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A COLLEGE PRESIDENT'S VIEW OF FRATERNITIES

The following is an address by Dr. Dixon Ryan Fox, president of Union College, who served as national secretary, national councilor and national president of Alpha Chi Rho fraternity during a period of fifteen years, at the Twenty-sixth Annual Session of the National Interfraternity Conference, Hotel Roosevelt, New York City, November 30. The address was the principal speech made at the two-day session.

“THE circumstance that each of us lives but seventy years or so and that the period of our philosophical understanding and full productive power is considerably less may give to each generation an over-quicken sense of the importance of its own half-century. To the actors playing their brief parts on this immemorial stage the drama seems always at a bewildering crisis. In the American colleges, where active membership for most is but for four years, the sense of crisis is at once more constant and more poignant. Just at this moment, for example, it seems as though the foundations of old and solid college customs were crumbling and that collapse were imminent. We are apt to forget that in the long view of time our present modes are not very venerable. Our present fraternity system, with its stately residences, its formal officialdom, its disciplinary rules, and its diplomatic agreements, is but a little over a century old. There is no assurance that an institution which has seemed to fit American needs in the past will fit changed needs in the future.

“But it would be inhuman folly to throw over an institution with millions of members and \$75,000,000 worth of property simply because the undergraduates in a few colleges felt no need of it in its present form. There is a sharp challenge here and there, and it may be that fraternities are not adapted to all places and conditions, but we need to guard against contagious panic. We need calmly to assess the human worth of fraternities in fundamental values before we consider anywhere their deliberate abandonment. And if abandoned in the special circumstances of one place, it does not follow at all that general abandonment is good national policy. Because one generation of inexperienced undergraduates does not recognize the spiritual nourishment of fraternities, it does not follow that educational leaders in college and fraternity staffs would throw up their hands in despair and close them out. By modifying surface adjustments can we not save a basic good to whose existence a century's experience may properly be assumed to give some testimony? Prudence indicates a

patient and unhurried study rather than an hysterical spasm of destruction either by students or by faculties.

AN ANCIENT INSTITUTION

“The artificial family bound by a common but peculiar lore is a very ancient institution; it exists in most primitive societies. It may be worthy or guilty according to its purposes, or it may be merely innocent in having no purpose at all. Secrecy suggests a power that cannot be estimated by outsiders and which, therefore, they may fear as potentially dangerous. . . .

“ . . . But at this time (latter 19th century) with plenty of Alumni to finance them, came substantial houses. While college presidents welcomed them as aids in meeting dormitory costs, they suspected them as loafing parlors. With the larger and finer houses came the imputation of luxury and snobbery. With these survived the old arraignment of fraternities as tending to break up the student body into cliques. With the pressing cost of maintaining large establishments there was need of constancy in membership; and with pledges representing indispensable economic assets, critics plausibly alleged that fraternities became mere travesties upon their names: that boys were hurried into life-allegiances, theoretically sacred, with men they did not know and who did not know them, often times with most unhappy consequences; that the theory of similarity in view and purpose became a farce; that from the college point of view the cliques were largely artificial. In recent years has come the further charge that the national fraternity, or rather national fraternities, scattered over the country, tend to standardize a type and impose a tyranny of conformity in dress, manner and social outlook, stultifying individuality and useful variation. Certain college executives are wondering if their students are not exploited by the national fraternity organizations, and if they do not pay heavy national dues for which they get no commensurate return. How far all this is true and how whatever is wrong can be corrected constitute the fraternity problem.

“Attacks on fraternities can proceed from three sources: the outside world, the student bodies and the college administrations. Attack from without comes through adverse legislation, especially affecting state-supported institutions. This has flared and flickered from time to time, but does not at present, I think, loom as a real danger to fraternities. The attitude of student bodies is by far the most important; if students conclude that they are noxious or useless and do not want to join them, they will speedily die of starvation. This like all other possible menaces

must be met by the demonstration of genuine value. It is the attitude of college administrations which particularly concerns us here. Few college administrators will set out suddenly to crush fraternities by direct methods. Few could comfortably lodge and feed all the fraternity students if the houses were abolished. Few could provide with college resources so rich a social life as members of the better fraternities now enjoy. Most executives realize, I think, that fraternities have high potentialities of excellence if they and the college work well together. The fruitful course is clearly to mark these possible excellencies and encourage them, rather than to worry about defects.

FRATERNITIES SUBORDINATE TO COLLEGE

“The first essential for co-operation and, I think the first necessity for fraternities if they are to continue to live, is the fundamental agreement on all sides that the fraternity is a subordinate part of the college, and that its members are primarily members of the college. The multiplication of loyalties will disintegrate personality if one’s loyalties compete and conflict. The college fraternity obviously cannot exist without the college, whereas the college must precede and envelop the fraternity. This would be as fundamentally true if every college student in America were a fraternity man. Loyalty to the college is the natural price the fraternity pays for existence, and the member’s loyalty is federalized, as it were, through the chapter to the college community.

