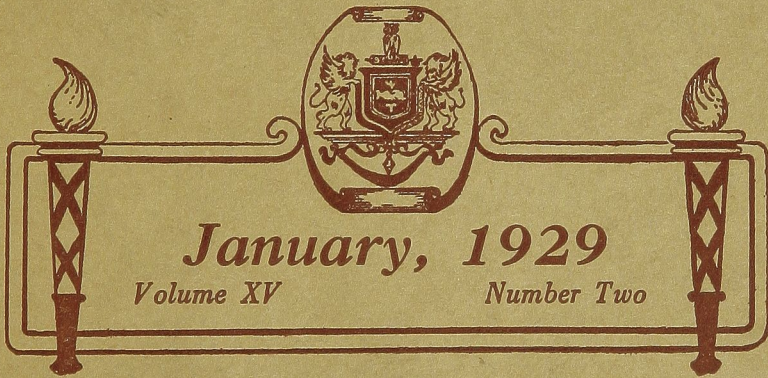




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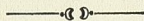
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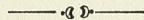
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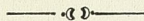
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OUR NEW PRESIDENT

Edward Livingston Stevens, Chi '99

ON TUESDAY, November 13 last, The Executive Council at its regular meeting for the annual election of officers, elected Brother Stevens to the Presidency of Psi Upsilon to succeed Earl D. Babst, Iota-Phi '93 whose term expired.

"Ned" Stevens needs no introduction to the chapters or to our alumni because he has been a very active member of the Council continuously since 1911. He comes from a real Psi U family being the son of the late Edward Livingston Stevens, Theta '55, brother of Harold Burr Stevens, Chi '02 and Stoddard More Stevens, Chi '85, uncle of George May Stevens, Chi '16 and Stoddard More Stevens Jr., Chi '14, and father of Edward Livingston Stevens Jr., Psi '30.

During the past several years Brother Stevens has been chairman of the Council Committee on Chapter Visitations, and in this capacity he has brought about more frequent and more thorough chapter visits by the members of the Council. Setting a good example by his own many visits to the several chapters, Ned has quickly won his way into the hearts of our undergraduate and alumni members all of whom will rejoice that the fraternity's leadership is now in his hands as a worthy successor to our beloved past president Earl D. Babst.

Being a man of dignified bearing having fine simple mannerisms he has, along with his noble character and high scholarly achievements, a fine lovable nature that wins your instant admiration. In his talks to chapters and alumni groups Brother Stevens always stresses two very important ideas of his along with his many other words of wisdom. He says that in Psi Upsilon we instill into our brothers that we are members of a living brotherhood to the degree that when we become alumni we say, "I am a member of Psi Upsilon" and never "I was a member of Psi Upsilon while at college"—likewise he believes firmly in a justifiable pride that comes from membership in Psi Upsilon, but he dislikes a snob, who he says, "is a second class man aping first class ideals."

Brother Stevens received his degree of A. B. at Cornell University in 1899 and an LL.B. degree in 1902 at the same university. He is a member of Phi Beta Kappa and at Cornell he was also elected to Sphinx Head. Always an active member of the Cornell University Club of New York City he was naturally elected to head the Cornellian Council some few years ago:

for a number of years he practiced law in New York City where he was a prominent member of the Association of the Bar until he moved to Delhi, New York several years ago where he now resides.

Mrs. Edward Livingston Stevens is a real "Psi U Lady" always being actively interested in the fraternity and her husband's work therein. In addition to their son E. L. Jr., who is a member of the junior delegation at our Psi chapter, they have another son Lynn who is not yet ready for college, but who will some day be elected to membership in Psi U, for "—when the little ones come on, we'll brand them all Psi Upsilon."

Noteworthy tributes and congratulations have been pouring in on Brother Stevens ever since his election to the Presidency of Psi Upsilon, but of none is he more proud than the telegram from his predecessor:

Mr. Edward L. Stevens,
Delhi, New York.

New York, November 16th, 1928

Dear Brother Stevens:

Just learned of the great honor which our associates have conferred upon you. It delights my heart as it will thousands in the procession of undergraduates gone and to come for in your leadership they will have the companionship and the intimate understanding of a kindred spirit long devoted to the glorious traditions of Psi Upsilon and keenly alert to the responsibilities of a living Brotherhood. Endless congratulations and cordial greetings.

EARL D. BABST.

At the time of his election, which was heralded across the country by the Associated Press, Brother Stevens said: "Now that we have had to accept, most reluctantly, the resignation of Earl Babst (worthy successor to Herbert Bridgman), the other members of the Council have chosen me in his place. It is a high honor, which I have done little to merit. I deeply appreciate the warm assurances my colleagues on the Council have given me of their loyal co-operation; but our many years of cordial association have made assurances superfluous. We will, I know, continue to work together in fine friendship for the good of Psi Upsilon as we see it.

In most respects, the condition of our chapters is splendid. As in the past, the personnel of the undergraduates is a source of justifiable pride. The steadily increasing interest and activity of our alumni in support of their chapters augur well for the future. Psi Upsilon's greatest task, as I see it, is to bring about increased harmony between our chapters and the universities and colleges of which they are a part, to the end that the college lives of our members may be made richer and fuller through the application to modern

college conditions of Psi U's old traditions of manhood and honor and friendship.

Improved scholarship is only one of the things we should aim at. I am old-fashioned enough to believe that we can do something, too, to make all of our members able to look back after graduation, in the way we older men can and do, to their four years of active membership in Psi Upsilon as the happiest memory and keenest inspiration of their lives."

Thus we go forward to our Centennial year under the inspiring leadership of Edward Livingston Stevens.

EARL D. BABST, IOTA-PHI '93
Resigns from the Executive Council of Psi Upsilon.

ALTHOUGH for some months Brother Babst had told his colleagues on the Council that he did not feel he could accept election to another term of five years on the Council, everyone at the convention last May was overjoyed when the delegates chose him once more for this great honor. The members of the Council hoped that he might find it possible to continue as a member even though he could not accept the Presidency again.

At the November meeting of the Council at the University Club in New York, the Secretary read the following letter from Brother Babst:

Dear Brothers of the Executive Council: November 9th, 1928

As disclosed to you some time ago I find it necessary to retire from the Executive Council, as part of a long deferred plan to reduce my various activities. Therefore, I hereby tender my resignation.

In laying down my official duties I would feel ungrateful indeed, if through you, I failed to express my deep appreciation to the Fraternity for the opportunity to serve it on the Executive Committee for the past twenty years and to you, my associates, for the honor you have conferred by electing me for the past four years to the office of President.

May I not hope, notwithstanding my retirement from the Council, that undergraduates and alumni will continue to pull my latchstring when in New York and so continue a joy and privilege which has been mine for many years.

As a contribution toward carrying on two undertakings in which together we have labored, and in which I continue to be specially interested, I wish to give \$2,000.00 to be used entirely within the discretion of the Council, in equal amounts, in advancing the growth of the Bridgman Diamond Memorial Fund and in preparation for the rapidly approaching Centennial of Psi Upsilon.

To my associates on the Executive Council I wish to record my unending gratitude for their consideration and cooperation in the countless matters that come to our attention for direction and counsel from all corners of Psi Upsilon.

Always holding myself at your command

I am yours in the bonds

(Signed) EARL D. BABST

It was moved and voted "That very much against the wishes of the Council, but out of respect to Brother Babst's wishes, that his resignation be accepted with keenest regret."

The Board of Editors of the Diamond fail to find words to express the true feeling of sorrow and regret that is in the hearts of every member of the fraternity since the resignation of Brother Babst became known. His keen leadership, lofty ideals and noble purposes will long be remembered and the fraternity will always refer to the period of his presidency as the "high spot" of our history. No man has ever been more beloved and respected by his fraternity brothers than Earl Babst and our appreciation of his sacrifices of his personal precious time for the advancement of Psi Upsilon, will never wane.

Everyone who has known Brother Babst's heavy business responsibilities as Chairman of the Board of Directors of the American Sugar Refining Company together with the legion of directorships, etc., of many other corporations have simply marvelled at his ability to give the time to the arduous duties as President of Psi Upsilon. Other men might lightly accept the honor of the many responsibilities which this exacting office entails, but his achievements while in office and his actual leadership speak for themselves. We can rejoice however in knowing that as an emeritus member of the Executive Council he will frequently attend its meetings and his wise counsel will always be ours for the asking.

His gift of \$2000.00 to the Council, "to be used entirely within the discretion of the Council, in equal amounts, in advancing the growth of the Bridgman Diamond Memorial Fund and in preparation for the rapidly approaching Centennial of Psi Upsilon" is just typical of Brother Babst, and

is a concrete example of his great love for the fraternity, its past and its future.

In order that a further recognition may be made to show our love for Brother Babst, the Council voted that the new President, Brother Stevens appoint a committee of three to arrange for a dinner in New York in the near future in honor of Earl Babst on behalf of the fraternity. Brother Stevens has appointed the following committee of the Council for this: Archibald Douglas, Lambda, Chairman; Walter T. Collins, Iota; and Emmett H. Naylor, Zeta.

Full details of this dinner and testimonial will be given in a subsequent issue of THE DIAMOND.

LEROY JEFFERSON WEED, THETA '01 IS ELECTED TO THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL

We introduce to the fraternity at large the new member of our Executive Council LeRoy Jefferson Weed, Theta '01. He was elected to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of Brother Babst and will serve the term expiring in 1933. Brother Weed is Vice President of Ginn & Company, publishers with offices at 70 Fifth Avenue, New York.

While in college Brother Weed was on the football team and captain of the track team. He is a brother of DeForest W. Weed, Theta '03 and father of Jefferson Weed, Theta '29 now an undergraduate member of the mother chapter.

His election to the Council is a recognition of his many years of loyal service to his chapter, and his membership on the Council will bring to that body an able representative of our mother chapter during the years of preparation for our centennial in 1933. Besides all will agree that the Theta Chapter is certainly entitled to have one of its alumni sit on the Council to assist in giving direction to enable us to carry on the traditions of our Founders.

TIRED BUSINESS MEN OF THE CAMPUS

BY MAX MCCONN*
Dean of Lehigh University

Being a defense of Greek Letters for Go Getters—How our college fraternities have outwitted the faculty, circumvented the higher learning, and made university life the best of all business success schools

THE Greek language has very nearly passed out of our American colleges, except for the alphabet. But the alphabet flourishes exceedingly. Every freshman learns his letters in that ancient tongue—learns them from handsome brass plates which adorn magnificent mansions, and from resplendent jeweled pins on the waistcoats of magnificent young men who issue forth from the mansions to rule the college scene.

The fraternities, in whose nomenclature the alphabet of Plato survives among us, have long been a subject of controversy. Their members—those fine young men with the jeweled pins—will tell you they are temples of a mystical brotherhood. But there are others who whisper—or sometimes shout—that they are rather schools of snobbishness and parking space for lounge lizards. What is the truth?

And, further, what is the significance of this impressive institution, the fraternity, with respect to the colleges in whose shadow it has grown up and prospered so mightily? Within recent years the college itself has become nearly as controversial a topic as the fraternity. Is there any connection between the two controversies?

In my opinion the connection is fundamental, so that the two subjects can most profitably be discussed together.

Fundamentally, the local chapters of the Greek letter fraternities are what college officers call “living groups.” As such they are classified with the college dormitories. In effect, indeed, the chapter houses constitute important additions to the dormitory facilities. From one-third to two-thirds of the total enrollment may be housed in this way. These houses constitute one of the gifts which these modern Greeks have brought to the colleges.

But the fraternities differ from other living groups in that membership is attainable only by invitation, and it may be worth while to consider the criteria by which certain freshmen are selected for the privileges of frater-

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nity membership, while the rest are relegated to the outer darkness of dormitories and other rented rooms.

In "rushing" a freshman, fraternities take account of four principal points: money; family; the preparatory school which the rushee has attended; and personal qualities.

I have listed these points in climactic order. Money is the least considered of the four; the possession of sufficient funds is essential, but beyond that unimportant. The boy with the largest roll and the handsomest motor car in the whole class may be left out. Family is somewhat more heavily weighted; if a boy's father is a man of mark in his home town, and his mother a social leader there, his chances are good. As to the preparatory school, please let no one suppose that scholastic standards are weighed. The point in question is exclusively the social reputation of the school; this third criterion is merely supplemental to that of family.

But the most interesting criterion is the fourth: personal qualities. These are of two kinds. One kind relates to "personality." If a lad has an agreeable exterior, a winning smile, and a pleasing manner, if he is a "slick dresser" and a "smooth talker," and if he is duly accredited as to purse, progenitors, and preparatory school, he is sure to be taken. Nay, if his "slickness" and "smoothness" are exactly right, he will get in despite serious deficiencies in one or more of the other items. On the other hand, if he is notably deficient in "personality," notorious millions and Mayflower ancestry and New England's most famous Eton all combined may fail to land him safely. The second kind of personal qualifications consist of capacities, reported or displayed, for distinction in outside activities—athletics, the glee club, the annual comic opera, or even college journalism. Where any such capacity is definitely present, many other things may be overlooked.

From the foregoing account it will be seen that fraternities consist of very agreeable, personable young men, living together most comfortably, and devoting themselves chiefly to athletics and other outside activities—with, of course, some incidental attention to studies.

I have kept away from the subject of studies as long as possible, but one cannot (as yet) avoid it entirely in discussing the life of college students. So I find myself face to face with the problem of explaining as fairly as I can the attitude of the fraternities and of most fraternity men toward studies and scholarship.

Fraternities are officially interested in this matter to the extent of seeing to it that their members "stay in college," and also that they "keep off probation" (because a student "placed on probation" is usually debarred

from participation in athletics and other outside activities). To this end most chapters enforce a rule requiring their freshmen to "stay in" for four nights each week. And even a sophomore or an upperclassman who is notoriously delinquent in his studies may be labored with by the head of the house, especially if he is prominent in athletics or some other activity—in an effort, of course, to keep him eligible to remain in residence and to continue his contribution to the glory of the chapter through his extracurricular achievements.

Beyond this point one cannot truthfully say that the fraternities in general concern themselves with scholastic matters. Occasionally there is a group which strives to win the scholarship cup or other trophy which is often offered to the fraternity having the highest scholarship average. But it is the consensus of opinion among the fraternities that such distinction is pale and of little real importance to the chapter which attains it. At every college, to be sure, there are regularly a few fine scholars in the fraternity group—to whom their chapters, when reminded of this aspect of collegiate life will point with pride. But these men are in fraternities almost in spite of, certainly not on account of, their intellectual abilities and attainments. In every fraternity house I ever visited the whole atmosphere and spirit is definitely non-intellectual. The recognized, accepted topics of conversation in these houses are invariably athletics, other outside activities, and girls, and any theme which could by any stretch of language be classified as intellectual or "high-brow" is taboo—socially incorrect.

Is not this fact a curious and interesting one to be predicated of specially selected groups of young men who are supposed to be devoting their lives for the time being to the higher learning?

Some may suppose that the foregoing exposition is intended as an "indictment" of fraternities, that the facts presented support the charges of idleness and frivolity which are sometimes made, the lounge lizard view. But that view is entirely erroneous. The fraternities do harbor a few lounge lizards, but not many, and they do not want them. The occasional lounge lizard is no more typical than the sporadic Phi Bete.

Fraternity men in general are exceedingly industrious. Most of them work night and day, week in and week out. They have their classes to go to and their lessons to be got (after a fashion), as the necessary price of continuance in college, and these things take quite a lot of time, at least during certain weeks immediately preceding quizzes and final examinations. And then, over and above this, they have their all-important outside activities to keep up. They have to play on teams, to practice for the glee club and the

band, to get up theatricals, to publish various periodicals, to organize meetings, to give dances and banquets, to sit on numberless boards and committees, and so on almost without end. Idle? Believe me, it is rather "the strenuous life."

Moreover, these multiform outside activities are educational in a very high degree. The students themselves realize this fact and insist upon it, with an almost pathetic insistence, to the usually deaf ears of deans and professors. Indeed these students maintain that their own activities are more important educationally than their studies—that they, in their own phrase, "get more out of them," more training of mind and character than their books afford.

We may say, of course, that these young undergraduates are not competent to judge the comparative educational values of activities and book-learning. But as alumni later, having tested their training in the hard post-graduate school of business life, they express no regrets and no change of view. They still maintain, years afterward, that in giving preference while in college to activities rather than studies they chose the better part. And the acid test of their sincerity in such expressions comes when they send sons to college and are openly more concerned that the boy should "make" a fraternity and a team, should become a "student leader," than that he should pay any particular attention to books.

In short, the great majority of fraternity men—though they give only the compulsory minimum of attention to those aspects of higher education which are represented by the faculty and the curriculum—are neither idle nor frivolous. They are earnestly at work on another course of training, devised and developed by themselves, which they select for its superior educational advantages.

Personally, I have become convinced that they are right, that their claims are sound, that their choice is justified—for themselves and the very large number of present day collegians whom they represent.

Obviously, however, these students with their self-devised course of training, consisting of outside activities, stand for a conception of higher education quite different from the traditional idea with which the curriculum and the labors of professors are associated.

