sigma" and "Pi" is solved. Sigma and Pi, for those who do not know, are two thoroughbred members of the Shepherd-Terrier group of the canine family. These two carnivorous domesticated mammals were willed to Pi Chapter by the war-time tenants of Pi's house. In view of the fact that the two dogs were watch-dogs of the best grade, it seemed a shame to lose them, but the majority rules. It seems that the very few who like Sigma and Pi have no proof of the dogs' kindness. However, those who say "Oust the dirty *%$!@!!" have scars to win sympathy of the fellows. "Ouch, let's have meeting standing up this Monday!"

The number in the active chapter is expected to be greatly augmented by the return of many service men. Among those expected are: Marvin Tuddenham, Richard Nelson, Wallace Turnbow, James L. Barker, and Tikey Magionos. It's true—Pledge Merle J. Selin, winner of the wrestling championship of intramural AAUU, is back. He defeated the representative from USAC. Pi expects an active chapter of forty members by winter quarter.

Convocation news related by Pi's representatives, Howard Crandall and A. G. Taylor, has brought speculation, interest, and enthusiasm with regard to the national chapter and the coming Convocation.

"Woah there, Dobbin!" Yes, last week a good old-fashioned hay-ride was in progress over the eastern beach of Salt Lake. The party was planned by pledge Robert Martin. Orchards of juicy, ripe peaches lined the road, but honesty prevailed?

Plans are already being forwarded by Pi to produce the largest homecoming celebration ever to hit the U of U campus. Alumni from Hawaii to Canada to Finland will receive invitations. By the way, alumni Charles Koch, who just returned from Japan, contributed ten dollars to the chapter.—Phil S. Meyerhoffer

RHO—N.C. State

The 1946-47 school term started off with a great turnout by the old boys of the war period who are returning for the first time this quarter. These men are: Lore S. Brown, Pittman Floyd, Porter Fulk, Thomas W. Fulk, Matthew J. Hannon, Louis B. Hoffman, Thomas E. Myatt, James H. Moore, Vance A. Morrow, A. L. Newsom, C. J. Paulus, Carl T. Pritchard, Jim Rhodes, Robert W. Russell, Emmitt B. Sherron, and Cyril R. Winecoff.

Rho is almost up to full strength and will be at a comfortable number as soon as the coming rush week is over. The student body here at State is approximately five thousand, which exceeds all records of previous years. With this large student body to pick from, we intend to pledge only a select few of the very best men.

Our Sage, "Heck" Williams, gave us a complete and detailed report on the Convocation at Asheville. We were all very well pleased with the progress achieved there, and are eager to go forward with plans.

Our football team is shaping up to be even stronger than it was last year. Our championship '45 team is strengthened with several good former Rho players. Louis Hoffman and Gus Paulus are good linemen, and Vance Morrow is a great pass receiver with Matty Hannon tossing the pigskin. These men and our old members of the team should lead us on to victory once again.

The rejuvenation of our house has been started with a new roof and copper guttering. Other repairs will be done as soon as materials are available. This work was made possible through the efforts of our Alumni, to whom we extend our thanks. It is the beginning of a great new year for Rho of Sigma Pi.
UPSILON—University of California at Los Angeles

Things have really been popping around here, with the result that Sigma Pi has just about regained its pre-war position as THE house at UCLA. A good many of us around can still remember those disheartening days of last year when women would look at our pin and say, "What house is that?" Now they look at the cross and say with awe in their voices, "Oh, are you a Sigma Pi?" This is quite remarkable, since we were almost non-existent during the war while all the other houses were pledging Navy V-12's to stay alive. As a result, the war-time sorority women had for the most part never heard of us. The following information will explain our flashy come-back to some degree:

In the first place, we have a large and excellent pledge class composed of 28 men with more coming, as a result of the relentless work of co-rush chairmen Will Harriss and Bill Meyer, to whom telephones are now positively nauseating. These are our pledges (this may be just a boring list to you, but it is music to our ears): Vic Schwenk, Bob Wall, and Jim Ross, all of whom play football for UCLA; John Senko, whose poem, "So Red The Rose," appeared in the last College Anthology of Verse; Bill McConnell, song-writer; Al Minjares, track flash; Bob Stott, now a member of the Senior Council; Sherwood Chambers, past sec-treas. of AMS at Visalia Jr. College; Evan Murphy, tennis, basketball, and student government official from Webster Groves High School, Missouri; Dick Emmons, Vice-President of student body at North Hollywood High; John Parker, tennis letterman at North Hollywood; "Colonel" Jim Parker, track man from San Mateo J. C.; Dick Welsh, our present candidate for Treasurer of the UCLA freshman class; Tom Tapscott, president of the pledges; Dale Champion, sophomore secretary in the Interfraternity Affairs Office; Jack De Friet, the Long Beach cannonball; Elliott Brainard, old Manual Arts High buddy of Meyer and Harriss; Chuck Gabler, former Navy officer, now smooth operator of the pledge class (remember the Palladium, Chuck?); Frank Davis, the house's radio and electricity trouble-shooter; Henry Krol from Hollywood—"nuf said"; Doug Bergen, answer to a maiden's prayer in his Navy R.O. uniform; Ralph Neis, the pledges' Erroll Flynn (in looks, I mean); Hollis Wood and Merle Swanson, big boys who stand us in good stead in the Intramurals; Bill Slingsby, nephew of Al Slingsby, Sigma Pi alum, and as good a Sigma Pi as his uncle; and last but far from least, Bill Todd, Glenn Smith, and Ed Ernst, whose looks would be swell decorations at any dance. The beauty of it is that these boys are all fireballs—not a closet case among them like the guy who is sending this news letter in late.

With the help of this pledge class and Bob Fulkerson, Milt Freeman, Walt Keusler, and Don Osborne all returned from the service, Sigma Pi is now leading its league in Intramural football.

Sage Bill Cutbirth, Bill Meyer, and pledge Bob Stott are now big wheels on the Senior Class Council, attracting the women like bees to a honey-pot. And speaking of women: after our recent exchange with Zeta Tau Alpha sorority the girls and their house mother voted Sigma Pi the most-fun-to-be-with, best-mannered, most beautiful house on the row. This was very much appreciated, of course, although we had a sneaking suspicion of it all the time anyway. We all think ZTA is a wonderful sorority, too, especially Will Harriss who is pinned to Suzi Gump, the loveliest and most likeable active they have. (Note: Will Harriss is writing this.)

Some others whose admiration of our chapter we sincerely appreciate are George Oldenburg and Ward Saclier, brothers from Omicron chapter at Tulane, who visited us in August and September. We wish to give official thanks to George and Ward for the help they gave us in throwing our rush dance, the "Jinx Ball," back in September. See you at the convention!

Plans for establishing a chapter at the University of Southern California are well under way, and we are greatly improving the appearance of our own house by having the reception hall and living-room completely redone by an interior decorator. We hope to be known soon as the "Taj Mahal chapter of Sigma Pi.

Will Harriss and loony roomy Dick Campbell are now humor writers for the Claw, the humor magazine of UCLA, which explains the roars of laughter coming from their cell on the second floor—laughing at their own jokes.—Will Harriss.

ALPHA-DELTA—Alabama Poly.

The Chapter resumed its activities with the opening of the fall quarter on September 30. Rush week, with the addition of four pledges, was very successful. A great deal of work and improvement was done around the house the
first week, including the addition of a long walk from the door to the street, and a rear stoop.

Homecoming Week-end resulted in a grand time for all. Festivities began Friday night, October 4, with a house dance. Attending were members, pledges, alumni, and friends. On the day of the game, Saturday, we were visited by several alumni among whom were: William P. Shealy (Psi), Eric A. Anderson and George H. Reynolds. A buffet luncheon was served before the game and enjoyed very much by those present. The afternoon culminated in a rousing 26-6 victory over Furman U.

Alpha-Delta welcomes Edward W. Lindsay and J. Alvin Stratigos, who have returned to the Alabama Polytechnic Institute to work on their master degrees in physics.

Members and alumni are planning a reunion at Birmingham November 9 for the Mississippi State-Auburn game.