“All this logic, building on the axiom that the whole is greater than the part, does not deny that the fraternity is not in some cases the most important part of the college experience. Nearly all fraternities are known to have high and positive ideals and college executives could wish for little more than that each member should be wholly true to them. These ideals stabilize character firmly and finely, oftentimes, and every president and every Dean should be glad indeed that they are operating in his college. The only objection that one can find in the history of college education is that these ideals were an inferior substitute for the principles of the Christian Church. Doubtless this still persists in certain quarters, but it does not figure prominently in the “fraternity problem.”

“The wise executive, as we have intimated, esteems the fraternities as giving their members wholesome values that they could not get otherwise. The well conducted chapter is a moral gymnasium where is prescribed the daily exercise of the virtues of helpfulness which, well developed, the graduate will take with him and apply in the relations of the larger

life outside. The fraternity is not a mere mutual benefit society, but a training school in the technique of benefit, a training school in the finest citizenship. As part of its work it is a training school in manners, in urbanity, — the dramatization of good will. I have no fear of national standardization in manners if the standardization is upward.

EDUCATIONAL VALUE

“Every college executive well knows that fraternities can and do help in the general conduct of the institution. The heads of houses are virtually student deans and in at least one college enjoy that honorific title. In many instances they lay upon underclassmen a regime of stated study hours, which in the interest of the fraternity’s good name, they willingly accept. The academic grades of all in the chapter, in some places at least, are periodically reported to the house, and the scholarship committee is ready with personal help as well as admonition. A word from the dean’s office to the national organization as to the persistently low rating of a chapter usually brings persuasive pressure that college administrators could scarcely bring to bear. Suggestions as to student custom discreetly given to fraternity leaders produce wholesome changes. It is because of all this educational worth that colleges and universities place at the disposal of fraternities plots of ground upon their campuses and loan money on their building projects.

“Probably fraternities help scholarship as much as they hinder it. Naturally fraternity men take a large part in the public affairs of the college; they are more socially minded. If, then, they keep near the average of the college, as they usually do, they are doing well, for they are also getting much from their campus contacts; there is much to learn in the students’ college as well as in the professors’ college. There is, however, nothing in fraternity life that prevents high distinction in academic studies. At Union College, for example, *we have just elected eight men to Phi Beta Kappa out of a class of 163, seven of the eight men are fraternity men.*

UP TO THE COLLEGE

“There are some who object to fraternities, it seems, because not all students have their advantages. This sentiment is not quite so illogical as it sounds; it implies that the nonfraternity man is oppressed with a sense of denial. It may be assumed that there are many men who are not fashioned for co-operation and do not care to get or give it. Geniuses, for example, are not generally gregarious. Many men are too busy with

necessary outside work. Many men are too poor. Many think fraternity engagements would limit their sphere of friendship. To this last I may say that any fraternity man who confines his friendship to his chapter or to fraternity men in general is exceedingly foolish. If, however, the non-fraternity men are really underprivileged; *the college should do something about it*. If a fraternity house is the only place on the campus where a man may draw up an easy chair beside a fire and talk with other men, the only place in the college where he can eat an inexpensive meal with dignity, then it is the college that is at fault and not the fraternities. It is the business of the administration to bring its student body into as large a measure of social life as it can: *I do not think it will find fraternities a serious obstacle*.

“Next to the training in getting on with other people at close quarters, and the moral improvement that comes from fraternity ideals, the advantage most widely and justly claimed for fraternities is training in self-government. Part of this training comes in solving the problems of finance. On this, however, let me offer several observations. First, chapter houses are generally too costly and too heavily mortgaged for the health of the chapter graduate and undergraduate, the trouble coming from the competition for display. Second, chapter houses should be endowed for part of their running expenses, just as a college is endowed and as national fraternity organizations should be endowed. Third, chapters who are long unwilling or unable to pay their bills should be closed out. There could be no training more demoralizing for a young man or a company of young men than four years of dodging butchers and grocers and plumbers. Such a school of dead beats is a curse to any college and particularly to its own men, and the college and the national organization, if they cannot correct this vicious state, should co-operate in persuading such a failure into a demise as swift and graceful as possible.

“*Gentlemen, I have come to a college presidency after fifteen years as a national fraternity officer, and I have come as a believer in fraternities. But I am convinced that if wise leadership falters they may degenerate into uselessness and death, like any other human institution. But the wise leadership must come from the colleges and the national fraternities and in co-operation. And in authority the colleges come first.*

TWO GREAT FOOTBALL PLAYERS

SELDOM in the annals of Psi Upsilon, has one chapter produced two such outstanding football players in one year, as has our Omega Chapter in Ell Patterson, '35, Captain of the 1934 University of Chicago eleven, and Jay Berwanger, '36, Captain-elect of the 1935 team.