The older type of higher education relied almost exclusively on one instrumentality, namely, learning—book-learning. It assumed that young men who came to college desired this thing called learning and had some use for it; that they had the capacity for getting out of books not only facts but general ideas, conceptions, points of view, attitudes of mind, even emotions;

that, consequently, they could be trained by this instrument of book-learning, their minds developed, their characters molded; that they could be taught a critical analysis of ideas, logical reasoning, æsthetic appreciation, ethical evaluation, and the like.

This assumption was probably true of most of the students who went to our American colleges a hundred years ago; and we must not overlook the fact that it is true today of a considerable number of our present students. But within the last forty years our colleges have been invaded by the whole populace, as it were. They have come to enroll practically all the sons (and daughters) of those numerous citizens who in this prosperous land are able to purchase bachelor's degrees for their children. The number of these children registered in our colleges to-day runs to something like eight hundred thousand. Clearly no such enormous group of young people can be capable of profiting by the old type of higher education. It is quite inconceivable—and very likely it would be undesirable—that any such proportion of the total youthful population should be bookishly inclined to the degree that the old instrument—book-learning—demands.

There are really a great many, to be sure, whom the old education does fit, who do have the necessary aptitudes. Let me insist on this; for I do not wish to be pessimistic or cynical. They come—these *bona fide* young intellectuals—from all walks of life and all grades of society. Never before or elsewhere have the treasures and pleasures of the higher learning been dispensed to so large a proportion of those young citizens who have intellectual propensities.

But the great majority of the new hordes are simply nonplussed and bewildered by the higher learning—and intolerably bored. They can read, of course. They can learn facts and parrot them back to professors in recitations and quizzes, but as for getting any real understanding or appreciation of literature, history, mathematics, or science—it just is not in them. They simply are not “intellectuals”—not “highbrows.” In fact, they would repel such epithets with scorn. But to get any real education from the old instrument—the higher learning—you need to be an “intellectual” and a “high-brow.” There is no training of either intelligence or character to be got from books or studies unless you love these things, unless they absorb you, move you, carry you away.

If anyone had foreseen the intolerable situation in which the majority of the new collegians would find themselves, he might have wondered, with some anxiety, what they would do. They might have sunk into mere apathetic idleness and loafing. A considerable number did and do; these constitute

the most difficult "cases" a college officer encounters. Or they might have sought the distractions of vice. Some did and do. But the great majority did and do neither of these things. They are energetic—tremendously so; they are, on the whole, clean and wholesome; and, while they are distinctly not "intellectual," they are intelligent enough in their own way, that is, in "practical" matters, in running around and doing things. So they seized upon the rudimentary outside activities which were to be found in the colleges forty years ago and have developed them to the tremendous proportions which they bear on every campus to-day. And the fraternities, though not solely responsible for this development, became in fact—because they were such convenient organized centers to work from—their most efficient promoters and deserve the greater part of the credit.

In the beginning, the fraternity men and others were merely turning in desperation to something which they could do with some self-felt interest. They did not, of course, deliberately set out to create a new instrument of education. But that is what they have achieved—as they themselves now perceive and maintain.

Let us consider the nature and results of this new brand of higher education. It cannot be asserted that it seeks or attains quite the same goals as the older instrument, learning. Among the older objectives I have previously mentioned the critical analysis of ideas, logical reasoning, æsthetic appreciation, and ethical evaluation. The young men here in question are not capable of these things. What they admire and wish to emulate are those qualities of character and mind which make for practical "success" in the adult world of business and organizations: such moral qualities as the fighting spirit, the will-to-win, initiative, and energy; and such intellectual capacities as are involved in meeting and dealing with other people and planning and organizing. They perceive clearly enough that these are the qualities and capacities which will bring jobs and promotion. And they perceive also that in the mimic business world of college activities, with its politics and intrigues, its tremendous setting up of machinery and organization, its multiplicity of practical things to be done, they have an almost perfect school for the "getter"—which is exactly what they aspire to become.

As I said before, they are quite right. They have found a new instrument of education, admirably adapted to their purposes and capacities; and with all the energy of ambitious youth they proceed to train themselves therewith, disregarding so far as practicable the obstructive curriculum still sponsored by the faculties but designed for other purposes and capacities than theirs.

In short, our colleges are no longer homogeneous as to constituency or as to the kind of education they afford, but are serving two quite different groups: a minority who are intellectually gifted and carry on the older collegiate tradition, working with the faculties at intellectual tasks, towards intellectual and spiritual goals; and a large majority who are avowedly non-intellectual, for whom the old objectives are impossible and the old methods meaningless, but who are eagerly pursuing a new kind of training splendidly adapted to their own purposes and abilities.

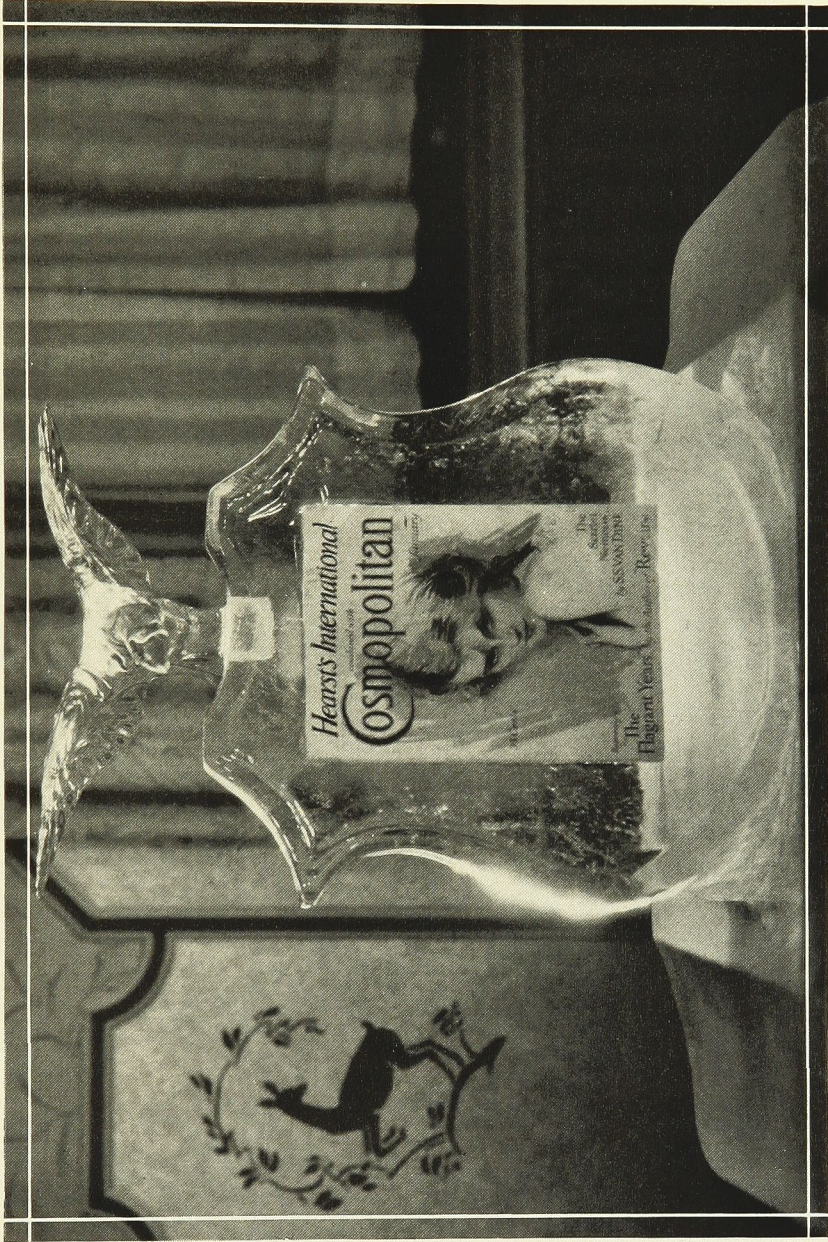
The fraternities have become the stronghold and chief agency of the new majority education. This new pedagogical instrument is their great and significant gift to the colleges.

It is true, of course, that this major gift may be regarded as dangerous from the standpoint of the older tradition. The social dominance of the fraternities on every campus, combined with their natural disregard for book-learning, as a thing merely incidental, or even antagonistic, to their own purposes and efforts, tends to weaken that older tradition even in the minds of those students who are capable of profiting by it. But doubtless this scarcely avoidable injury to the minority is more than compensated by the great benefits afforded to the majority.

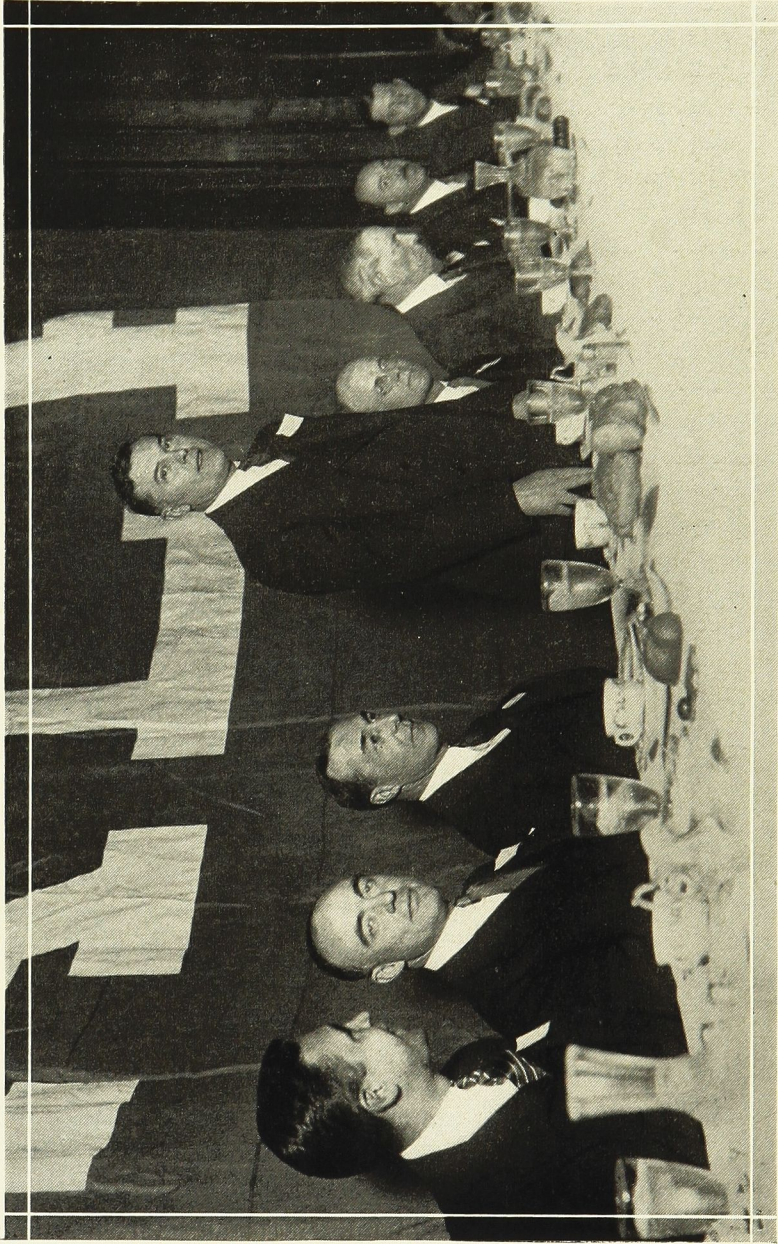
Finally, this exposition should set at rest the charges so frequently made that the fraternities are "undemocratic." The fact is that the fraternities are the refuge of what we may call the intellectual proletariat. It is largely through their efforts that our colleges are now devoted predominantly to the democratic object of training practical business men, rather than to the mere advancement of learning and what used to be called "culture" among a selected few who happen to be intellectually gifted.

MAKING GOOD AND LOYAL ALUMNI

Good and loyal alumni are made by the active chapter. Chapters are often complaining about the lack of interest of the alumni. When the entire burden of the chapter rests on the shoulders of three or four men during the four years of a college education, that chapter is training only four loyal alumni. Every man in the chapter should be made to have and take some active interest in the running of the chapter. Each man has some particular talent and that talent should be put to use for the fraternity. If a member is not interested in helping his chapter that much he has no business in it and should be out.—*The Record of Sigma Alpha Epsilon.*



A Novel Feature of Farewell Dinner to Warren C. Agry, Zeta '11
(See page 94)



Head Table at Annual Father and Sons Luncheon Yale Club of Chicago December 27, 1928
Left to right J. N. Whipple, Richards Bentley *Beta* '17, L. B. Robbins, Coach Tad Jones, F. A. Preston, John V. Farwell, *Beta* '79, Henry A. Gardner, and James L. Houghteling *Beta* '05.

A TRIBUTE BY YALE TO A. A. STAGG, BETA '88

A short time ago the press of the country gave out the news that Yale would play a game of football with Chicago on Stagg field on October 17, 1931. The announcement was made at the fathers and sons luncheon of the Yale Club of Chicago on December 27.

In this issue of *The Diamond* we are publishing a picture of gentlemen seated at the head table at this luncheon. This article and picture are of real interest to all members of Psi Upsilon because of the fact that so many members of the Beta chapter are concerned in bringing about this tribute to Brother Stagg, who is "The Grand Old Man of Football" to all Omega men.

Seated at the head table are Brothers Richard Bentley '17, John V. Farwell '79 and James L. Houghteling '05 all of the Beta. At the luncheon Mr. Henry A. Gardner, a former president of the club, read the letter sent to Brother Stagg by Prof. George H. Nettleton, Beta '96, Chairman of the Yale Athletic Committee and until recently a member of the Executive Council of Psi Upsilon. This letter read as follows:

"I am glad to inform you that the board of control of the Yale University Athletic Association has approved the proposal made through representatives of the Yale Club of Chicago for a game between the University of Chicago and Yale football teams, to be played at Chicago in 1931. Our board, which counts in its membership President Angell, naturally recognizes with especial satisfaction the close connections, academic and personal, between Chicago and Yale, which were inaugurated with President Harper and which have since been maintained and confirmed.

"It recognizes also the widespread desire of Yale graduates living in or near Chicago both for the proposed game itself and for the commemoration thereby, in 1931, of the fortieth anniversary of your first connection with the athletic interests of Chicago. Our board recognizes that your significant service to the best interests of college athletics is national rather than local in its influence, and the college of which you are a graduate is especially glad to share in honoring your name and work. The exceptional circumstances of the proposed game have thus led our board to give it consideration which is exceptional in view of our regular policy and practice."

Tad Jones Lauds Game.

Coach Stagg as a student at Yale in the late eighties was one of Yale's greatest athletes. The desire to honor Stagg was the chief factor in granting

permission to the Yale team of 1931 to make the trip to Chicago.

Tad Jones, one of the greatest football players who ever attended Yale and who has coached Old Eli elevens for a number of years, lauded the decision of the Yale board to permit the team to come west. Jones believes the decision will benefit Yale in intercollegiate athletics.

All Psi U men in Chicago and particularly the alumni of the Beta and Omega are pleased with the announcement and naturally none are more happy about it than Brother Stagg himself and his two sons, A. A. Jr., Omega '21, and Paul, Omega '32.

ABRAM OGDEN BUTLER, DELTA '53

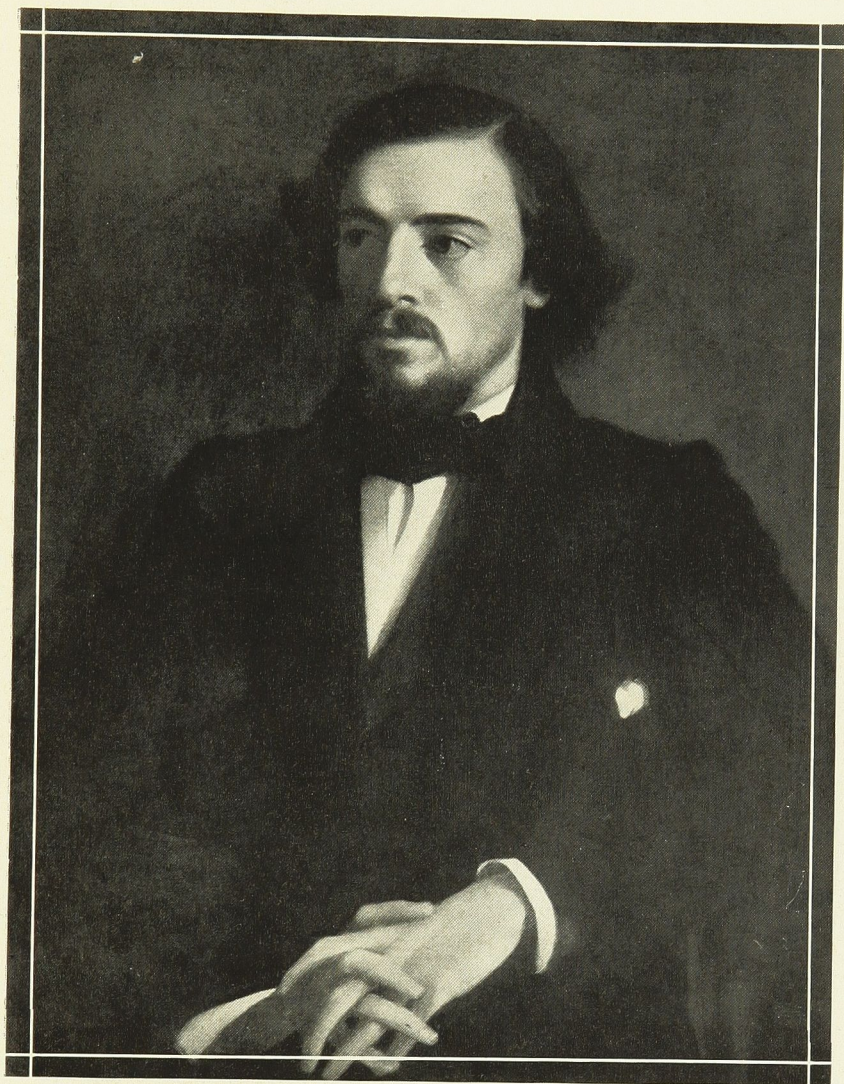
A GENTLE youth who had everything to live for but who died three years after graduation. Yet he left a more lasting impress on the life of the Delta chapter than perhaps any other of its graduates, and his name has been more in their minds in the past seventy-five years than any other on our list—not primarily because of his own attainments or achievements, he died too early for that, but because of a bequest to the Delta made by his father at the time of the son's decease.