**ALPHA-THETA—Beloit**

The men of Sigma Pi at Beloit this fall are back in the chapter house, after an absence of three years. The house needed considerable decorating after so long a vacancy, and many new furnishings were required before it could be lived in. The house was put into fine shape, most of the work being done by the boys.

A number of old students will be back with us this year. Jean Q. Jones, James W. Erdevig, John K. Hannifan, Edward M. Nelson, John E. Harth, Donald W. Carlson, Elwood E. Stolpe, and pledge Vernon E. Zumhagen have already taken their old positions in the chapter. John Hannifan and Jean Jones represent Alpha-Theta on the football team.

William G. Harman, now in Beloit’s Chicago office, visited with us for a few days. Vernon Satterthwaite is on the faculty in the chemistry department.

Many more of the old boys were back for homecoming October 26. The second meeting of Alpha-Theta fund was held at homecoming. Plans are being made for a new house. The following is taken from the alumni report on this project:

"The importance of an adequate home for a fraternity cannot be overestimated. A barren dormitory or a cramped rooming-house can never be conducive to the broadened outlook and soaring spirit that make growing youth truly creative. You who have pride in your own home will be first to appreciate what pride your son, or your brothers’ sons, can feel in their fraternity home if it is what they want it to be. Think back to your own college days, and live them over again with the boys of today.

"The opportunity is now here to begin building a Fund which will mean a new home for Sigma Pi as soon as the time is ripe for building. Five or six years should be enough so that at least by 1953 we should be able to celebrate the Golden Anniversary of the Dew Drop Inn by dedicating a new Sigma Pi House."

All in all things are back to pre-war standing, and Alpha-Theta has again taken its place on the campus.

**ALPHA-KAPPA—Louisiana State**

Alpha-Kappa is back! After being dormant for nearly three years, Alpha-Kappa of Sigma Pi has again assumed its place in the circle of college fraternities. We are now in the process of reorganization, and with the splendid cooperation of the alumni we will be a strong chapter by the end of the current school year.

The reactivation was formally announced on September 14 at a meeting held for such purpose with several out-of-town alumni joining the local alumni and members in a lively discussion and formulation of plans. This meeting was very successful. None of Alpha-Kappa’s alumni found it possible to return to school this fall, but two men from Omicron, Albert A. Baltazar and Thomas E. McConnell, transferred to L.S.U., and they have undertaken the task of rebuilding Alpha-Kappa. Rush plans were formulated in accordance with the Interfraternity Council Rush Rules, and a series of activities were inaugurated with a smoker on Wednesday, September 18. A buffet supper, a stag party, and an open house were held on successive days. We rushed six men and pledged two of them. Our limited manpower and facilities restricted our activities, but pledging one-third of your rushees is a good job. Since the closing of rush-week we have pledged another man. One of our pre-war pledges has returned, so that our present strength is two actives and four pledges.

The majority of the work of reorganizing has been done by the alumni. Most active of these are J. D. Carter and Normand H. Edwards. Without their valuable assistance Alpha-Kappa would not be back on the campus. Both Al Baltazar and Tom McConnell are strangers to L.S.U. and are having the usual difficulties in getting oriented. They are trying
desperately to match the efforts of the alumni and are doing a wonderful job. Evidence of this is to be found in the many alumni contributions which have been coming in.

Presently Alpha-Kappa is using the apartment of Normand Edwards as its headquarters. The apartment is located a few blocks off the campus at 311 East State Street. Meetings and other fraternity gatherings are held there. It is our official domicile, and we hope to see our alumni there. Won't you drop by?

We are happy that J. D. Carter has been elected Grand Fourth Counselor and is continuing his duties as Acting Archon of Kappa Province. "J. D." is a frequent visitor, and his devotion to Sigma Pi is indeed a real stimulus to us. The Alpha-Kappa of Sigma Pi match books he obtained are really a valuable asset in rushing, and we thank him for his thoughtfulness.

Our pledge group consists of C. S. Barrett, Gus F. Delery, A. G. "Jack" Edgar, and Holly Heard. They are all veterans, Barrett and Edgar were in the Navy, and Delery and Heard were in the Army. Edgar is a brother of John B. Edgar, alumnus. Heard is a cousin of T. P. and Meredith Heard. You know, "Little Red" and "Big Red." We are exceptionally proud of Holly, who is a tackle on the L.S.U. football team. If you remember, it was Holly, who kicked the extra point that gave L.S.U. a 7-6 victory over Rice Institute.