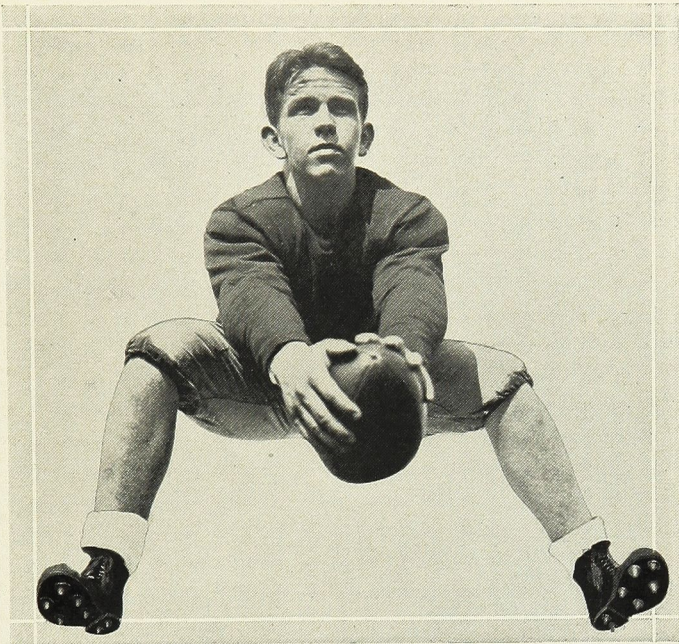
Brother Patterson's career on the gridiron was remarkable in many respects. His rare ability of being able to diagnose the opposing team's plays, and then being on the spot to make tackles made him outstanding as a roving center. Coach Shaugnessy, of the University of Chicago declares that he is one of the best Captains that he has ever had the opportunity to coach. His conscientious managing of the team gained for him the nickname "Father Ellmore."

Brother Patterson's activities do not stop with the gridiron, however. He is in the School of Business, is President of the Senior Class, and is right now engaged in the tedious and difficult task of being rushing chairman for the Omega.

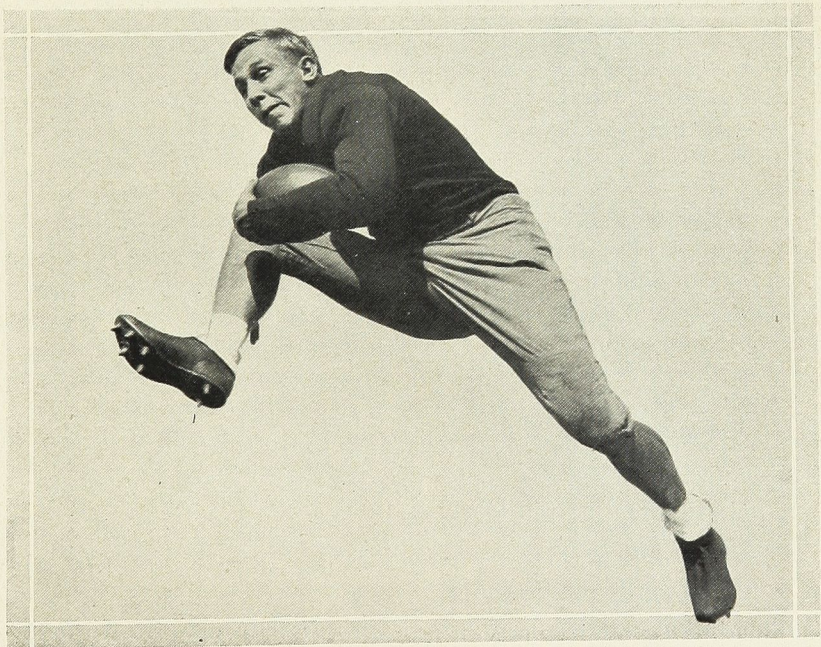
Jay Berwanger devotes most of his time to athletics. Prepared in a Dubuque, Iowa high school, he was an All-State halfback for two years, and competed on the track team. He is now an all around track man for Chicago, competing in the high and low hurdles, the hundred yard dash, the pole vault and the shot put.

Jay's running on the football field is a combination of speed (he is a ten second man), driving power and a deceptive change of pace. His ground gaining average from the line of scrimmage had been 5.5 yards a try. Last year he did all the kicking for the team, averaging 42 yards.