This had an unusual proviso. It stipulated that the income should be enjoyed only on the condition that there should be "no game of chance nor should spiritous liquors be permitted" in the chapter house.

The bequest was not large and the income is inconsiderable but in honorable memory of a loving father this stipulation has become one of the sacred traditions of the Delta and from 1856 there has been no gambling and no drinking in a room or a chapter house rented or owned by the chapter. Whatever may have been the individual tastes or habits or morals of the chapter during all these years, as a chapter, the Delta has respected these inhibitions. To violate them now would be a sacrilege.

The influence for good has been incalculable. Surely it is an instance that he being dead yet speaketh.

JAMES ABBOTT, '83,
Historian.



ABRAM OGDEN BUTLER, *Delta '53*
(from an oil painting)



A Recent Photograph of the Rejuvenated Chapter House of the Delta, New York University

DELTA'S REJUVENATED CHAPTER HOUSE

ON Saturday, November 10, the Alumni and undergraduate chapter of the Delta celebrated the completion of the extensive repairs and improvements which had been under way during the summer at the Chapter House, 115 West 183 St., New York.

The graduates and the active chapter attended the football game with Alfred University in the afternoon, after which there was a dinner at the Chapter House and the house warming and reunion in the evening. Brother Wm. M. Kingsley, '83, treasurer of the University, presided and there were speeches by Judge Isaac Franklin Russell, '75. Alexander D. Lyman, '84, secretary of the New York University Council, Judge Edwin L. Garvin, '97, Henry Noble MacCracken, '00, president of Vassar College, and others. Brother Reinald Werrenrath, '04, led the singing.

In addition to all of these brothers there were present Chancellor Elmer Ellsworth Brown of New York University and several of the deans.

Graduates from among the last fifty years were present.

The Delta has had a continuous history at New York University since 1837—ninety-one years—and was never more prosperous than at present.

The Chapter House was built in 1898. Now it has been virtually made over, everything but the walls and the roof are new, and we now, thanks to the generous help from the Alumni, are good for another thirty years. The house is now entirely free of mortgage.

Delta is the oldest fraternity at New York University. It has 400 living graduates, and its alumni, united as the Delta Corporation, keep in close and harmonious cooperation with the undergraduates. As a chapter it has always been influential in the life of the University as alumni and in the government of the institution.

As the second oldest chapter of our fraternity we point we think with justifiable pride to our long and honorable history and we can promise that we will enter our second century with our loyalty unquestioned and our vigor unabated.

JAMES ABBOTT, '83,

Historian.

A LITTLE DINNER TO WARREN C. AGRY, ZETA '11

Elsewhere in this issue are published two pictures which were taken at an informal farewell dinner tendered to Brother Agry by just a few of his closest old Psi U "sidekicks." On Thursday December 27, the gathering was held in one of the private dining rooms of the Hotel Steven in Chicago. Under the able planning of Brothers E. J. Stevens Omega '04 and Harley C. Darlington Omega '07 a marvelous dinner was served and inasmuch as Brother Agry was leaving Chicago for New York City to become advertising manager for Cosmopolitan a very unique decoration was ordered prepared by Brother Stevens. The photograph shows this work of art very clearly as being carved out of ice with a copy of the current issue of Cosmopolitan fastened in a recess cut into the rear of the model of the shield. This was all beautifully mounted on a special table with colored electric lights behind the ice. It was really a very beautiful piece of work.

Warren Agry goes to New York with the best wishes of all the Psi U men in Chicago who have known his loyalty and devotion to Psi Upsilon extending over these years he has been in Chicago. As one of the founders and guarantors of the old Psi U club of Chicago he established himself as a loyal Psi U many years ago and those attending this farewell dinner to him were mostly those who had been associated with him in that project. After dinner the evening was spent in reminiscing and singing Psi U songs. A token of our affection was presented to our guest as a remembrance of the occasion.

We are sorry to have Brother Agry leave us but we are happy to see him advancing rapidly in his profession and we will look forward to seeing him in Chicago frequently on his many visits.

Those present were: Warren C. Agry, Zeta '11; Harley C. Darlington, Omega '07; E. J. Stevens, Omega '04; Henry D. Sulcer, Omega '06; Edwin R. Keeler, Zeta '10; Miller Munson, Rho '14; Jon Wells Banister, Omega '18; Ellis P. Egan, Omega '11; P. B. Palmer Jr., Gamma '04; E. L. Murphy, Omicron '07; Ralph N. Cushing, Kappa '05; R. Bourke Corcoran, Omega '15; Joseph G. Hubbell Mu' '98; Roderick Macpherson, Omega '16; Robert P. Heald, Rho '11, and Eugene Pearsoll a business associate of Brother Agry and a very good friend of all those present.

R. N. C.

PLEDGES ANNOUNCED BY OUR CHAPTERS

FOR the ready reference and information of our alumni and active chapters, THE DIAMOND will, hereafter, publish the list of all pledges issued by our chapters, in a special section apart from the regular chapter communications.

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A NEW THOUGHT IN ‘FREEDOM FOR STUDENTS’

An Editorial from the New York World of December 5, 1928

At St. John's College, Annapolis, Md., there have been created a few fellowships for seniors, which not only pay the student all his expenses during his last year at college but leave him free to pursue culture as he pleases, or not to pursue it if he pleases to do that. He need not attend classes, and "a senior fellowship can be terminated during the year of its tenure only because of the commission of a crime, as defined by the laws of the State of Maryland, by the fellow; or because the fellow becomes insane, as defined by the laws of the State of Maryland." As the State of Maryland has no prohibition law, this seems to leave the student free even to become a bootlegger. Almost unqualified liberty appears to be what is aimed at. The plan was sponsored by Dr. Raymond Pearl, biologist of the Johns Hopkins University and a trustee of the college; and he makes it clear, in an article published in *School and Society*, that it is frankly a blow aimed at the "schoolmaster-pupil relation," which he thinks "redounds to the benefit of the master, not the pupil." "Much ink," he goes on to say, "has been spilled about the subject of academic freedom, but nearly always with reference to the freedom of the professors to do various things, sometimes obviously absurd or ridiculous. Is it not about time to consider seriously the subject of the freedom, within academic precincts, of the student to develop his intellectual powers in the way he personally wants to?"

This idea, in American education, is almost revolutionary. Not even graduate students are permitted the liberty which Dr. Pearl has succeeded in securing for the St. John's College seniors. For the graduate student, while he may choose what he will study and how many years he will take to study it, is pretty well restricted in other ways. If a degree be his object, he must conform to a course of study laid out for him by the university; and at the end of his term he must submit a thesis, sometimes on a subject chosen by himself, but more often on a subject chosen for him by his instructors. So uninteresting are many of these subjects handed down from on high that there are many men in the country to-day who have given up the idea of a Ph.D. rather than write the thesis.

The American system of education, even in its highest branches, rests on the theory that the student must be guided, that he is not fit to be trusted with liberty. Is this theory sound? Who knows? The best way to test it,

it would appear, would be to give the student his liberty and watch to see what happens. That is what the St. John's College plan will do. It will be interesting to see the result.

SCHOLARSHIP ITEMS

A telegram from our Epsilon Phi chapter states that Kenneth Brown '30 has been awarded a Rhodes Scholarship.

SYRACUSE UNIVERSITY

Scholastic Averages

On December 12 formal announcement was made through the office of Dr. Burges Johnson, Director of Public Relations, of the scholarship ratings of the 33 Hill fraternities.

The scholastic averages are based upon the grade and honor point system. In this

3 honor points are awarded for each credit hour with grade of A.

2 honor points are awarded for each credit hour with grade of B.

1 honor point is awarded for each credit hour with grade of C.

0 honor points are awarded for each credit hour with grade of D, E, or F.

Grade points for each course constitute the number of credit hours added to the honor points.

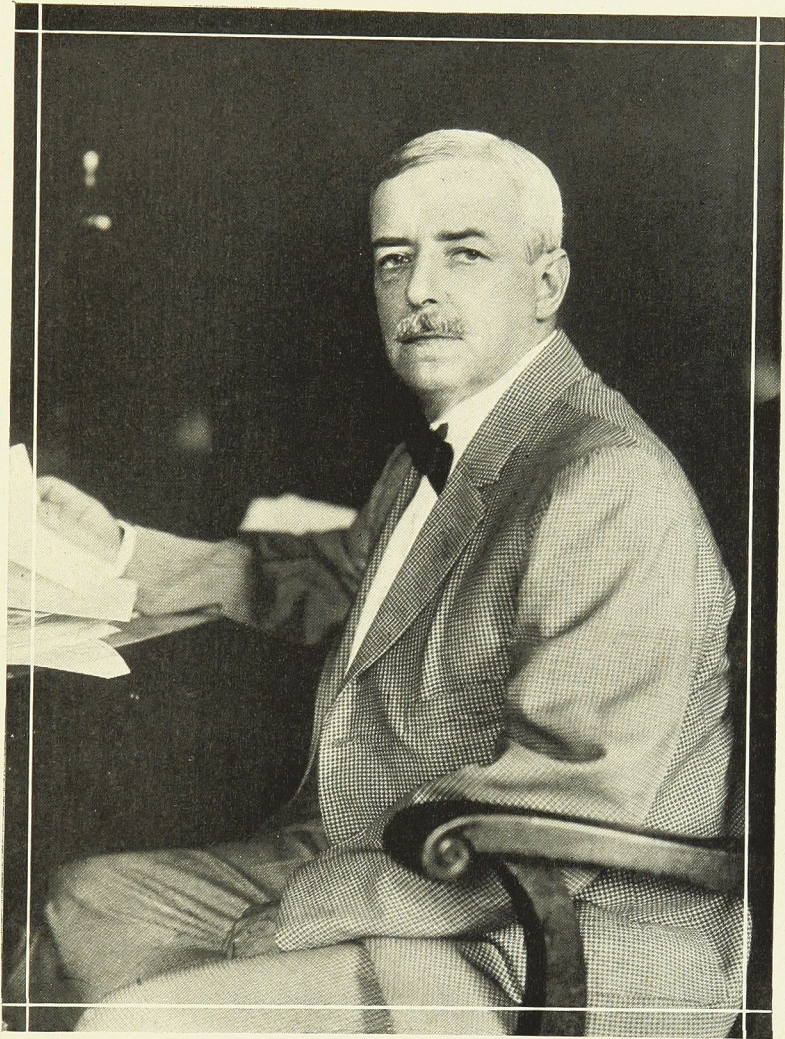
Grades of E and F receive no credit hours.

Averages are obtained by dividing the number of grade points obtained by the total number of credit hours taken.

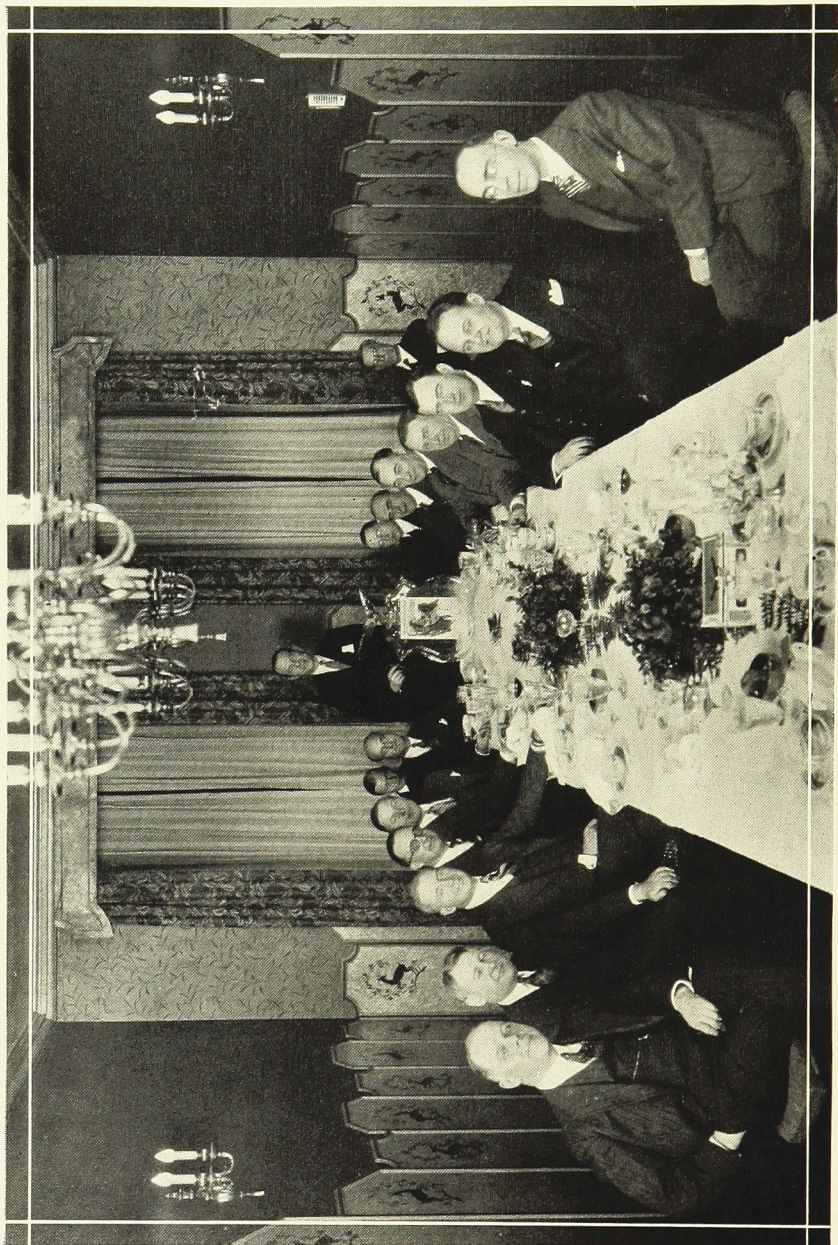
One honor point is deducted for each class cut over twelve, and also for every cut taken within forty-eight hours of a vacation.

Social Fraternities

1927-1928		1926-1927	
Rank	Percentage	Rank	Percentage
1. Acacia	1.442	1.	1.391
2. Gamma Eta Gamma.....	1.244	28.	.897
3. Sigma Alpha Mu.....	1.233	27.	.919
4. Alpha Sigma Phi.....	1.2	11.	1.085



ROBERT LANSING, *Gamma '86*
(See page 106)



A Farewell Dinner to Warren C. Agry *Zeta '11*—at the Stevens Hotel Chicago December 27
Left to right H. C. Darlington *Omega '07*, E. J. Stevens, *Omega '04*, H. D. Sulzer, *Omega '06*, E. R. Keeler
Zeta '11, Miller Munson *Rho '14*, Eugene Pearsoll, J. W. Banister *Omega '18*, Warren Agry, *Zeta '11*, Ellis P. Egan
Omega '11, P. B. Palmer *Gamma '04*, E. L. Murphy *Omicron '07*, R. N. Cushing *Kappa '05*, R. B. Corcoran *Omega*
'15, R. J. Macpherson *Omega '16*, R. P. Heald *Rho '11* and Joseph G. Hubbell *Mu '98* seated in the rear right cor-
ner. (See page 94)

1927-1928		1926-1927	
Rank	Percentage	Rank	Percentage
5.	Kappa Sigma.....1.1743	25.	.949
6.	Zeta Psi.....1.1739	33.	.836
7.	Theta Chi*.....1.157	4.	1.257
8.	Lambda Chi Alpha.....1.144	13.	1.053
9.	PSI UPSILON.....1.142	34.	.772
10.	Phi Gamma Delta.....1.123	6.	1.117
11.	Phi Kappa Psi.....1.122	12.	1.082
12.	Tau Epsilon Phi.....1.118	7.	1.116
13.	Theta Alpha.....1.113	3.	1.261
14.	Sigma Chi.....1.096	9.	1.109
15.	Zeta Beta Tau.....1.091	5.	1.12
16.	Sigma Beta**.....1.079	23.	.958
17.	Sigma Nu.....1.072	32.	.838
18.	Omicron Alpha Tau.....1.059	15.	1.042
19.	Delta Tau Delta.....1.058	24.	.953
20.	Delta Kappa Epsilon.....1.033	20.	.994
21.	Alpha Chi Rho.....1.021	31.	.856
22.	Delta Upsilon.....1.008	18.	1.013
23.	Delta Lambda**.....1.006	19.	1.008
24.	Sigma Phi Epsilon......993	22.	.972
25.	Phi Kappa Tau......976	29.	.877
26.	Beta Theta Pi......969	17.	1.028
27.	Pi Kappa Alpha......95	10.	1.1
28.	Phi Kappa......941	21.	.992
29.	Phi Delta Theta......939	16.	1.03
30.	Sigma Alpha Epsilon......93	26.	.947
31.	Phi Epsilon Pi......919	14.	1.05
32.	Alpha Phi Alpha......818	8.	1.114
33.	Alpha Phi Delta......685	30.	.857

N.B. Cosmopolitan Club, which rated second in '26-'27 with 1.325, changed its status and is no longer a social fraternity, hence not included in 1927-1928.