—A. A. Baltazar

ALPHA-LAMBDA—Mississippi State

During this tenth year of Sigma Pi on the Mississippi State College campus, things are going the Sigpi way, and big plans have been made for both the immediate and the farther future.

The school year began with a successful rush season. Alpha-Lambda pledged Charles H. Wilkins of Hernando; Jefferson D. Dickson, Brandon; Rodney G. Freeman of Hattiesburg; Chambliss Mizelle of Laurel; Walter L. Bailey of State College; Neal Shelby Davis, Lumberton; Harold Josey, Starkville; Jefferson Davis Jordan and Leland M. Coleman of Columbus; Jack Shumake, Baldwyn; and Carlton Davis of Starkville. The rush week for Alpha-Lambda this year was measured in terms of quality, not quantity.

The Golden Quest was conducted for three new members on September 18. They were William Cox of Columbus, James H. McCarthy of Baldwyn, and Gene Bidwell of Greenwood. Chambliss Mizelle of Laurel, Harold Josey of Starkville, and possibly two other pledges will be initiated on November 16.

The following officers were elected on September 30: SC—C. M. "Cris" Elmore; SC—Gene B. Easom; FoC—E. E. Weaver; TC—Harry B. Forbes; FC—H. H. "Skeeter" Wamble; H—Curtis H. James; Steve "Scoop" Harman, pledge master; and Richard W. McGuire, Interfraternity Council representative.

Pledge officers elected were: Ted Day, president; Lee Thompson, vice-president; Connie Hay, secretary-treasurer.

Alpha-Lambda lost a trophy to Alpha-Kappa (L.S.U.) on the week-end of October 5 when the Louisiana State Tigers defeated the Mississippi State Maroons 13-6 in football. Alpha-Kappa entertained the brothers from Mississippi State with a dinner at Pender's and open house immediately following the game. W. Curtis Patterson, outstanding guard on the Maroon team, faced Holly Heard, an outstanding Tiger player, throughout the game.

Ernest Hale, Alpha-Lambda social chairman, was recently elected to the position of business manager of the Mississippi State College Players, and currently two pledges are campaigning for freshman class positions.

Plans for the tenth anniversary celebration to be held by Alpha-Lambda Chapter on November 16 are under the direction of an anniversary committee. This committee is made up of Steve "Scoop" Harman, chairman; T. A. Rogers, professor of engineering, who represents the faculty; Sid D. Cox, who represents the Alumni; Ernest Hale and E. E. Weaver, who represent the active chapter.

Three pledges will also be named to serve on the committee.

Plans are to be made for the largest and "most successful" anniversary celebration ever held by a social fraternity on the Mississippi State College campus.

The week-end-long program will be highlighted by a dance in the beautiful Gothic-constructed and world's largest college cafeteria. Other high-lights of the tenth-anniversary program will be a football game between the Mississippi State Maroons and the University of Nevada squad, a banquet, a memorial service for the three members who lost their lives while in the armed forces, the inauguration of Dr. Fred T. Mitchell as president of Mississippi State, fraternity alumni meeting, and church attendance en masse. The Golden Quest will be held for three.

All men, alumni and former pledges, who have at some time been associated with
Alpha-Lambda Chapter will receive an invitation to be present at the anniversary program.

Invitations will also be issued to all officers of the Grand Chapter and to state officials. Governor Thomas Bailey will be invited to deliver the main address of the week-end.

Approximately one hundred alumni and former pledges are expected to be present for the "gigantic" celebration.—Steve Harmon

**ALPHA-MU—Newark C. of E.**

September graduation at N.C.E. resulted in two able and hard-working brothers leaving the Chapter to face the dangers of the outside world. Robert O. Sprague and Fred Stober have finally graduated and are now seeking new worlds to conquer. We hope that they will continue their great interest in Sigma Pi.

With classes at the College running from 9 A.M. to 6 P.M., and also on Saturday mornings, it will be hard for all the brothers to get together during noon meals as has been the custom in the past. But with an active membership of around 30 men it will not be difficult for the Chapter to function smoothly and efficiently.