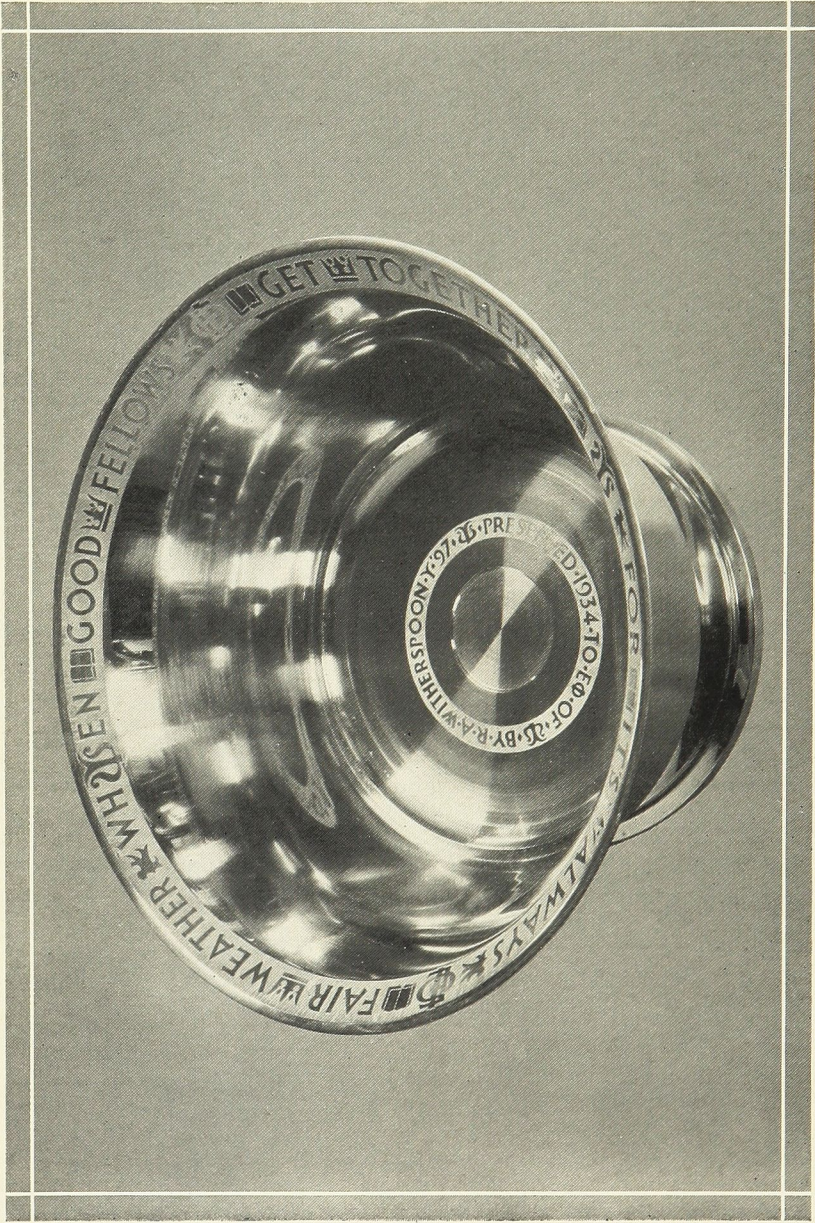
The way in which he runs, bringing up his knees high off the ground, makes him exceptionally hard to tackle. It is, as one of the Minnesota ends declared after the Chicago-Minnesota game this fall, "Like trying to tackle a piledriver."



"ELL" PATERSON, *Omega '35.*



"JAY" BERWANGER, *Omega '36*



This beautiful stainless steel punch bowl was presented to the Epsilon Phi by Brother R. A. Witherspoon, *Upsilon* '97 on the occasion of the initiation banquet, November 14, 1934.

AN OPEN LETTER TO ALL UNDERGRADUATES AND ALUMNI OF THE PSI UPSILON FRATERNITY

BROTHERS:

Because of the limited amount of time, the Board of Editors of the *Diamond* was unable to formulate a definite policy, and publish any announcement concerning our plans in the November issue. We have now had time to consider our problems, to some extent, and are prepared to announce what we propose to do with the *Diamond*.

In the first place, we do not intend to make any radical changes in the makeup of the magazine, or the material that appears in it. We intend to continue to use the same readable type throughout because we feel that it is in keeping with the conservative policy of the Fraternity.

As far as subject matter goes, we are ready to admit that we do not know exactly what the Brothers want to read in the magazine, but we intend to make every effort to find out. The best way to ascertain what is desirable is to ask as many as possible of the 4,900 subscribers what they like about the magazine and what they don't like. Since it is impossible for us to reach many readers by this method, we offer the following alternative:

If there is something you don't like about the *Diamond*, write us and tell us about it. If we receive a number of letters criticizing certain features, it will show us that a change should be made, and if that is the case there will be a change.