This rating shows a marked increase in scholarship at Syracuse. Especially noticeable are the changes made by Zeta Psi (27 places), Gamma Eta Gamma (26 places), Psi Upsilon (25 places), Sigma Alpha Mu (24 places), and Kappa Sigma (20 places).

During 1927-1928 the average was taken on the active chapter, which included 41 men. Honor point deductions totaled 55 for overcuts in that same period, of which 31 were taken by two men.

Lucius S. Johnson, Pi '99 President of the Alumni Association of the Pi remarks in his comments on this notice, "As I have contended in the past more than three-quarters of the average trouble in scholastic standing is due to excessive class cutting. Last year we made a strenuous drive and brought this fault down to a minimum. The result speaks for itself. We did have three very bad offenders, two with an average of .25 and one with .50 both

* Alpha Kappa Epsilon (Local) became Theta Chi in 1928

** Local Fraternities

of which are little better than nothing, but in spite of this we managed to make a fairly good showing.

“You can send the \$500.00 just as soon as you like as we feel we have earned this and also a part of the second \$500.00 that was offered for improving showings.”

MAJOR L. B. SCHOFIELD, TAU '13, HONORED

Lemuel Braddock Schofield, A.B. 1913, M.A. 1913, and LL.B. 1916, has been appointed Director of Public Safety in Philadelphia by Mayor Harry A. Mackey. Major Schofield has been District Attorney Monaghan's Chief Assistant in the investigation of crime that has been going on before the Special Grand Jury for some months. These revelations have attracted nation-wide attention and have particularly affected the police force, so that an entire reorganization has become necessary.

Major Schofield was born at Warren, Penna., October 21, 1892, and prepared for College at the Warren High School. As an undergraduate he was a member of the Philomathean Society, the Sphinx Senior Society, the University wrestling team, the varsity football squad, the Editorial Board of the *Pennsylvanian*, being Editor-in-Chief in his Senior year. He was Editor-in-Chief of the *Pennsylvania Law Review* at the University Law School. He was the valedictorian and Spade Man of his class at graduation. Directly after graduation he was an instructor at the University.

At the outbreak of the war he became an Aide on the staff of the Commanding General at Camp Meade, having graduated as a First Lieutenant at the Officers' Training School at Fort Niagara. He rose to the rank of Major. He is a direct descendant of Captain Patrick Aderson, who commanded the Pennsylvania Artillery in the Revolutionary War. Major Schofield was appointed Assistant District Attorney by District Attorney Rotan and was continued when Judge Monaghan was elected to the office.

He lives at Gravers Lane and Stenton Avenue, Chestnut Hill.

ALUMNI ASSOCIATION OF PSI UPSILON IN CHICAGO

Our Founders Day dinner was held on Tuesday November 27 at the Stevens hotel with an attendance of slightly over 150. We were indeed more than honored to have as our guest of the evening, the new president of the fraternity, Edward L. Stevens, Chi '99. Brother Stevens made a splendid straight forward talk on the current subjects now receiving the attention of the Executive Council. He also spoke of his observation on the college life of today, giving his reasons for admiration of the undergraduates of today and telling of his findings in the methods and customs of college life which today crowd the students to the point where they do not have time to enjoy their studies and their fellow students. He said the demands on the students are so great that they do not have time really to get to love their alma mater.

The toastmaster for our dinner was Elbridge Bancroft Peirce Beta '13. "Pop" is always highly thought of by all and our affection for him is all the greater because of his newly found ability as a toastmaster. Many predict that he now has this annual job comfortably salted away for good. The retiring president Miller Munson Rho '14 certainly made a real speech telling of the high hopes which the executive committee were entertaining for improved scholarship among the six chapters geographically nearest Chicago, as a result not only of the two noteworthy prizes offered by the fraternity nationally but because of the series of awards which the alumni association here was offering. He said that the Iota and Omega chapters had written him to express their gratitude for the splendid encouragement which we were offering.

We are proud to record a newly found real after dinner speaker for Psi U affairs in the person of none other than Harold C. Cheney, Beta '99 who in addition to being the western representative for Scribners' is also President of Rotary in Chicago. "Dud" Cheney was discovered by Brothers E. M. Anderson and Bourke Corcoran who really hoped to make him uncomfortable during his speech in return for some past events on the golf course and over the bridge table. Seriously we are truly thankful for Brother Cheney's fine talk and we know it will be long remembered.

The annual election of new officers for 1929 followed the speaking and according to custom the vice president for last year was promoted to be president for this year, likewise the treasurer was made vice president. Inasmuch as our former secretary is out of the city so much he asked to be

relieved so new candidates were presented for both of the latter two offices. The new officers are:

President, Walter E. Hayne, Omicron '17.

Vice President, Thomas P. Mehlhop, Phi '19.

Secretary, Stuart B. Lytle, Omega '26.

Treasurer, Jack Snyder, Gamma '28.

Our bills for this year's dues will be mailed out shortly and because of our desire to enlarge on the scope of our prizes offered for improved scholarship we hope that all members of the fraternity in Chicago will promptly join at the fee of \$5.00 which includes a ticket for the annual dinner. The retiring treasurer presented a splendid report showing a very satisfactory balance of \$1047.00 so you can see we are in good shape financially for such an informal organization with very small annual dues.

STUART B. LYTLE,

Secretary

IN MEMORIAM

Benton L. Boardman, Theta Theta '27

The Theta Theta mourns the death of Brother Benton L. Boardman, class of '27, who was killed in an airplane accident at Marsh Field, California, on the 19th day of December, 1928.

Brother Boardman was prominent and widely known in student activities on the campus and had a large circle of friends. He was Junior Crew Manager of the victorious Washington Crews at Poughkeepsie in 1926. He was also prominent in golf circles and represented the University of Washington in the National Intercollegiate Tournament at Philadelphia in 1926.

After graduating in 1927, Brother Boardman became connected for a short time with a finance house in Los Angeles, before joining the United States Army Air Forces. He was near the finish of his course at Marsh Field when this ill fated accident occurred and was considered as one of the ablest and most promising cadets of his class. The accident happened when the controls became stuck so that it was impossible for him to land his plane. In attempting to jump from his plane the lines of his parachute caught and became entangled on the tail of the plane. This fouled his parachute and he fell five hundred feet to the earth.

Brother Boardman was one of the outstanding men in the Fraternity during his college life. He took a great interest in the affairs of Psi Upsilon and his wonderful personality combined with his good judgment, fairness of mind and enthusiasm for hard work made him a leader honored, respected and loved by all. In his senior year he was president of the Chapter and was elected to represent the Theta Theta as delegate to the 1927 Convention at the Psi Chapter.

Brother Boardman's home was in Los Angeles and he leaves surviving him, his Mother and two sisters.

Brother Boardman's death is the first loss the Theta Theta has had during the twelve years since the founding of the Chapter, and this is true notwithstanding that thirty of its thirty-two members were in the service during the World War, many of them seeing active service.

Charles William Carry, Chi '20

Brother Carry died Monday December 31, in New York City following an operation for acute appendicitis. He had been home to Chicago to spend Christmas with his family and shortly after his return he was taken

ill. He was the son of Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Carry, 1317 East 50th Street, Chicago, a nephew of Edward F. Carry, president of the Pullman Company and a brother of Champ Carry Chi '18. He was not married.

During the war Bill Carry, as he was better known, interrupted his studies at Cornell to enlist in the United States navy. Returning to Cornell after the war, he obtained his degree and entered Harvard Law school, graduating with honors, in 1925. He then entered the New York law firm of White and Case, and in three years had shown promise of a brilliant future.

Robert McLean Cumnock, XI '68

Robert McLean Cumnock, '88, retired dean of the school of speech at Northwestern University, died November 28, last, of heart disease, at his home, 632 Hinman av., Evanston, Ill.

The professor emeritus was on the Northwestern faculty for thirty-five years, retiring in 1913.

The professor was born in Scotland. He graduated from Wesleyan University in 1868 and received the degree of A. M. there in 1871.

In addition to his work at Northwestern he was director of elocution and oratory at Garrett Biblical Institute. From 1875 to 1900 he toured the country giving readings.

The Annie May Swift Hall, which houses the school of speech at Northwestern, was given to Professor Cumnock in 1894. On his retirement he gave the hall to the university. It is recorded in the school records as a \$100,000 gift from him.

Robert Lansing, Gamma '86

Brother Lansing the distinguished Secretary of State, under President Woodrow Wilson during the entire period of America's participation in the world war, died at his home in Washington, D. C., following a heart attack, on October 30, 1928.

He was always interested in and loyal to Psi Upsilon and thus he was invited to be one of the speakers at the convention held in Chicago last May. In response to the invitation he wrote as follows:

Dear Brother Corcoran:

I have received your letter of the 21st, inviting me to be present on May 12th at the 95th Annual Convention and first Alumni Convocation of Psi Upsilon, to be held at the Stevens Hotel in Chicago. Unfortunately I have engagements here in Washington which will prevent my being present

and making an address on that occasion, however much I would like to renew my former close association with the fraternity.

Thanking you for the courtesy of the invitation, which is cordially appreciated, I am

Fraternally yours,
(Signed) ROBERT LANSING.

The Boston Transcript on October 31, published the following complete story of Brother Lansing's notable career.

Washington, Oct. 31.— Immediately upon being informed of the death of Robert Lansing, Secretary of State under President Wilson, President Coolidge wrote to Mrs. Lansing yesterday as follows:

The White House,
October 30, 1928.

I have learned with deep sorrow of the passing of your distinguished husband. The sad news will be a shock not alone to a host of intimate friends but as well to those both here and abroad who are familiar with the important part he played in international affairs for so many years.

His work in the Department of State, culminating with his service as Secretary of State during the trying period of a great war, and his subsequent part in establishing peace assure him a place in history.

Mrs. Coolidge joins me in heartfelt sympathy for you and for the members of your family.

CALVIN COOLIDGE.

Secretary Kellogg said:

"I was shocked to hear of the death of Robert Lansing. He was a personal friend of mine of long standing for whom I had the highest regard. He had a distinguished record as a public man, especially in the State Department. His death will be a loss to the country and deeply felt by his many friends."

Mr. Hoover said: "I am deeply grieved to learn of the death of Robert Lansing. He was a great public servant who contributed much to his country's welfare."

Mr. Lansing died at 4.20 o'clock yesterday afternoon at his residence, 1323 Eighteenth street, northwest. He was sixty-four years old. He had suffered from diabetes for thirty years and more recently from a heart trouble, which was given as the cause of his death. For four weeks he had been confined to his residence. He was conscious until near the end and was keenly interested in the Presidential campaign. At the bedside when he

died were his wife, the former Eleanor Foster, daughter of the late General John W. Foster, Secretary of State under President Benjamin Harrison, and his sisters, Miss Kate Lansing and Miss Emma Lansing of Ogdensburg, New York.

Other Wilson Cabinet Deaths

The death of Mr. Lansing is the second among President Wilson's Cabinet officers to occur this year. Edwin T. Meredith, who served as Secretary of Agriculture during Mr. Wilson's second Administration, died in Iowa within the last several months. William Jennings Bryan, Mr. Wilson's first Secretary of State; Franklin K. Lane, Secretary of the Interior, and Lindley M. Garrison, Mr. Wilson's first Secretary of War, are other members of the Wilson Cabinets who have died. Since his retirement from the Cabinet in 1920, Mr. Lansing had been engaged in the practice of international law as a member of the firm of Lansing & Woolsey with offices in Washington. He was a familiar figure in social life.

For many years Mr. Lansing had specialized in international law cases before he entered public life. He represented the United States Government in several disputes with foreign Governments. When he succeeded John Bassett Moore as counselor of the State Department, he brought a knowledge of foreign relations that was extremely helpful to William J. Bryan, who was Secretary of State. When Mr. Bryan resigned in June, 1915, Mr. Lansing was appointed to succeed him. President Wilson's choice was rather generally approved. Dangerous questions threatened to shatter the relations between the United States and the Central Powers of Europe. Mr. Lansing wrote many of the diplomatic notes which were numerous in that period, among them a notable response to the Government of Austria-Hungary when it called upon the United States Government to stop shipping munitions of war to the European Allies. Long before he received the title of Secretary of State, Mr. Lansing was the acting head of the department, while Mr. Bryan was absent on long lecture tours.

Improved the Department

While Mr. Bryan traveled, Mr. Lansing took charge of the negotiations with Germany and the Allies. Elihu Root said that the diplomatic papers of the country had shown a marked improvement in dignity and ability since the beginning of the tenure of Secretary Lansing. Mr. Lansing exposed a series of German conspiracies intending to influence the press and Congress. He made public the intercepted note of the German minister to the Argentine arguing against the sinking of neutral vessels and specially

recommending that, if any Argentine vessels be torpedoed, they should be sunk without trace.

At the same time Mr. Lansing continued a highly technical and legalistic argument with Great Britain over the blockade. He characterized the blockade as "ineffective, illegal and indefensible." At the same time he avoided the trap toward which Ambassador von Bernstorff sought to steer him—that of placing the blockade on a par with the sinking of merchantmen. The object of German diplomacy at this time was to induce the United States to convey to England the proposal that Germany would quit the submarine war if England would quit the blockade.

At a later period it was clear that Secretary Lansing advocated a firm policy toward Germany, and sought the dismissal of Count von Bernstorff because of his activities in seeking to influence the policy of the United States by financing propaganda to increase the power of the pacifist and pro-German faction. He made public an intercepted message which requested authority from the Imperial Government to pay out \$50,000 "to influence Congress, through the organization that you know of, which can prevent war."

Mr. Lansing also made public the Zimmerman telegram early in 1917 which proposed to the Carranza Government an alliance of Germany, Japan and Mexico against the United States, promising financial aid to recover "the lost territory in Arizona, New Mexico and Texas."

Dismissed from Cabinet

His dismissal from office in 1920 came during the illness of President Wilson. Secretary Lansing called a meeting of the Cabinet to consider its course. What Mr. Lansing had done in his anxiety about the affairs of the country, which was temporarily without an Executive, was regarded by President Wilson as disloyalty. Objecting to the course taken by the Secretary in Mexican affairs, the President called for the resignation of Mr. Lansing, who tendered it "with much relief." The differences leading up to the Cabinet meeting had their beginnings in questions arising out of the Paris Peace Conference at which Mr. Lansing was one of the five American commissioners.

Knowledge of the break became public when the White House published the correspondence leading to Mr. Lansing's resignation from the Cabinet. Differences that developed in the Peace Conference were referred to by Mr. Wilson, but the chief cause was that Mr. Lansing had called the Cabinet without the President's authority. Mr. Lansing wrote a book to justify his position during the peace negotiations. This showed that Mr. Lansing op-

posed the President's plan to go to Paris as sacrificing his influence and placing himself at the mercy of men "experienced in intrigue." In his diary kept in Paris Mr. Lansing called the President "a cat's-paw." All the American commissioners except Colonel House were reduced, according to Mr. Lansing, to "pottering." Of President Wilson he wrote:

"He seemed to think that, having marked out a definite plan of action, any deviation from it would show intellectual weakness or vacillation of purpose. Even when there could be no doubt that, in view of changed conditions, it was wise to change a policy which he had openly adopted or approved, he clung to it with a peculiar tenacity, refusing or merely failing to modify it."

Writing in January, 1925, Mr. Lansing declared that until March of 1917 Mr. Wilson clung to the idea of "peace without victory" and that the President's policy of neutrality was genuine and his efforts for peace were most sincere. Lansing himself held from the start that we would enter the war on the side of the Allies.

"When I discussed this subject with President Wilson," he said, "I found him cold and unresponsive. He wished the war to come to an end without awaiting a military decision, and he believed that this could be accomplished through his meditation as the spokesman of the most powerful of the neutral nations. Even after Count Bernstorff received his passports President Wilson continued to hope that he could persuade the belligerents to negotiate peace, and four days after that momentous event he sent me a memorandum on 'Bases of Peace,' for my comment.

"It was not until the latter part of March that Mr. Wilson reluctantly abandoned hope of mediation and decided, with the unanimous approval of his Cabinet, that the United States had no alternative but to join the Allies."