Even though Alpha-Mu has finally managed to buy its own chapter-house, it will be unable to move in for several months. It seems that the present tenant is not willing to allow this overwhelmingly "veterans" Chapter to partake of the joy of living in its own house. So, for the time being, the Chapter will hold its meetings in the College, provided that there is a spare corner available. With an entering freshman class of about 400 this will be quite a problem.

As a result of the enormous enrollment of students at N.C.E. the college is filled to overflowing. This gives Alpha-Mu an excellent opportunity to increase its membership, and this opportunity will not be missed if FC—W. C. Klitsch has anything to say about it.

At a recent meeting Wallace E. Banta, Robert J. Rawding, and George W. Munns, Jr., were initiated into the mysteries of Sigma Pi.

Alpha-Mu's traditional Orchid Ball will be held at the Spring Brook Country Club on Thanksgiving Eve, November 27, from 9 to 1 A.M. Carl Madison will again furnish the music for this affair. Dress is formal. Refreshments will be served at the dance. All Sigma Pi's living in North Jersey are invited to attend Alpha-Mu's biggest dance of the year.—Frederick Stober

**ALPHA-LAMBDA MEN IN ACCIDENT**

Gene B. Eason, Alpha-Lambda, senior in the College of Education, received a broken back and minor injuries in an automobile accident recently when he was on his way to his home in Greenwood, Miss., from Mississippi State College.

He is receiving treatment in Campbell’s Clinic in Memphis, Tenn., where his condition is reported as "improving."

In the accident with Brother Eason was Brother H. H. "Skeeter" Wamble, also of Greenwood. Brother Eason, a veteran who returned to Alpha-Lambda this year, was recently elected First Counselor. Brother Wamble is chapter warden.

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—Habit

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Employer (to applicant for position of secretary): "I hope you realize the importance of punctuation."
Applicant: "Oh, yes. I always get to work on time."
—Honey Dew News

SHE KNEW

Marine: "Is Evelyn your oldest sister?"
Little Dorothy: "Yes."
Marine: "And who comes after her?"
Little Dorothy: "You and three sailors."
—Pathfinder

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**THE EMERALD OF SIGMA PI**
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Badge Price List

CROWN SET JEWELED BORDERS
GENUINE EMERALD CENTER

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CROWN SET JEWELED BORDERS
IMITATION EMERALD CENTER

Any jeweled badge may be set with an imitation emerald center if desired. These are not kept in stock for immediate delivery but can be made on special orders.

- Deduct $3.00 from above prices for the miniature size, or $5.00 for the standard size with imitation emerald center.

Plain Badges

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CHAPTER CALENDAR

VARIABLE DATES

Send Pledge Form 1 and fee to Executive Office within one week after formal pledging.

Mail Initiate-Registration, Form 10, with fee and M.R.&H. blank to Executive Office not later than day of actual initiation.

File membership reports promptly whenever Form 33 is distributed by the Executive Office.

File pledge scholarship data promptly upon receipt of Form 34.

Report on Proclamation, Form 30, the installation of every new chapter officer.

EACH MONTH

1st—Treasurer remit active member dues to E. O.

5th—Sage mail to the E. O. comprehensive Monthly Report, Form 32, covering previous month.

10th—Latest date for Treasurer to mail buff copies of General Entry Sheets (for previous month) to the E. O.

30th—Secretary send minutes of chapter meetings: buff copy to E. O. and third copy to Province Archon. Don't let minutes accumulate; mail at least once or twice a month.

EMERALD COPY

Correspondent send Chapter Letters to the Executive Office, all other copy to the Editor, not later than:

July 1 for the August issue

October 1 for the November issue

January 3 for the February issue

April 1 for the May issue

SPECIAL DATES

February 26—Founders' Day.

April (1st meeting)—Annual election of chapter officers.

May (1st Sunday)—Sigma Pi Memorial Day.

May (2nd Sunday)—Mothers' Day.

June (3rd Sunday)—Fathers' Day.

June 15—Furnish the Executive Office with the summer addresses of the chapter officers, names and addresses of Rush Committee members, and addresses of graduating members.