Believing that most Alumni like to know what is going on in their respective chapters, we have decided to have chapter communications in every issue. We are doing everything we can to encourage our Associate Editors to write better communications, and we intend to continue to do so.

We are endeavoring to set up a correspondence with Alumni Secretaries and Publicity Directors in the colleges that we have chapters, so if anything of interest to the Fraternity in general should occur at one institution, the entire Fraternity will hear about it. We are also trying to get more news from our various Alumni Associations.

There is little more to say at this time. The *Diamond* is the magazine of the Psi Upsilon Fraternity. It belongs to every Brother, and we want suggestions from every Brother who cares to send them to us. The more constructive criticism we receive, the better we can make the *Diamond*.

THE BOARD OF EDITORS.

THE ALUMNI ASSOCIATION OF PSI UPSILON ADVISORY COUNCIL MEETING

THE first meeting of the Advisory Council of The Alumni Association of Psi Upsilon was held at the Psi Upsilon Club of New York on December 13th, 1934. While the attendance was not as large as anticipated or hoped for, the interest in the Association displayed, and the valuable suggestions offered by those present went far toward compensating for the lack of numbers. In addition to the business of the evening, the Brothers enjoyed fully the dinner which preceded the meeting and the even more stimulating refreshments served at the bar both before and after. We hope that at the next meeting a larger representation will be present to add to the pleasure and value of the occasion. All Psi U's, whether members of the Advisory Council or not, will be cordially welcomed. Time permitting, a notice of the next meeting will be published in the *Diamond*.

As the officers of all Psi U Clubs have been advised, the Advisory Council consists of a representative of each alumni association or club to be designated by it. The Secretary of the Alumni Association would greatly appreciate being advised as to the names and addresses of such representatives in the case of associations and clubs which have not as yet appointed their representatives.

ANNUAL CONVENTION NOTICE

The Executive Council has set aside tentatively Thursday, Friday and Saturday, April 25, 26, 27 as the dates for the one hundred and second convention of Psi Upsilon. The convention will take place this year with the Beta Beta Chapter, Trinity College, Hartford, Connecticut. Complete details will be published in the March issue of the *Diamond*.

ALUMNI HERE AND THERE

Eric A. Leslie, Epsilon Phi '16, recently has been appointed Comptroller of the Canadian Pacific Railway, having steadily mounted through various grades of the service since first joining the company in 1919.

Born in Montreal and receiving his preparatory education at the Montreal High School, Brother Leslie entered McGill to take the old Course in Transportation in which he was a scholarship winner. During his college career he was Sports Editor and Editor-in-Chief of the *McGill Daily* and a member of the Annual board. For the session 1915-16 he was President of Epsilon Phi.

Upon graduation in 1916 he enlisted and served overseas with the trench mortars and artillery. When demobilized in 1919 he entered the service of the Canadian Pacific as a clerk in the general manager's office in Montreal, becoming in December secretary to the general manager, and in the following years successively chief clerk to the superintendent of terminals at West Toronto; Statistician in the general manager's office in Montreal, and chief of the joint facilities bureau. He was appointed to the post of assistant comptroller in February 1928.

Brother Leslie is Honorary Treasurer of the Y. M. C. A. in Montreal.

AN enthusiastic crowd of Psi U's numbering about fifty, turned out on Saturday noon, December 29, for the annual Christmas party of the Milwaukee Alumni Association of Psi Upsilon, and to welcome into the fold those undergraduates who were not acquainted with the older Brothers in the Association. The Milwaukee Association has conducted this party for a number of years now, with considerable success.

Brother Jessel Whyte, Chi '13, who lives in Kenosha, brought two of the Psi U pledges from that city to the party. They were Mr. Weller and Mr. Long, both from the Chi. Age as well as youth was present, Brother Robert D. Martin, Beta '81 being the oldest Brother present.

Officers of the Association elected at the meeting were Brothers R. D. Matthews, Omega '11, President; George Russell, Iota '01, Secretary; and Dorr Wakefield, Rho '15 and Eliot Fitch, Rho

'24, Vice-President and Treasurer respectively.

THE Psi Upsilon Association of Western New York held its Fall Owl Night at the Chapter House of the Upsilon on Wednesday Evening, December 12. About forty Psi U Alumni from in and around Rochester attended.

The policy of the Association adopted last year, is to meet once a month for dinner, have a speaker of interest, a Psi U Alumnus, if possible, and finish the evening informally around several bridge tables. These meetings are becoming increasingly popular among Upsilon Alumni and the Alumni of other chapters.

THE Rev. John Williams Nichols, Beta Beta '99, was consecrated Suffragan Bishop of Shanghai, China, at St. Mary's Chapel on November 1, 1934.