Mr. Lansing served in the Cabinet from June 23, 1915, until Feb. 13, 1920, during one of the most stormy and trying periods in American history.

Man of Fine Tastes

Robert Lansing was diffident, a student, a man of fine tastes and culture, a keen sportsman and lover of the outdoors, a man of deep religious convictions, generous, sympathetic and of simple habits and few hobbies. He was a diplomat and an expert in international law. By his intimates he was known as "Bert" Lansing.

His ancestors were Dutch families important in the affairs of New York State who established themselves at Albany, more than a century ago. His

great-grandfather, John Lansing of Albany, was a delegate to the Constitutional Convention of 1797 and was later the chancellor of the State of New York. Long before the Revolution the secretary's ancestors on both sides held positions of trust and honor in Albany.

His great-grandmother, Catherine Ten Eyck, was a sister of Jacob Ten Eyck, who was a member of the Assembly and a county judge, whose father, Jacob C. Ten Eyck, took an important part in the Revolution and was once a judge of the Court of Common Pleas. Sanders Lansing married Catherine Ten Eyck, and Jacob J. Lansing, the father of Sanders, was a colonel in the Revolution and a member of the Committee of Safety in 1775.

On Oct. 17, 1864, Robert Lansing was born at Watertown, N. Y. He was the son of John and Maria Dodge Lansing. He received his early education at a private school for boys and then entered Watertown High School. He was graduated from that school in June, 1882, and in the fall of that year he matriculated at Amherst, where he pursued a classical course. In 1886 he was graduated from that college and returned to his home at Watertown.

Mr. Lansing's father and his grandfather had been lawyers and the young graduate was influenced to make the bar his profession also. He studied law under his father and was admitted to the bar in 1889, but did not open a law office until a year later, after a trip to Europe. The next year he joined his father in practice under the firm name of Lansing & Lansing. This combination continued until the death of Mr. Lansing's father.

Shortly after the young lawyer had returned from Europe, in 1890, he married Miss Eleanor Foster in Washington, D. C., the daughter of John W. Foster, who had been Secretary of State in the Administration of President Benjamin Harrison. It was later said that from this diplomat Mr. Lansing had learned many of the arts which made him a leader in diplomacy.

Mr. Lansing became what is often referred to as a "book lawyer," seldom appearing in the courts with his clients. He was reserved even to the point of shyness and he invariably turned over his cases to his father. He devoted a great deal of this early period to study and often wrote poems. Through his father-in-law, he became associate counsel for the United States in 1892 and 1893, in the Bering Sea fur-seal arbitration cases, and almost from that time until he left the State Department in 1920 he held Federal commissions in international controversies.

His Services

From that time on he was chiefly interested in international law and read and wrote upon the subject at great length. Besides serving as counsel

for the United States in the Bering Sea Claims Commission, which met in Victoria, B. C., and later in Montreal, he was solicitor for the United States in the Alaskan Boundary Tribunal which met in 1903 in London. In 1910 he was counsel for the Government in the North Atlantic fisheries arbitration at The Hague, having been appointed to that post by President Taft.

He was also counsel for the Chinese Legation in Washington and served in a similar capacity for the Mexican Government.

He was vice president and a trustee of the Carnegie Endowment for International Peace, a member of the American Society of International Law, New York State Bar Association, Holland Society of New York, American Bar Association, president of the Archæological Society of Washington, Delta Theta Psi, Psi Upsilon, Phi Beta Kappa. Also the Black River Valley Club, the Jefferson County Golf Club, Metropolitan, Chevy Chase, Congressional County and the Jefferson County Historical Society, the National Geographic Society and the Fortnightly Club of Watertown.

Mr. Lansing was the author of "Government: Its Origin, Growth and Form in the United States;" "The Peace Negotiations, 1921;" "The Big Four and Others of the Peace Conference;" "Notes on Sovereignty," and was associate editor of the American Journal on International Law.

He was an elder of the Presbyterian Church and belonged to the First Presbyterian Church of Watertown. His grandfather was a founder of this religious society. In 1920 he was a member of the General Assembly of the Church. He was a director of the City National Bank and the Eager Electric Company of Watertown, N. Y.

Among the many splendid editorial comments at the time of his death, that of the *New York Times* of November 1, 1928, is worthy of reprinting.

In the years since Mr. Wilson's death there has been some subsidence of the partisan passion, the excess both of admiration and hatred born of his imperious character and extraordinary career. His achievement and his failure, his virtues and his faults, are the stuff of undying history, touched with tragedy. The instruments that he discarded will keep their heads above oblivion only by their connections with him; and the "impartial judgment of history" in the case of so salient a figure will probably be subject to many dissents, reversals and reaffirmations. Such is the happy fate of a few strong and vital personages whose appearance on the stage of world action invites and baffles ever new inquiry.

If Mr. Lansing had died immediately after the publication of his book, "The Peace Negotiations," seven years ago, he would have been weighed with some insobriety of opinion. The controversy boiled. But now the temperature has gone down. We should today be able to estimate his story just as a part of a documentation that seems likely to be interminable of the personal and public history and criticism of Mr. Wilson and the Peace. By his study and practice of international law and his accomplishments as a linguist, Mr. Lansing was qualified to be an excellent Secretary of State in ordinary times and under an ordinary President. As Counselor of the State Department he supplied the deficiencies and made up for the absences of Mr. Bryan.

As Secretary he was industrious and competent, doing a good deal of work that must have been disagreeable to him, such as maintaining against Great Britain those doctrines of blockade and contraband so promptly abandoned by the United States after its entrance into the war. But he showed early opposition to what were to be the essential parts of Mr. Wilson's scheme of peace. We need not now discuss the justification of his opposition in some regards to Mr. Wilson's program at Paris or to Mr. Wilson's going to Paris. Whether for good or ill, Mr. Wilson absolutely dominated his Administration. In the cardinal matter of foreign affairs he was especially unyielding. It was useless for Mr. Lansing to combat what he called his chief's "rigidity of mind."

So in the Paris episode he hardly appears, save as a critic in his book of various eminences and at least two nations. It may be unfortunate that Mr. Wilson refused to pay attention to his subordinate's suggestions; but evidently his dissatisfaction with some of Mr. Wilson's most cherished policies had long prepared the forced retirement, accompanied with a painful amount of spleen, in 1920. The old wounds bled. Mr. Lansing's calling of Cabinet conferences would not have been a cause of resentment had not Mr. Wilson been dispirited and ill. These circumstances are recalled, because Mr. Lansing is now, too, a part of history. Let us be just to him and his point of view. He was a patriotic and faithful public servant. On the other hand, let us be just to Mr. Wilson. He was entitled to a Secretary of State who would agree with him and with whom his personal relations could be pleasant.

Dr. Ernest P. Miller, Alpha '72

Dr. Ernest P. Miller died October 15 last in Boston. He was born in Ashburnham in 1851, the son of Dr. Alfred Miller and Elsie (Kibling) Miller. His father practiced medicine before him in Ashburnham and Fitchburg. He was educated in the schools of Fitchburg and attended Am-

herst College for two years, but transferred to Harvard College, from which he received an A.B. degree in 1872.

He then taught for two years in the Fitchburg High School, later going to the Harvard Medical School, from which he received an M.D. in 1877. He served as a house officer at the Massachusetts General Hospital and Boston Lying-in-Hospital. He returned to Fitchburg, where he practiced medicine for fifty years.

He married Myra B. Richardson, daughter of the late Nathan Henry and Martha Barber Richardson, who died in 1927, and who was a sister of the late Dr. Maurice H. Richardson, Alpha '73.

Dr. Miller was a visiting surgeon, consulting surgeon, and trustee of the Burbank Hospital. He was at one time United States examiner for pensions, and City physician. He was instrumental in founding the Fitchburg Anti-tuberculosis Society. He had travelled several times in Europe, in 1888, 1901 and 1914, and was deeply interested in music. A room in the New Harvard Medical School Dormitory, Vanderbilt Hall, was given in his name.

Lawrence Cornelius O'Sullivan, Epsilon '29

The joys of the fall semester at the Epsilon were suddenly halted with the death of Brother Lawrence Cornelius O'Sullivan, '29.

After completing three years of college, Larry took out a leave and went on a short trip to China, before returning for his last year. It was on this trip that he was attacked and killed while sight-seeing in Hong Kong.

His death came as a terrible blow to the chapter and all his other friends for Larry had endeared himself to everyone.

On the campus, he had gained recognition by being a Junior Basketball manager, and a member of Winged Helmet, Beta Beta and Theta Tau honor societies, and was scheduled for senior honors on his return.

In the house, he had been chosen as house manager for his last year, but this only gives a partial picture of him.

Imagine a tall, black haired Irishman, playing an accordion and singing Irish songs in brogue and you have a good picture of Larry and can see how he would be liked. He was a ready source of wit and his spirit knew no hum-drum moments.

The character of his death seems to make the story the more tragic, that such a fine young life should be snuffed out in so miserable a fashion.

However, although "Larry the person" no longer exists, his spirit will always remain with us, and those Irish songs will forever ring in the halls of our memories.

REMEMBER YOUR FRATERNITY IN YOUR WILL

SURELY there is no finer way to make a concrete showing of your love for the loyal brotherly friendships brought into your life by your election into Psi Upsilon.

Several of our chapters have been the recipients of goodly sized bequests within the last few years, and it is but fitting that it should ever be so. Likewise the national fraternity funds might well be included. Some alumni have not had this thought brought to their attention before and perhaps many did not think of it as their own chapters were in excellent financial condition with their homes free from indebtedness. It is not the purpose of the fraternity to accumulate vast sums of money, but there are many pieces of good work that could be done if the funds were available. Thus as an example we could create a loan fund for deserving undergraduates after their first year, or create scholarships and prizes for scholastic attainments.

A SUGGESTED FORM OF BEQUEST

I GIVE, devise and bequeath to the.....TRUST
COMPANY of the CITY OF NEW YORK, its successors and assigns,
the sum of.....dollars free from
inheritance or transfer tax or duty, in trust, to pay over the same
forthwith to the Treasurer for the time then being of the Executive
Council of the Psi Upsilon Fraternity.

CHAPTER COMMUNICATIONS

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DELTA—*New York University*

AFTER recovering from the strain of an intensive rushing season, the Delta again turned its attention to campus activities and football games. Brother Hart was assistant manager of the varsity football team through one of the most successful seasons of its history, and Pledge Bill Dunn played a fine game of football with the "Baby Violets." Pledge Roland Roche is on the Frosh track squad and bids fair to be one of the best quarter milers in collegiate circles, while Brother Al Walmsley is back in training again. On March 1st Brother Hart will lead the social event of the year, the Junior Prom, of which he is chairman. In literary activities the Delta stands high on the campus, having four members in the literary society of the University, while Brother Beckwith is editor of the year book with Brother Charlie Harmon as photographic editor and Brother "Sonny" Stoddart as an associate editor. Brother Charlie Rappolt is a member of the student council and the Dean's Committee for the supervision of student affairs.

On November 10 the Delta was the scene of a large gathering of alumni who attended the house warming at the chapter house. This was a very successful affair, and the fraternity songs sounded much better under the leadership of Brother Reinald Werrenrath. Brother Kingsley, Delta '80, was toastmaster, and the chapter was addressed by many of its famous alumni, among whom were Brothers Werrenrath, Garvin, Townsend, Russell, MacCracken, and Bill, and

also Brother Fox, Upsilon '67, of the Executive Council.

Following the house warming we celebrated the old Delta custom of bringing in the Yule Log. This was a very enjoyable ceremony at which both the undergraduate brothers and the alumni had a fine time. The following Friday a Christmas dance was held which was very well attended and was quite a success socially.

Despite all these outside activities the Delta has paid a great deal of attention to the scholarship of the brothers and the freshmen. In regard to the scholarship of the freshmen this year we have had a great deal of co-operation on the part of the college authorities, and we are proud to announce that this year's freshman delegation is without doubt the largest in number and the best scholastically on the campus. Our new scholarship ruling that all pledges at the house must stay in four nights a week has already borne good results, and now we find that all the freshmen who are living at the house are doing excellently in their studies and those not living at the house are doing better than usual.

During the past two or three months the chapter has received visits from Brother Charles Spooner, Rho '94, of the Executive Council and Brother McCook of the Beta Beta.

Alumni Notes

On the evening of December 4th Brother Stevens, Delta '18, Brother Pardington, Delta '23, and Brother Wood, Delta '25

held a fine old Psi U. reunion at the home of Brother Stevens in Burlington, N. C., and they much amazed our southern neighbors with their vocal performances.

BETA—*Yale University*

No Communication Received

SIGMA—*Brown University*

AS USUAL the Sigma Chapter finished the rushing season with a good strong delegation.

The chapter appreciates the good work of the rushing committee which was composed of brothers Eynon, Wertheimer, and Marshall.

The championship of the inter-fraternity basketball tournament seems to be all sewed up, due to the efficiency of our smooth running team under the leadership of Captain Wertheimer. Ex-Captain Atwood

the high point scorer of last year will be in uniform this season.

The pledges are engaged in the following activities; Track; Bliss, Poulson, and Frick; Basket ball; Walsh, Presba, Barnes and Gaffil; Brown Daily Herald; Sherwood.

To date we have suffered no scholastic casualties and are making a determined effort to better our scholastic standing and win one of those prizes Dean Randall told us about.

GAMMA—*Amherst College*

NOW that we have returned from an extended Christmas vacation, we find the Brothers eager to settle down once more to the books in preparation for the coming mid-year examinations.

At the conclusion of a successful football season Brother Rab Wilson was elected captain of the eleven for this coming fall. Brothers Brittain, E. Wilson, and R. G. Fulton played their last game while Brothers R. Wilson, Heisey, Whitney, and Ray will see action next fall on the Sabrinas. We take this opportunity to mention the good work of Brother Brittain who as captain of last year's team ably upheld the high standard of leadership set by Brother Van Miller who held that position the year before. At the same time we want to extend to the captain-elect, Brother Rab Wilson, our sincere wishes for a

very successful season. Brother Norris, our representative in the competition for the football managership, was duly rewarded for his untiring efforts by being elected Manager of Freshmen football. Brothers Plunkett, Andrews, Drake, R. B. Greenough, T. O. Greenough, D. Smith, and Healy were on the Freshmen Team. Brother Andrews, an outstanding performer throughout the season, acted as one of its captains.

The Brothers are also taking an active interest in athletics for the winter term. Brother Parnell is leading the pucksters and Brother Williams will undoubtedly play in a majority of the games. With the opening of the basketball season we find Brother R. Wilson a regular and Brother Norris also on the squad.

The Gammy Five under the able leadership of Brother Hight will slide into action

before long in the Interfraternity Basketball competition. With all the stars of last year's quintet on hand a very favorable season is anticipated.

It is with regret that we announce the departure of Brother W. Plunkett from the

ranks of the chapter who is following in the footsteps of Brother E. Miller and going into the business world.

FRED C. GRIFFITHS

WILLIAM B. PLUNKETT

ZETA—*Dartmouth College*

No Communication received

LAMBDA—*Columbia University*

THIS fall has witnessed a very marked change at the Lambda house in the form of a rehabilitation brought about by paint, plaster, and polish. As has been so often the case, brother and Mrs. Archibald Douglas came to the rescue. In fact, we owe the greater part of this improvement to the financial support received from them. However, there is a long list of others to whom we are greatly indebted. Brother Ross is open for congratulation especially for his able leadership in the endeavor, and brother Howe's excellent work in decorating the lodge-room should certainly be noted.

On November 26th the roll of the Lambda was increased by the initiation of eight men: Victor Morales of Cuba, Jason Hui-

zinga from Holland, William Galbally one-time Oxonian, David Anderson representing Canada, and Thomas Sully, Hilary Lyons, Charles Keppel and Frank McGuire from our own nation. These brothers were decidedly helpful during the recent freshmen rushing, which was carried on under the able leadership of brothers Baruch and Robinson of the undergraduate and alumni bodies respectively. The nine men pledged from the class of 1932 are: George L. Baxter, Charles A. Feld, Harry W. Frapwell, Alfred G. Larson, Dwight E. Holbert, Howard E. Houston, John J. O'dea, Leonard T. Scully, William A. Smith. They all appear to be good potential Psi U's.

LOUIS ROOT,

(for the Chapter)

KAPPA—*Bowdoin College*

ON NOVEMBER ninth, nineteen hundred and twenty-eight, the Kappa was the scene of a very successful initiation. Thirteen men from the class of 1932 were initiated. Many alumni were back to attend the initiation and the Bowdoin vs. Maine football game the next day. The Kappa had the pleasure of a visit from Brother Spooner of the Executive Council. At the banquet held after the initiation, Brother Spooner gave a very helpful and interesting talk to the Brothers. His visit was greatly appreciated and

we hope he will soon pay us another.

With the interfraternity cross country race and the close of the football season, winter athletics began. The House was fortunate this year to win the interfraternity race for the third time in four years. Brother Pollock won his second varsity football letter, playing a consistent game at guard throughout the season. Brother Sloan was awarded his numerals in freshman football. In winter athletics the House, as last year, is substantially represented in track. Brother Herrick '31 cap-

tains the House team. Brother Chalmers is one of the star members of the embryo Bowdoin College swimming team. Brothers Lincoln and Leach are working strenuously to obtain a berth on the hockey squad.