EDUCATIONAL VALUE OF THE FRATERNITY

BY NICHOLAS MURRAY BUTLER, *Lambda '82*

Because of the widespread and sometimes destructive criticism of the fraternity system which has resulted in numerous publicity and investigations by various college administrations, we feel that this article, written by Brother Butler for the June 1921 issue of the DIAMOND is well worth reprinting.—Ed.

In all the debates and the discussions as to the place of fraternities in American undergraduate life, too little emphasis is placed on their value as a real instrument of education. When one speaks of education, ordinarily merely instruction is meant; but instruction by itself is but a small and shabby part of education. True education involves human contacts, broadening human interests, and various free forms of human association, all of which make the fruits of human instruction worth while, and assist to apply instruction in useful and interesting ways.

The college fraternity is nothing more nor less than a highly organized form of human contact. It offers invitation and opportunity to young men of like temperament and like tastes to live together during undergraduate days, to be in close association with each other, and through these contacts and associations to develop each other's minds in a hundred ways that could not be accomplished by instruction alone.

Any good instrument may be abused, and there can be no doubt that fraternities have at various times and various places, fallen short of the highest ideals. This would be a reason for their improvement but not for their discontinuance. It is unfortunate when fraternities become the center of narrow and selfish cliques, or of activities and ambitions that are purely partisan and political. This sort of thing should not be permitted to grow up in college life. On the other hand, the fraternities should be encouraged whenever they show themselves to be on the right track and of real assistance in enriching the undergraduate life of any college.

The American college graduate looks back on his three or four years of undergraduate residence as the brightest spot in his whole life. If he has had the good fortune to be a member of a vigorous and high-minded fraternity, he will look back upon that membership as one of the chief elements in his undergraduate satisfaction. The fraternity has a place in college life. This place is a serious one, and even the lighter side of fraternity life aids in accomplishing an excellent and serious purpose.

PSI UPSILON

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LIKE everything essentially fine, Psi Upsilon expresses an ideal. To me, that ideal is true friendship between fine men. Perfect friendship is, primarily, from the heart and not the brain. It involves an affectionate understanding of the gold and the dross in every man's character; admiration and respect for the gold, and absence of contempt for the dross, and a love for the combination, which is the personality of the friend. Such friendship may subsist between all kinds of men, but inside our Fraternity it is confined to college men. A college man differs from other men in only one fundamental respect, and that is the extent to which he has developed his character and mind by the use of peculiar facilities and the opportunities to which he has access. This does not necessarily mean scholarship, which is learning or erudition, and is attained by comparatively few. It does, however, involve such an exercise of one's faculties as will develop the character, mind and body into a well rounded personality fitted to live a full and useful life.

While mere scholastic marks are not conclusive evidence of well rounded development, they are academic tests of the character of curricular work. To fail to meet them, to the extent at least, of a fair average, is usually a failure of character, not because scholarship has not been attained, but because one has started something worth while and has failed to finish it. Psi Upsilon expects its share of scholars, and has always had them. It expects its share of extra-curricular leaders, and has always had them also. It demands neither from any member.

It does, however, demand and expect that every member will maintain an average of mental life, scholastic work, conduct and personal relations of a sufficiently high standard to be acceptable as conclusive evidence of the rounded development of character, mind and personality. The doing of things that are not always pleasing, but because they are right and because doing them is "playing the game," makes character. The addition of kindness, courtesy, courage and other qualities that come from the heart make fine men, and so we come back to the beginning, and the crowning glory of Psi Upsilon, true friendship between fine men.

CHARLES P. SPOONER, *Rho '94*

Member of the Executive Council.

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IN MEMORIAM

Philip G. Brown, Kappa '77

The city of Portland, Maine lost one of its leading citizens, and the Kappa chapter and the Psi Upsilon Fraternity a devoted Alumnus with the passing of Philip Greely Brown, '77 on December 18, 1934, in the house in which he was born in Portland. Brother Brown had been ill for four months.

Brother Brown, among other things was President of the First National Bank of Portland, President of the Board of Trustees of the Portland Public Library, and for many years managed the large real estate holdings left to him years ago by his grandfather.

The Portland *Press Herald*, commenting on Brother Brown's death in its lead editorial on December 20, said:

"The death of Philip G. Brown removes from this community one who played a very important though inconspicuous part in its affairs for many years, and leaves vacant a place which will be difficult to fill."

Dr. Howard Forde Hansell, Sigma '77

Dr. Howard Forde Hansell, Sigma '77, well known at one time for his work in ophthalmology died in Philadelphia, November 5, 1934. Brother Hansell devoted his entire life to the teaching and practicing of medicine.

He received his M.D. degree from Jefferson Medical College in 1879, and immediately began practicing in Philadelphia, and teaching at the college. Brother Hansell also was the author of several medical books, and was on the staff of two Philadelphia hospitals.

Hubbard Hutchinson, Delta Delta '17

Death from leukemia claimed Brother Hubbard Hutchinson, Delta Delta '17 at St. Luke's Hospital, New York, on Christmas night. Brother Hutchinson, who was a music critic for the *New York Times*, had been in poor health for some time.

A member of Gargoyles at Williams College, commissioned officer during the war, an author and musician of note, Brother Hutchinson's

eternal fame will rest secure in the hearts of the innumerable people who loved him for the marvelous quality of his understanding friendship.

Burr W. Jones, Rho '70

Brother Burr W. Jones, Rho '70 passed away at the ripe old age of eighty-eight following an operation in a Madison, Wisconsin hospital on January 7. He had been in poor health for several months, but his death was a great shock to the Rho Chapter and Alumni. Brother Jones was one of a very few highly distinguished Wisconsin Alumni who were initiated into the Rho although they had been graduated from the university long before our chapter there was founded in 1896.

Brother Jones' career as a member of the bar was both long and honorable. Born in 1846 on a farm in Rock County, Wisconsin, he was graduated from the University of Wisconsin in 1870. He paid his expenses through law school with money he was able to earn teaching. Then, in 1872, began a career as a teacher, judge and legislator which was to stamp him as one of the state's most outstanding citizens.

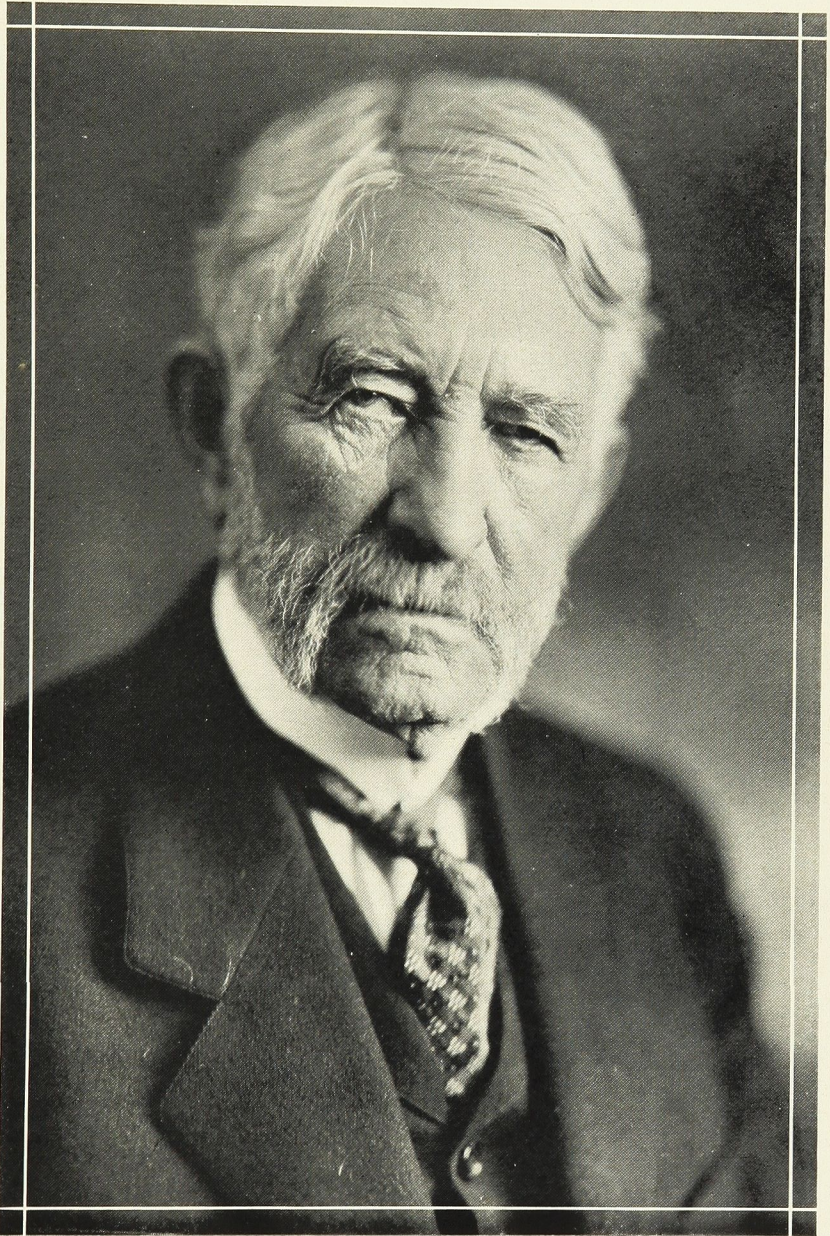
In the year 1872, he was elected District Attorney of Dane County. Ten years later he was in the House of Representatives in Washington, a member of the Forty-eighth Congress.