Brother Crimmins had the honor to be elected President of the Sophomore class at a recent meeting of the class. Brother Spring was sent to Georgia as a delegate of the Pi Delta Epsilon Honorary Journalistic Fraternity.

Brothers R. W. Dana and Haycock have left our midst for reasons of their own. Brother Dana is working in New York and Brother Haycock hopes shortly to be at work. Brother Knox graduates at mid-years and plans to teach.

The Christmas season last year caused deep dejection to many of the Brothers. Due to an epidemic of small-pox in the town of Brunswick, the authorities of the College deemed it wise to call off the House parties. The epidemic in the town was fairly heavy, but strange and striking were the rumors floating around concerning the ravages of the "Grim Reaper." Happily, no one in the College was stricken with the disease. In spite of the fact that there were no Christmas parties, Brother Leach, our vigorous House manager, decorated the House in gala attire and the annual House

Christmas tree was held with its appropriate and significant gifts.

At present, right after the return from the Christmas holidays, the Brothers are settling down to do a little studying. Mid-year exams lurk very near and the Brothers are striving to make that last-minute good impression. The Kappa has been doing wonders, in comparison with other years, in scholastic standing and it is hoped that the good work will be kept up in the coming crisis.

Soon after mid-years, Sophomore hop takes place. As there was no other House party this year, this event is looked forward to with much eagerness. It ought to be good—come and help us enjoy it.

During Sophomore hop the play "Androcles and the Lion" is to be presented by the Masque and Gown. The House is well represented in the cast, there being everything from scene shifters to commanders of Roman legions. Brothers Burrowes, Woods, Pollock, Buffington and Sewall are those from the Kappa who will demonstrate their dramatic skill.

Until mid-years, happy New Year and good luck to all the chapters.

WALLACE C. DYSON,
Associate Editor

PSI—*Hamilton College*

AN URGENT telegram from Brother R. Bourke Corcoran this morning reminds me that the time is at hand for another Diamond communication. Casting all else aside I set myself to the not unpleasant task of compiling one.

After scanning the papers for several days in vain for announcements of the postponement of the reopening of Hamilton College, the brothers returned grudgingly to the halls of the Psi from their Christmas vacations just in time for chapel Thursday morning, January third.

The resistance of the brothers, sadly broken down by the excesses of the holiday season, made them easy victims of our infant influenza epidemic, and seven of them have succumbed to the temptations offered by a week's rest in the infirmary. Despite furious outbreaks of coughing during the reading of the Holy Word at Morning Prayers, the Faculty will not be prevailed upon to close the institution, and so all the brothers have chosen lots in the college cemetery. Brother Macmillan is reported to have payed a fabulous sum for

one nearest the chapel. He couldn't bear the thought of his shade having to run any unnecessary distance in order to make Morning Worship. Brother Combs suggested for him a crypt in the chapel to make possible his attendance with the absolute minimum of physical exertion.

The Psi is well represented among the winter activities on the hill. Brothers Brown and Smith are playing varsity hockey, and brothers Carpenter and DeSormo, basketball. Under the constant and

careful managership of Brother Barns the Fencing team is rounding into form. Brother Carpenter was recently elected to the Captaincy of Football and to the Executive Council of the Association of Undergraduate Activities.

Since the reopening of college the Psi has been visited by Brothers "Pete" Donaldson, Psi '28, Vincent S. Jones, Psi '28, and "Seemer" Pitcher, also Psi '28.

WILLIAM H. DENNE, JR.

Associate Editor

XI—*Wesleyan University*

THE glory that was the Autumn has faded into the damp, gloomy chill of a Connecticut winter and the boys walk with an air of impending disaster as the nightmare that is "mid-years" hovers in the offing. The football games are a dim memory but the bright red W's on the breasts of Bros. Silloway, Gurnsey and Jennings are ever with us to attest to their prowess on the gridiron, while Tommy Skirm and Tick Davis wear their varsity W's, won by stellar performance on the soccer field. Bro. Ag. Spaulding, Science Major and Ladies Weakness, as Manager of the football team handled the business end of that sport with his usual speed and effectiveness, winning even the respect of the redoubtable Steve, Czar of the Gym. Bro. L. A. Howland annexed the position of manager of cross-country and at the same time raised his scholastic standing, a feat of no mean significance to one who has served time at Old Wesleyan. Pledges Adriance, Bent, O'Brien, and Parker were awarded freshman numerals in football and Messrs. Davis and Salmon received first year insignia for service on the frosh soccer team. It has been a very successful autumn season and with the steady flow of industry and hard work that has been characteristic of this year so far,

our scholastic standing cannot help but rise and a very appreciable distance at that.

In winter sports Bros. Nig Ward, Slim Travis, Mugsey McCabe, Tom Skirm, Pug Bowman and Jack Webster are working hard with the Basketeers and Bro. Ward has been doing some fine work in the forward position. Bro. Bunker Hill is ably managing the Cardinal Five and in spite of his temperamental spells hasn't balled things up once—so far. Bro. Peggy Joice does the 440 in record time and is in a position to score many points for the Mermen. Among the pledges Messrs. Davis, Addington, Salmon, Travis, VanVranken and Craw are all first-class material for the freshman five and Messrs. Bacon, Dabney, Piper, and Seybolt are followers of Bro. Joice, The Yonkers Sea Lion or The Bathing Girls Delight, who is a member of the varsity swimming team. The freshmen are organizing a hockey team and pledges Danny Dee and Dutch Dabney are showing up very well as possible Knights of the puck.

On returning from our Xmas vacation everyone was impressed by the immaculate appearance of the whole house. The Xi has always had the reputation of being the best kept house on the hill and is always in the best of condition. This is due en-

tirely to the untiring efforts of one man, Joe Zarolinski, who, as house man, devotes his very life to his job and to the fraternity. While not a brother in the Xi, Joe is a brother to all Xi men and a true Psi U.

Our initiations this year come February 22 and present conditions indicate a very large delegation will be welcomed into Psi U. at that time. We are looking forward to a very pleasant occasion and hope that many of our Older Brothers may share that pleasurable event with us.

Alumni too numerous to list have been with us at various times in the past few weeks and it is needless to say that we always welcome these visits together with

the mature advice and the broader outlook of our Older Brothers. Our only wish is that they would come more often and be ever free to offer suggestions for the betterment of the active chapter with a view toward the ultimate good of the whole Fraternity.

The year so far has not been spectacular for us, rather it has been a quiet, steady, irresistible, onward march toward better scholarship and all around efficiency, not for a few of the favored elect but for every individual and the Xi as a whole.

HAROLD E. CRAW,

Associate Editor

UPSILON—*University of Rochester*

ABLOW which saddened the life of the chapter was received several days before college opened when we heard that brother Christgau '30 had died suddenly and it was a long time before the house recovered.

Thanks mainly to the efforts of brothers Mann and Collamer twelve men from the class of '32 have been pledged. We feel that we can be congratulated upon securing the cream of the class, and prospects are bright for another good year. Pledges Young and Gowan are playing basketball vigorously, pledge Winans is a leading light in the "Dramatics Society" and pledge Benz worked hard at freshman football.

The brothers received a severe shock when it was found that brother Stull was a favorite contender for the Glee Club. Perhaps it has something to do with his recently sprouted mustache. Brother Allyn is out for manager and presumably very busy about it. Brother Heckel is a member of the Cross Country team and brother Thayer still thumps his drum on occasion.

However, this year we are not well represented on the Campus and something will be done about it soon. Perhaps the

reason is the increase in scholarship, which is worth noting. In fact, this year we are making a determined bid for the scholarship cup. As we now possess the singing cup, and brother Smith is endeavoring to whip the basketball team into shape for its coming battles, and brothers Thatcher and Mees are practising assiduously for the bridge cup, there is hope that we will soon have something besides tobacco jars on our mantel.

We were very fortunate in securing one of the best sites on the new Campus and the brothers will move into a nice new house in the fall of '30. Two very successful dances were held this term. The first was on Thanksgiving night and everybody had a good time. The second was held on Dec. 19th, the night that college closed for Christmas, and everybody forgot their studies and revolved with evident enjoyment.

We have started a custom this year of having as many of the alumni as possible with us on Tuesday noon each week for dinner. We hope that any visiting brothers will try to make a habit of dropping in on us at this time so that we can exhibit our

enthusiastic alumni, who, by the way, are showing even more interest than ever about the house.

Alumni Notes

Frederick Ward Zeta '28 is with the Hayden Co. and is a constant visitor to the Chapter House.

Raymond Drysdale '26 and Harold Bonner '28 are students at McGill Medical School.

Bill Witherspoon '28 is at Penn Medical, and doing very well.

Luke Powell '29 is at Michigan, but may not stay.

Bill Havill '29 is at the Medical School here and visitor at the House now and then.

Frederick Zimmer '29, is working hard trying to palm off "Chevies" on innocent people.

Nick Brown '28 is very busy at Harvard Law School but he says he likes it.

John Lynes '30 is at the Eastman School of Music which is the real reason that no contribution was handed in for the last number of the Diamond.

John Thorne '27 is in Mexico City trying to sell Kodaks.

Frank Haugh '29 is now at Center College, and evidently is very happy.

GRAHAM MEES,

Associate Editor

IOTA—*Kenyon College*

THIS column, in the last issue, indulged in a somewhat lengthy and confident prophecy of the Iota's future. It is with the satisfied air of a successful weather forecaster that we begin writing this article. From the faculty, alumni, and interested outsiders come words of good cheer, pleasant nods, and slight, discreet applause. Not for a long time has this chapter enjoyed, in any respect, a more stable, unified, wholly successful position. For fear that we may sound too egotistic we will refrain from any more of this which might be thought idle chatter, and will state a few of the facts which force us to believe that our aforementioned prophecy was well said.

Scholarship. Here is a subject which in years past has been discussed with the light, gentle, touch which we exercise on a tender wound. The wound is healing, healing rapidly, and it is without fear of any kind that we again broach the subject. In the three monthly reports Psi U has shown a decided improvement, and should this situation continue, and it will un-

doubtedly better itself, we feel confident of winning some one of the three prizes which have been offered. However, and it is not as an alibi that we say this, if we do not win a prize, we will feel that the effort has been well worth while in that it has brought to us a new contact with the faculty and the alumni interested in us. We hope that the final outcome will be as satisfactory as it promises to be.

We have lost one active and one pledge since the beginning of the school year. Brother Dick Ellsworth and Pledge George K. Meyers have both been forced to leave because of ill health. We expect the latter to return in February. Notwithstanding these two losses there are twenty-eight men now living in the division, and with the return of two more in February we are looking forward to a continuation of the healthy life of the Iota.

Basketball has called Brother Gale and Pledges John Cuff and John Herron. Brother Taylor is Senior manager, and he may be seen any afternoon directing with a heavy hand the labors of his assistants,

Brothers Baldwin and Huss, and Pledges McBurney and Speer. Brother Don Henning has been newly elected chairman of the Senior council, a position of great importance on the campus. Brother Gale is acting as captain and manager of our intramural soccer team which opens its season today with the Alpha Deltas. We expect that through his coaching a good team will be developed and that the season will be a successful one.

Pledges Baird Coffin and Wally Speer have brought another honor to the name of the Iota in that they attained positions of second and third, respectively, in a recent intelligence examination given to all new students.

Pledge Bud McBurney was chosen Vice-President of the Freshman class.

Plans are now being made for the second annual Mid-semester house party. The brothers are feverishly writing and wiring feminine acquaintances and we expect that the majority of them will be successful in making the final arrangements. An orchestra is being negotiated with and if Brother Taylor or Brother Hughes can bring into use a little of the strong arm and Hebraic tendencies which they practice on the rest of us we should be well established in that respect. The House is in fine shape and will be the scene of two days of colorful dinners and dances.

The annual Christmas party was not the success this year that it has been in the past. The Influenza epidemic which has been felt throughout the country did not omit Kenyon from its itinerary. Quite a number of the men were in bed, and a

number of the others had gone home. The evening was a pleasant one, however, and an important one for the fact that the chapter learned a new song, a song of its own which will be submitted to the approval of the alumni at initiation.

The Pledge class surprised the active chapter with a splendid banquet on the last Saturday before the Thanksgiving recess. Steaks smothered in mushrooms were enjoyed by all. Needless to say the chapter highly approved of the motion to make the event an annual custom.

Alumni Notes

Brother Walter T. Collins, '03, visited us December 9. At a dinner given in his honor by President and Mrs. Pierce, an announcement of a Kenyon scholarship prize was made. Brother Collins' offer is that he will give five hundred dollars to the fraternity on the Hill which makes the greatest improvement in scholarship during the current year. This gift is like unto that Brother Collins has also offered to the chapters of Psi U.

Brother Howard T. Beidler, '28, spent an afternoon and evening with us before Thanksgiving.

Brother Herbert Welsh, '28, has visited us a number of times in the past two months.

The chapter wishes to make another appeal to the alumni to come and visit. We have room to take care of everyone. It should not be necessary to say that we are arranging our initiation with the expectation of having an unusual number back to "sing again those good old songs."

THEODORE HUSS, JR.

PHI—*University of Michigan*

NEEDLESS to say, the Phi members returned to their work after varied and pleasant holidays. Each one is determined to make the best of his prospects during the next three weeks before exams, and the house is gradually assuming a more studious atmosphere.

Our Winter House Party was held December 14, 15, and 16, and was pronounced a grand success. Twenty-four attractive imports made this one "the best ever." Brothers Jim West and Bob Holmes deserve a great deal of credit for their work in making the party what it was.

The Glider Club, an innovation in the way of Campus Societies, is very much a Psi U. organization. The Evan's brothers are its able sponsors. Through their efforts one of these motorless air crafts has been secured, and the sport is becoming increasingly popular.

From the Junior class there are three active men in campus activities. Brother Tilley is a night editor on the Daily staff, and is turning out some fine work. He was initiated into Sphinx, junior honorary society, and was severely humiliated in the presence of Brother Todd who was an active participant in the initiation. Unfortunately Sphinx was given some notorious publicity by the Chicago Tribune, Detroit Times, and Associated Press newspapers, so that its name is now somewhat in disdain. Brother Todd, as well as Brother Bob Holmes, are on the editorial staff of the 'Ensian, and are in direct competition for position of Editor for the coming year.

Football season, come and gone, has left pledges Anderson, Hayden, Hicks, and Quinn with freshman numerals, and Brother Reynolds with an assistant-managership for next fall. Brothers Ed Evans and Nate Potter are stepping over the hurdles in Yost Field House, while Rog Turner is running the distances. Al Seager will swim with the varsity this season, making it his third year.

Brother Dave Holmes was one of those to enjoy the effects of the Opera trip this Christmas, and "Rainbow's End" would have been quite incomplete without him. In a somewhat similar line may be found Ned Galloway who does his little bit at harmony in the Glee Club.

There are two astute politicians in the house in the persons of Brothers Bill Churchill, vice-president of the Sophomore Engineers, and Harry Moore, Treasurer of the Sophomore Architects. Older King Moore is one of the dependable men on the Varsity tennis teams.

Regretting his last days here and finally graduating is Lam Rheinfrank who says he takes over the managership of a Toledo golf club in February. Brother Jim Fishback of the Sigma, piano artist ala jazz, is actively affiliated with the chapter, and is a good one to have around.

There is little more to say of importance, beyond wishing everyone a happy and prosperous New Year.

CHARLES H. REYNOLDS,
Associate Editor

OMEGA—*University of Chicago*

THE EARLY closing of the University last Quarter because of influenza gave the Omega men a splendid vacation. On returning to school in

January, however, we find that the added vacation has only whetted the appetites of the brothers for more holidays, and that laziness, the wolf at the door of every fra-

ternity, is gradually gaining admittance to our halls. Under the excellent leadership of Brother MacDowall, however, I feel sure that laziness will gain no better hold on the members of the chapter.

As has been rumoured, Brother Stagg has lately established an all-time record for unsuccessful football teams. After the saddest of seasons, he made major awards to brothers Burgess, Vin Libby, and Weaver, all of whom played excellent football throughout the season. We at Chicago consider our failure on the gridiron to be entirely caused by lack of material brought about by our requirements, and we lay no blame whatsoever on Brother Stagg who, we are certain, has coached enough teams to know all about anything in any way connected with football.

Six freshmen earned their numerals in football this year, and five freshmen are now working hard at basketball. One is on the wrestling team and one on the gymnastic team. In track we have three very promising men; one in the weights, one in the high jump, and one in the dashes.

Brother Cahill is doing well with the varsity cage team, and Brothers Willett and Smith are showing rare form in wrestling. We are looking forward to at least two stellar golfers in the house in the Spring, for Brother Bancroft is whiling away his time in California, and Brother Cunningham is spending his winter in the neighborhood of New Orleans.

Turning to activities we find two freshmen in the Dramatic Association, one on the staff of The Cap and Gown, (University year book) one in the intramural sport department, and several who are trying out for Blackfriars.

As all those familiar with our school know, "Blackfriars" is the biggest and best activity of the school year. This year the production is anticipated with

even more than usual interest, as the Abbot of The Order is our own Brother Warner, and we at the house know that this show will be just a shade better than any of its predecessors. There are four juniors and four sophomores working on the production.

Brother Whitney, president of the Dramatic Association, (an office we have held uninterrupted by any barbarian for some five years) with the aid of Brothers Willett, Mason, Watrous, and Weaver, is placing the association on a firm foundation by means of its very successful productions.

The scholastic recording system of the University, disrupted by the "flu" epidemic and the subsequent closing of school, has not yet informed us as to our scholastic standing. Our own estimates show us to good advantage, but due to this tardiness of our report from the school, our initiation will be necessarily postponed until later in the quarter.

Mathematically (making one assumption) I can, however, prove that we are sitting pretty regarding school work. Brother Geo. Lott who has always (for three years) been just one letter below the house average with his average gave us a great surprise this year. His average mark for all his courses this quarter was a "B." This means that the house average to be one letter above this must be an "A." I feel sure that even the Chicago alumni association will be well pleased with Brother Lott and with the Omega.

HARDY MACLAY

Alumni Notes

Mr. and Mrs. Allan G. Mills of Glencoe announce the engagement of their daughter Miss Ruth Mills to Gavian Ellwood, Omega '28.

The Pratt brothers who graduated last week are now sterling business men.

Brother Jim Reber's semi-pro football team captured the city championship this fall.

Glen Ravenscroft has returned to the Bryson after spending 15 months in the south selling Sir Walter Raleigh tobacco.

Hadley Kerr dropped in for a brief visit on his return trip from Hollywood where he is strutting his stuff on the silver screen.

Campbell Dickson is taking graduate work at the University of Wisconsin.

Jim Sheldon is attending Rollin's College in Florida.

Bob Cunningham has gone south for the winter.

Charley Hoerger is in the insurance business.

Hank Green has returned to civilization after spending several months in Gary.

The engagement of Brother Ed Hibben to Virginia Chapman of Oak Park was announced recently.

"Doc" Sherburn has returned to his classes after a fine trip to Europe.

Griff Bancroft has returned to California for the winter.

PI—*Syracuse University*

UP, up, up, and up!
From the thirty-fourth and last place on the social fraternity scholarship rating for 1926-1927, to ninth place in 1927-1928, is the record of the Pi Chapter of Psi Upsilon as announced by the University administration recently. Although its not the top, it looks mighty good to us and we're proud of it.

Last year when our rating hit rock bottom, we realized that something had to be done. It is true that our low standing was due in part to over-cutting by a few brothers, but the time for excuses was past. No sooner had this decision been reached, than the weight of alumni criticism fell upon us,—and what a fall!

Omitting the tragic details, the outcome of this furor was a grim determination on the part of everyone in the house, and especially the seniors, to get down to BUSINESS. A plan, which we will briefly sketch for the benefit of other "cellar" chapters, was put into operation.

Over-cutting, the chief evil, was made punishable by a fine which increased with each overcut. Beginning with one dollar for the first fine over the maximum allowed, the fine progressively increased to five dollars for the fifth cut, and remained at five dollars for each succeeding cut. This

system proved rather costly for some of the brothers, but it accomplished the results we were after, results which are plainly visible in the chart published elsewhere in this issue.

A new system of compulsory studying was also inaugurated. Under this plan the whole house was placed on study hours at the beginning of the fall term instead of after midyear examinations as had formerly been the case.

To get down to the present, an enforced vacation due to an epidemic of the "flu," was placed upon the University, and we went home five days early for the Christmas Holidays. The only undesirable feature about this was the necessity of cancelling all of the Christmas social activities, which included a Dinner-Dance and the Pi's Perfect Performance. This latter is an alumni get-together, where the active chapter presents an entertainment similar to a number of vaudeville acts for the enjoyment of the "old boys." They return the entertainment with a show of their own. This function is now scheduled for some time next semester.

At this writing a gigantic barrier to future enjoyment of college life is looming up in the form of examinations which are only two weeks distant. Prayers are being

offered up nightly for the outcome, especially with the new record to uphold. Beyond this can be seen the Senior Week social functions, with a Dinner-Dance scheduled for February 2.

Since the last communication, Brother George has called out the candidates for the Water Polo team of which he is captain and nightly gives them a workout in the pool. Brother Ivan Gould has been chosen by the Chancellor to head the student division of a committee of 45 members in devising a religious plan for the University. Brother Sawin is resting after his efforts with the Orange Hill and Dalers.

Brother Reifenstein has been elected to Pi Delta Epsilon, honorary journalistic body. We find Brothers Vinal and Mergott splashing about daily with the Syracuse Tankmen.

It gives us pleasure to announce that Brother Raymond G. Vinal is winner of a twenty-five dollar prize given by Brother R. Bourke Corcoran to the member of last year's entering class who increased his average the most.

JOHN H. WIGGINS

EDWARD C. REIFENSTEIN, JR.

Associate Editors

CHI—*Cornell University*

IN reviewing the activities of the Chi since the football season several individual achievements seem noteworthy: Brother Waterbury has been awarded his football letter for the second time; Brother Kelley has been elected to Sphinx Head, senior society; Brother Bliss has been appointed to the Junior Prom Committee; Pledge Deming has won his soccer numerals and has been appointed to the Freshman Banquet Committee. But these are only a few personal honors; for the chapter as a whole has been very active in many undergraduate fields this fall. The Sophomore class is represented in track by two very promising candidates, while the work of three of its members in dramatics has been commendably noticed. There are also in the chapter at present three members of the Glee Club and two members of Sigma Gamma Epsilon, honorary Geologic society.

The Freshman delegation this year is large, and the Chi expects to report very favorable results from the competitions and sports in which many of its members are now engaged. Notable among his classmates, however, has been the work of Pledge Clarke for the Editorial Competi-

tion of the Cornell Daily Sun, which at this writing has not been decided.

At present the thoughts of the Chi are centered mainly about the approaching mid-year examinations, so that, with the exception of the annual Faculty Tea and Musical, which Brother J. P. Parker has been working on, the next few weeks will be concentrated along scholastic lines. However, plans for the Junior Week house party, immediately following mid-years, are well under way, and the committee anticipates a very busy week. In former years the Chi has welcomed several alumni and visiting brothers, and it sincerely hopes to do likewise this year. It is requested that those expecting to attend inform the committee far enough ahead of time to allow reservations to be made for rooms and favors.

On Saturday, November 24, the Chi held a special initiation for two sophomores, Stewart Anderson Maurer and Perry Cornell Dechert, pledged after the rushing season last year.

BRADFORD BISSELL,

Associate Editor

BETA BETA—*Trinity College*

FOR the second consecutive year, the brothers and pledges of the Beta Beta have struggled through until midyears without any serious chance of losing a single man, a state of affairs refreshing in its comparative novelty. As a matter of fact, one or two of the freshmen threaten to become Phi Betes—we say it with a certain amount of shame, but also with a little of the same refreshed feeling.

On the basketball team, R. N. Nye, '30, is starring at center, while two of the pledges, W. S. Grainger and O. B. Graham, both '32, bid fair to be promoted from the Jay Vee team to the 'varsity squad after midyears have removed the freshman rule. As yet none of the inter-fraternity basketball games have been played, but at the time this communication goes to press we are preparing for a battle-royal with the Alpha Delts on the morrow.

M. L. Doublier, '30, is now serving on the Junior Prom Committee, and R. G. L. Rogers, also '30, has recently been elected to a position on the *Ivy Board*. In other extra-curricular activities, J. F. Walker, '29, and C. E. Jacobson, '31, were recently elected Manager and Secretary of Debate, respectively, and pledge Blakeslee is about to grab the assistant managership of basketball.

To add to the joys of the Christmas season, Brother Rogers has announced his engagement to Miss Elizabeth Feussenich Smith, of Torrington, Connecticut.

Brother Leighton, Tau '10, whose visit to the Chapter last December was marked by the usual rejoicing, has honored us by changing his annual visit to a semi-annual affair, and we are looking forward to seeing him again after midyears.

Alumni Notes

Robert Craik, '16, who has starred in *The Desert Song* and *The Vagabond King*, visited the Chapter a week ago. He has left the stage, and is now associated with W. J. Sloane and Company, New York.

R. J. O'Brien, '26, has been appointed assistant cashier of the Travelers Insurance Company's branch at Nashville, Tennessee, where he is staying with T. W. Jones, '25.

Upholding the Beta Beta's claim to a corner on Episcopalian bishops are W. H. Deacon, '28, at Cambridge Theological Seminary, and F. M. Thorburn, '25, John Williams, '26, and J. M. Young, '28, at the General Theological Seminary in New York City.

DANIEL B. MCCOOK

Associate Editor

ETA—*Lehigh University*

No Communication received

TAU—*University of Pennsylvania*

NOW that the Christmas holidays are but pleasant memories and most of the brothers have returned for a much needed rest, we would gladly give the spare tire of Bob Craft's smooth roadster

if—(too bad—he sold the thing some time ago) well, we would give most anything if a celebrated mystic could tell us what the crystal holds for the Tau. Speaking of the Tau—say, if there are still a few

of the alumni who haven't dropped in to look the chapter over, we wish they would for we are sure that it would be well worth their time. Of course, you all know by this time that the living room has been finished with dark-stained panelling, and the floor has a new rug. We greatly appreciate the gift of the radio given by Brother Jack Clements' father, and we all get a kick from listening in on the "back home" stations. The room behind the cloak-room has been turned into a cozy reading room, and is kept well supplied with magazines. There are thirty-eight members at present, and with rushing season only a short month off, we are looking forward to a full house. We also have valet and laundry service in the house, which makes it very convenient for the members.

We notice that Johnny Ball, '30, wingman on Penn's successful team, again received his letter this year. Bud Sellers, '29, was elected to Sphinx, which brings the total to four. Bud is also the Editor-in-Chief of the Red and Blue.

The Alumni dinner held on November 6 was a great success, according to the unanimous vote of those who were present. Brother Jack Clements, '29, who had charge of the preparations, was congratulated by our elder brothers, and was "threatened," as one stated, with a larger attendance the next time. This dinner was in honor of those brothers who graduated between the years of 1900 and 1910.

And then came our one social of the year—the Thanksgiving tea. "Whoopee" started Wednesday and by Thursday every available inch was filled with graduates renewing their under-graduate friendships. Lew Chapman and his artists made merry music, but the stories and yarns of "ye olden days" did their best to drown it out. Bill Clark and Bob Mitchell did the decorating and turned the "hall" into a Ritz ballroom. Over the fire-place reposed the cup showing the Psi U superiority in the annual

football classic with Phi Psi. Oh yes, we trimmed them 14-0. Thank goodness we had plenty of time to shake the kinks and pains out before the dance, but for a time it looked pretty serious for "Plum" Mills and Jack Clements.

Tex Graham returned from the western tour of the basketball squad in his capacity as Associate Manager, and reports that everything was okay except the scores. Henry Wright, '31 is fighting hard to make the team, and plays with the Jayvees at present. Ted Larkin, '31, is holding the somewhat difficult job as Chairman of the Vigilance Committee. He hasn't taken a ride into the Frog pond yet so he must be quite a success. Johnny Clegg, '31, is showing his stuff in the 125 pound class on the wrestling team. Just to show his docile nature, too, he took part in the fall production "Loyalties" of the Dramatic Club, as did Ben Taber, also '31. The leading lady in the Men About Towne Club (of the Engineering school) was no other than Al Cassel, '29, who was "Joan" in "Bagdad-dies" or "Cabarabian Nights."

Mask and Wig tryouts are in full swing with Brothers Vare, Clegg, Clark, Beale, and Graham aspiring for the dancing chorus. All the contestants for the cast, which includes J. Bliedung, Kelly, Sellers, Miller and Gregg, put on individual skits, and were chosen to appear in the final presentation. Psi U has always had a large representation in the Mask and Wig productions, and from the above names, it appears that several new faces will appear along with those who were in last year's show, namely: Andrews, Sellers, Kelley, Keator, Mitchell and Maschal.

Jim Knowles just missed being elected in the football competition, but he intends to continue his work in the crew which started when he rowed in the freshman eight last year. Dick Eichelberger has a long task ahead of him in his competition for Business Manager of the Pennsylvanian,

but we all wish him the best luck, and know that he will give a merry race with the other competitors.

"Give us another Sonny Boy" "Look at those Duncan Sisters, oh man!" "Listen to John Barrymore do his stuff on his Zylophone!" "Aren't Dicky Barthelness and Marilyn Miller just too cute for words?" (who said that?). Such were some of the remarks and congratulations which greeted the offerings of the T T T show held last month. Honestly, it was a wonderful show, if you don't believe it, just ask any of the Alumni who came and you'll put the date of next year's fun on your memo pad now. The scene was laid in Texas Guinan's club, and we had Texas in person introducing her stars. There were also the far-famed Moran and Mack, Boo-Boo Huff, the owner, a couple of real dicks, Judge Lewis with his Monaghan to put down law when the raid surprised the patrons of the club. All the members took part and their acts went across big. Bud Sellers was at the helm of the preparations and everything went smoothly under his guidance, but to Brother Linn Seiler, '08 belongs a great share of the credit for his coaching and time which he put in during the rehearsals. Brother Linn also wrote the play, and Monaghan must have seen it, unobserved, for the papers the next morning showed that Boo-Boo was in reality raided. So with the curtain ringing down on the T T T show and plans for the coming rushing season in Brother Eichelberger's hands we'll take our bow, wishing our brother chapters a most happy and prosperous year in Psi U work.

Alumni Notes

Brother C. Foster Sanford, '28, was married last month to Miss Alice Laurie of Norristown, Pa. His best man was William Sims, '28, and William Clark, '29, and George Gade, '28, were ushers.

Marriot Webster, '30, is playing in the musical comedy "Whoopee" in New York. He played in the Mask and Wig and also in the T T T show when he was in school.

Pierre S. Brosseau, Omega '23, Managing Director of the Electrical Club of Philadelphia, visited the chapter during the past month.

William Eichelberger, '24, is with the Consolidation Coal Co. of New York.

Lemuel B. Schofield, '13, was recently appointed Assistant District Director of Public Safety of Philadelphia.

David Webster, '23, announced his engagement to Miss Evelyn Stevenson of Philadelphia.

David Beard, '23, married Miss Margaret Cook of Danville, Kentucky.

Samuel Steele, Jr., announced his engagement to Miss Dezra Corvin.

Robert E. Eichelberger, '26, who was Field Secretary of the General Alumni Society last year, is now employed in the Advertising Department of the Curtis Publishing Company. He is living at 4700 Sansom Street, Philadelphia.

Weaver L. Marston, '18, and Mrs. Marston announce the arrival of a baby daughter, Ann Barber, on December 1, 1928.

R. DOUGLAS GREGG,

For the Chapter

MU—University of Minnesota

AT THIS time, the Mu is well through the second day of the rushing period. Things seem to be moving with a greater rapidity this year than was the case during the 1928 season. This is

very probably due to the curtailment of the period from 10 days to 8 days. On the basis of first maneuvers, prospects are encouragingly bright for the chapter. The chapter scholastic average for the fall

quarter was an improvement over that of last year's poor showing, and this factor alone should prove an aid in the securing of desirable pledges.

The alumni have continued their fine work in renovating the house, having added a carpet to the second floor hall, which should be a distinct aid to any of the brothers who are habitual devotees of the good god Morpheus, and it may be here added that there are such brothers.

The annual Psi U Banquet will not be held until the spring, but there has been no diminution of interest in this merry festival, the brothers not being bothered about when the banquet is held, so long as they know it will be held.

The Mu has been represented in hockey

by the addition of Brother Orme to the squad, while in politics her standard-bearer is Brother Priest, recently elected president of the Senior class in the S. L. A. College.

The annual Christmas party was held on the last meeting night of the year. A delectable Christmas turkey dinner was served under the supervision of Mrs. Davis, "presents" were given and received, and a splendid time was had by every one.

It is the writer's hope that by the time of the issuance of the next DIAMOND, the Mu will announce the names of the members of the best freshman class on the campus.

For the Chapter,
JOHN P. CROWLEY, II

RHO—*University of Wisconsin*

THE customary period of depression following the Christmas recess has settled over the halls of the Rho like a pall, and all one hears in discussion these bleak January days is the approach of mid-year examinations. While there are a few of the brothers most optimistic about their outcome, there are many more who are daily watching the want-ad sections of the local papers. However, we all hope for the best, and no doubt our final outcome will be somewhat better than many of the brothers predict.

The new class is an excellent one, we feel, and much credit is due Brother Brazeau, Rushing Chairman, for his untiring efforts in molding the new delegation.

Because of an epidemic of influenza last December, which necessitated the closing of school and the cancellation of all social privileges by the university, we were forced to call off our Christmas Party. But now, not to be outdone, we have rescheduled the event for Saturday evening, January 12th. There is to be the customary tur-

key dinner, Christmas trees, an abundance of holly and mistletoe, holiday programs, etc., and, while there is nothing unusual about the aforesaid in the month of December, I am under the impression that such an atmosphere will be a rather unique one for an evening in January. However, the social committee should be commended for such a progressive idea, and their efforts will, in all probability, be rewarded on the night of the occasion.

In so far as activities are concerned the Rho is not very active. Most of the brothers are satisfied to spend their spare moments playing bridge, chess, billiards, or to go to the shows. We have never been able to arouse much interest in outside activities save athletics, and now and then a man on some committee where little work is required. We are attempting, however, to encourage the new class to become more active on the "hill." In the past it has been a case, more or less, of getting into a slump in this connection with no effort to get out of it, and, while too much stress

on activities is an undesirable condition, to have no interest in them at all is equally bad.

With the end of the present semester rapidly closing in on us news is rather scarce around Madison, as we imagine it

to be at most of the chapters, so, in closing, the Rho extends its best wishes for the new year, and may it be a banner one for Psi U.

CHARLES A. WINDING,
For The Chapter

EPSILON—*University of California*

RAIN and freezing weather has brought an otherwise "hot" semester for the Epsilon to a close. We started the term off with a bang by pledging five of the best men entering college. Our rushing season is an everlasting affair, and during the semester five men, not yet in college, were pledged.

Merely stating that we had a "hot" semester doesn't mean much, but perhaps a few examples might serve as proof. At the beginning of the term, Brothers Clem Baker, "Brick" Swift and Charley Schmidt were elected to Skull and Keys, the school honor society, making five of the Epsilon belonging to that organization. Bro. Schmidt was also elected to Golden Bear, the senior honor society. Four out of our five juniors are members of Winged Helmet, the junior honor society. The Epsilon is well represented in honor societies.

Bro. Charley Schmidt is also our shining light in football. Although he is the first man we have had on the football team in many years, the work he has done this season has more than made up for our delinquencies in the past. He was rated as the greatest defensive on the coast, and the way he put the skids under "Biff" Hoffman, Stanford's so-called All-American, certainly verified all his praises.

During the semester the house held open house twice, the day of the U. S. C. game and the day of the big game. Our Mother's Club decorated the house on both occasions, and even the brothers living in the house hardly knew their own home. We received

many compliments from our returning alumni on the condition of the house. Almost two hundred people attended the big game open house, and the boys were kept hopping trying to serve them. The effect of our recent publication towards stimulating alumni interest was shown by the large number present.

However, their enthusiasm seemed to have faded over the week-end, because the alumni attendance of the alumni at the Founders' Day banquet, held on November 26th, was exceptionally small. However, a good time was had by those present, and much Psi U. spirit was shown.

The funeral of Bro. Lawrence O'Sullivan, who was killed in Hong Kong a few months ago, took place on November 30th in San Francisco. The whole house attended the ceremony. A floral piece representing a Psi U. pin was sent by the house.

At least one of our present sophomores will wear a junior manager's sweater next year. Bro. Harold Meyer received his junior appointment in football at the close of the past season. We have three of next year's junior managers in the house already. The house has, or will have, men out for managerial positions in every major sport.

The Epsilon is looking forward to a great spring semester, when we will have more men in the house and will be represented in every major activity.

CLARK A. POTTER,
Associate Editor

OMICRON—*University of Illinois*

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DELTA DELTA—*Williams College*

CHRISTMAS vacation over, everybody is settling down for the short grind before midyear examinations, while many of the Brothers are busily engaged in outside college activities. Brother Whittlesey is assistant manager of the basketball team, a position which carries with it the responsibility of directing the annual sophomore basketball competition. Brother Chase is out for wrestling, and Brother Ballou, who won his letter in hockey last year, is again with the hockey team. Brothers Wheeler Shaw, and Garth are candidates for the swimming team. Brother A. C. Hood has been elected to the all-campus committee; Brother Stewart, to photographic editorship of the Graphic; and Brothers F. Hood and C. Heermance

to the Sophomore Prom committee.

During the fall five members of the house tried out for the football team. Brother Chase won his letter for the third time, and Brother F. Hood was also awarded a letter. Freshman numerals were won by Pledge Alexander in cross country, Pledge Rowan in football, Pledge R. Heermance in soccer. Pledge Boyce won the managership of the Freshman football team.

Alumni Notes

The House recently had the pleasure of a visit from Fritz Neilson, '26.

CHESLEY E. SMITH,

*Associate Editor*THETA THETA—*University of Washington*

ASIDE from being plunged deeply in mourning the latter part of December over the loss of one of its most popular alumni, Benton L. Boardman, the Theta Theta has prospered well the past fall, and experienced smooth sailing. As related elsewhere, Ben, who took up flying after graduating in 1927, was killed in an air mishap.

The Chapter feels quite pleased to find that the fourteen "nuggets," which it acquired in the fall rushing season, seem to be "panning" out. Five of the pledgemen in addition to being high-calibre boys, are also brothers of Psi U's. Pledgeman Bourns, in addition, is the son of the well-known Dr. Bourns, Phi '90. Although we cannot yet ascertain how many of the pledgemen are scholastically eligible for initiation, we hope to convert about ten of

them into the brotherhood sometime this coming winter quarter.

As for grades, this Chapter wishes to take the opportunity now to thank those brothers sponsoring the scholastic contests. Though its chances may not be exceptionally good, nevertheless the Chapter is "very much" out for the prizes. Many of our brothers are at present in the law school, and several are taking engineering and science courses. This situation makes it quite difficult for the Chapter as a whole to bring in high grades.

The "party-deprival" mentioned in our communication in the preceding issue, has been satisfactorily cleared up. The Chapter has recovered all of its privileges, and in addition has won its point in reference to a "student affairs" committee regulating fraternities. From now on any difficulty

or dealings which might occur will be carried on directly with the faculty and President Spencer (of the University), and will not be side-tracked through any kind of a student, or student-faculty committee.

The regaining of these privileges paved the way for a pledge dance given at the Chapter House on November 10th. This was Homecoming Day at Washington, a big event for the University. After seeing a stellar football game, in which Washington was defeated by California, 6 to 0, we found a dance quite fitted into the occasion.

On November 21st the annual Founders' Day banquet was held at the College Club. Although theoretically the 24th should have been the celebration day, yet Wednesday evening was so much more preferable that allowances had to be made. About sixty were present. Though this was a very congenial party, yet most of us left with the resolve that we must double our efforts and get a "full house" at our next big event of this kind, the Installation Day banquet which comes in the late spring.

After burdening the younger brothers with seminars and study tables for two or three weeks, the Chapter finished the quarter with a novel party. First a "Coffee Dan" dinner at the House; then an especially well-worked-out performance at the Palace Hip. From there the party journeyed to the Arena, and finished the evening with two hours of ice-skating.

Among the personals of the active chapter, we should mention that Cowper Middleton was pledged Oval Club (Washington upperclassmen's honorary) this fall because of his meritorious service as manager of the *U. of W. Daily*. This brings the number of active brothers who are in Oval Club up to five. This fall Johnny Flannagan was a mainstay on the football team as quarterback and played enough to win his letter. Hank Bacon played in several games on the varsity, and Bill Gourlay showed up well as tackle on the Freshman squad.

Volney Richmond is now preparing for a trip around the world, and will be gone for six months or more.

THOS. R. INGHAM,
Associate Editor

Alumni Notes

Stuart Frazier, Gamma '22, visited the Chapter over the Christmas holidays. He is now manager of the Sierra Bond Mortgage Company of Santa Monica.

George Dill '16 who is in the Engineering Department of the Pacific Telephone and Telegraph Co. at San Francisco, is visiting in the city over the holidays.

"Dink" Ketcham '25, dropped in Homecoming. He has been at Wenatchee working with the Pacific Fruit and Produce Co.

Tully Bragg '24 and Howard Selby '25 were also here for Homecoming. Tully is Personnel Officer of the Pacific Power and Light Co., and "Zupe" is working with the Bloedel-Donovan Lumber Co.

Matt O'Conner, '17, who was formerly the mayor's secretary, has switched jobs due to political returns, and is now with the Chamber of Commerce.

Paul Woelfel, Zeta '27, is now on his way home to Chicago, after an extended cruise on the Pacific (as an ordinary seaman on the President McKinley). Johnny Coart, '28, just returned from a sea trip also, he having gone to the Orient as cadet on the President Jefferson.

Jack "Lil" Valentine, Epsilon '28, who became an alumnus at the end of this quarter, has taken over one of John D's service stations and subsequently become an active Rotarian.

Ed Kuhn, '25, former Washington All-American tackle, made the trip to Honolulu as an outstanding football man of the Olympic Club.

Pat Tidmarsh '24, and his wife have moved to Eugene, Oregon, where he is working in a paper company.

Merv McGinnis, '21, was elected chairman of the alumni Association for the coming year.

Major T. W. MacDowell, Nu and F. C.

Broadfoot, also of the Nu were with us on November 18th. Major MacDowell is now living in Ottawa (364 Driveway), Canada, while Bro. Broadfoot is residing in Seattle.

NU—*University of Toronto*

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EPSILON PHI—*McGill University*

THE mid-year exams which confront us early in January are, of course, of first importance at the moment. The freshmen have received coaching from several of the brothers, and special mention should be made of the work done by Dr. Keys of the Department of Physics, a Nu graduate.

While we are on the subject of study we must announce that Ken Brown, who graduates this spring, has just been awarded a Rhodes scholarship. This fall Ken won the mile in the Canadian intercollegiate meet and the fencing championship of the University. He will study Law at Oxford.

And speaking of the scholarship reminds us that we heard the good news at our annual Christmas dinner, which was held on the last Sunday before the holidays. There were gifts with appropriate verses to delight everyone, and the house was presented with a much-needed wood box of brass by some of the local alumni.

Coming to activities, we immediately notice that the above report on Ken Brown is incomplete, for he is news editor of the Daily, president of the Arts Undergraduate Society and president of the Cercle Francais. Smyth and Halpenny played senior football; Boright, Copeman and Grundy are on the editorial board of the year book; Bill Sellar is president of the class of Arts '32. Jim Ogilvy is vice-president of the Scarlet Key Society; Savage heads the Banjo-Mandolin Club; Merrett will design the scenery for the Red and White Revue. Harry Boyce is famous for his efficient handling of the football crowds this fall. Munroe Bourne, a pledge, was a member of the Canadian Olympic team. He holds several Canadian swimming records.

Among recent visitors from out of town are Brothers Vinet and Wood. Brother Terry, of the Theta, paused on his way to and from the north woods.

R. A. MONTGOMERY

THETA—*Union College*

COLLEGE having been closed for ten days beyond the allotted time because of the "flu" the brethren are faced with the age-old bugaboo of mid-years. Only two weeks of grace remain and Brother Rose, the new "hetman," "allows as how us fellers better do some work for a change."

It gives me great pleasure to announce that our efforts in the scholarship line have shown gratifying results. Only two of the freshman look dubious, while, on the other hand, three have gotten second grade averages right along and the remaining five have all done consistently good work. The sophomores, as usual, are pretty low but

if everyone continues as at present, the chapter should raise its standing at least five places in the scholarship league.

The end of the fall athletic season found us strong in cross-country and naught else. Captain Heath and Rothmann were practically the whole team and, to make it complete, Brother Rothmann was elected captain for next year. Brother Schmitt made the trip to Rochester with the football team.

The Glee Club, under Brother Rose's management, made a very successful debut in Elmira during the vacation with Pledges Potter, Bennett, and Swan among the songsters. Rose also secured the office of Senior class secretary and Heath is on the Junior Prom committee which assures us of a decent booth during the dance.

A hasty room-to-room census just taken yields the information that Brother Weed looks pretty good as goalie on the hockey team if he'll only stop leering and grimac-

ing. Brother Smith is out for manager of basketball and editor of the "*Garnet*." Brother Strong is now secretary in the office of the college physician—office hours 4-6 p.m. except Saturday. This is a position of great trust and responsibility, not to mention the pecuniary advantages.

Summed up, all this means is that the Theta is rather weak in extra-curricular activities but, after all, we're here primarily to study and L still maintain that the scholarship has improved.

Alumni Notes

The monthly alumni meetings have been quite successful in every way except for the attendance. We again urge more of the older brothers to take our invitation seriously—they will be agreeably surprised.

Leroy J. Weed, '01, was recently elected to the Executive Council.

A. PAICE STRONG,
Associate Editor

OMICRON—*University of Illinois*

THE chapter really crashed through in wonderful shape regarding the three major events on the fall schedule at Illinois.

The first feature of the year occurred the weekend of the Indiana game when the entire University welcomed the fathers of the students to the campus during the annual Dads Day celebration. Complete charge of the chapter's entertainment plans were put in the hands of Brother Stan Logan, who so successfully managed the program over the two day stretch, that the welcome was regarded as the most hearty in the history of the event.

In accordance with his pre-season plans, invitations to share the hospitality of the house were mailed to all our dads. As a result of this campaign, over 30 of the boys fathers were attracted and payed us their respects with a personal visit.

The second celebration, and beyond doubt the most cherished of the chapter, was the annual Alumni Homecoming held October 27, when the Illini eleven battled Northwestern. Brother George Webster headed the Homecoming committee and produced such excellent results that the affair was a winner in more ways than one. In the first place the house was so uniquely decorated under the direction of Brother Faricy the University judges awarded the chapter the second prize for fraternity house decorations.

In answer to the invitations that were sent to the entire alumni body, a larger number of graduates than have ever before returned to the campus for the reception came back for the sessions around the home fires. The warm welcome extended by the chapter has brought only

thanks and words of approval from those brothers who attended, and we have yet to hear a complaint or even a suggestion as to how to improve on the reception.

The third event that makes college and fraternity life what it is came in the form of the fall house dance. All due credit falls to the lot of Brother Bob Hoff who supervised all arrangements for the big party staged December 8. With the house again decorated in holiday fashion and the music more than could be expected, the brothers warmed to the occasion and whirled through a wonderful Saturday evening. Bob had another opportunity to show his managerial ability when he was chairman of the committee for the Christmas party.

All during the past semester the house has been making a determined effort to raise the scholastic standard under a plan devised by Brothers Rowell and Emmet Murphy. At the present writing just as the former has relinquished his post as head of the house to Deke Godman, the grades have shown a marked improvement over any previous year. It remains for the impending examinations which begin near the close of January to determine the success or failure of the new system.

Brother Chuck Hall is wearing a major "I" and sports a gold football as a result of his first year's work on the gridiron squad last fall. Although injured early in the season, Chuck regained his playing form and developed into a halfback that toted the ball in the form Zuppke terms "average" but which gained the Illini the conference championship notwithstanding. Pledge Harry Meyers gained a numeral sweater as a reward for his playing on the championship team of the freshman football squad.

Brother Webster is again flashing his old speed in the free style events for the swimming team. His heavy duty is slated to begin soon now, when he will captain the water polo team, conference title-holders, in quest of its second crown. Hoff also is out for a position on the swimming team, and is backstroking his way up from the ranks.

Another silver trophy was added to the house collection in the fall, Pledge Bob Brown sweeping the opposition offered by more than 250 players in the intramural tennis tournament aside to win the meet. Since ending his fall tennis activities, Bob has turned his attentions to another variation of net sports and is jumping center on one of the plebe basketball quintets.

Pledges Lyman Emrich and Leo Varty are spending their afternoons to good advantage working on the *Illio*, campus annual literary production. Roy Taylor, another freshman, is centering his activities on the business end of the *Daily Illini*.

Alumni Notes

Pledge Nichols is "Uncle" Johnnie now as a result of the presence of Joan, a newcomer in the family of Brother Fred Nichols, who saw light for the first time shortly before Christmas. Joan has the honor of being the class baby of the '29 delegation.

Brother Lyman Baker, '30 has settled down as the manager of Robin's Nest, his father's trick dairy farm eleven miles from Peoria. Baker has, as his companion, a fairly new Mrs. Baker, acquired last September to the tune of organ peals and much rejoicing. Mrs. Baker, was before her marriage, Miss Betty Ball of Peoria.

W. J. McEDWARDS,
Associate Editor

NU—*University of Toronto*

CHRISTMAS at the University found everyone eager and ready for the holidays. With numerous social events combined with the ever present academic and athletic activities, the brothers merited a breathing space.

Rugby is just finished. The University Senior O-R-F-U Team reaching the Eastern Canada Senior Final; brethren of the Nu held down three positions on the team.

Excitement in regard to hockey is at its height. The Senior team coached by Brother Porter of Olympic fame, managed by Brother MacDonald and boasting the presence of Brother Mel Harley, last season's leading scorer have just returned from a trip to the States. After an auspicious start, too much travelling, too many games and too few substitutes had its effect and they were defeated 3-2 by a fast Yale team in the final game. The players were loud in their praises of the hospitality received and of the brand of hockey played across the line.

It is expected that the Nu will be represented at the Canadian Indoor Tennis

Tournament in Montreal early in January by Brother Gilbert Munns of the Canadian Davis Cup Team, Brother Dr. Art Ham and Brother Doherty.

The Chapter House has been completely redecorated downstairs and at the Christmas Dance, which was an unqualified success, the house was never seen to better advantage.

On New Year's Eve the graduates assembled for their New Year's Dance and from all reports, unfortunate indeed was the grad who journeyed elsewhere to greet 1929.

New Year resolutions regarding studying are being aided by a regulation of a thirty hour a week minimum for Arts students and a forty hour a week minimum for Medical and Science men, to be enforced by the chapter.

We have not been having many visitors lately, we hope you have not forgotten where to find us when in the city.

JAMES C. JOHNSTON,
Associate Editor

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