Joining the faculty of the University of Wisconsin, Brother Jones soon became widely known as an authority on evidence. He was a member of the University faculty from 1885 to 1915.

At the age of seventy-four, Brother Jones was appointed to the Supreme Court bench by Governor Emanuel Philipp. He served from 1920 until 1926 when he retired.

Since his retirement, Brother Jones was in great demand as a presiding officer at banquets, and last October addressed a meeting of the American Bar Association in Milwaukee.

The death of Brother Jones marks the passing of one of the oldest of the Rho's Alumni, and the last of three non-fraternity men whom the Fraternity permitted to be initiated into Psi Upsilon when the Rho Chapter was installed. The other two were Hon. William F. Vilas and the Hon. John C. Spooner, both of whom became United States Senators.



BURR W. JONES, *Rho '70*

Senator Vilas and Senator Spooner each had one or more sons in the petitioning body (Rho Kappa Upsilon). Burr W. Jones was initiated on general principles because of his personality and standing.

He was a man of extraordinary urbanity and poise, a fine lawyer and legal authority, and a calm, just and wise judge.

He absorbed the spirit of the Fraternity as though it had come to him as an undergraduate. He was always interested in the Rho, and was ever approachable to its active members. There are many Rho men living who will never forget his gentle kindly manner and temperate advice.

He was a fine Psi U, and his death is a great loss to Psi Upsilon and to the Rho Chapter.

Roswell B. Mason, Beta '95

Roswell B. Mason, Beta '95, veteran attorney, died in his office in Chicago of a heart attack on July 26, 1934.

John Francis Merrill, Beta '81

John Francis Merrill, Beta '81, died suddenly of a heart attack at his home in Chicago, November 10, 1934. He had been in good health right up to the time of his death.

While at Yale, Brother Merrill sang on the Glee Club for four years, was President of the Senior Class, was a member of the crew, and played two years on the varsity Football Team.

After graduation, he entered business first in Rutland, Vt., then St. Paul, Minn., and finally in Chicago where he became associated with Armour and Company.

Brother Merrill never lost his interest in music, being a leading tenor in the Chicago Mendelssohn Club for more than a quarter of a century, and was at one time Editor of the Chicago *Fine Arts Journal*.

Loren L. Prescott, Rho '92

Deceased at his home at Sheridan Road, Menominee, Michigan, December 10, 1934.

Willoughby L. Sawyer, Theta '95

The Theta lost a faithful Alumnus when Brother Willoughby L. Sawyer, '95, prominent Hudson Falls, N. Y. attorney died on October 1, 1934. Brother Sawyer was one of those people who exemplified devotion to his Fraternity and his Alma Mater. Rarely did he miss an initiation or an Alumni Week end.

Brother Sawyer lived in Hudson Falls all his life. He served as vice-president and trust officer of the Peoples Bank of Hudson Falls for many years. He was a member of numerous clubs and fraternal organizations, and was active in the New York State Historical Association.

Rev. Dr. William Greenough Thayer, Gamma '85

The Rev. Dr. William Greenough Thayer, Gamma '85, distinguished headmaster of St. Mark's School at Southborough, Mass. from 1894 to 1930 died at his home in Boston, November 27, 1934. He would have been seventy-one years old had he lived until the day before Christmas. Brother Thayer was also one time rector of St. Mark's Protestant Episcopal Church in Southborough.

The Church and his school did not take all of Brother Thayer's time, however. He was active in politics, attending the Republican convention in 1904.

Brother Thayer was the father of seven children, four of whom are Psi Upsilons of the Gamma Chapter. They are: William, Jr., '15; Sigourney, '18; James A., '21 and Robert H., '22.

Horatio Stevens White, Alpha '73

Brother Horatio Stevens White, Alpha '73, one of the last survivors of our inactive Harvard Chapter passed away December 12, 1934 at the age of 82 at his home in Cambridge, Mass. Brother White, well known at Harvard as an undergraduate, Alumnus and member of the faculty devoted most of his life to teaching, being a member of the faculty at Cornell University from 1876 to 1902, and at Harvard from 1902 to 1919 when he became Professor-emeritus of German.

The will of Willard Fiske, Psi '51, appointed Brother White the literary executive of Brother Fiske's estate "with power and authority to distribute, print, return or make such disposal of my correspondence and private papers, literary memoranda, etc., as may seem to him judicious and advisable." Brother White carried out this commission in detail, editing, among other things, "The Memorials of Willard Fiske," in four volumes.

Brother White was a good Psi U in spite of the fact that his chapter became inactive almost immediately after his graduation from Harvard. Almost up to the day before the Centennial with the Theta in 1933 he had hoped to attend, but at the last minute, a cold forced him to remain at home. He followed the Centennial activities with great interest, however, collecting much of the printed matter concerning the Convention.

In the years of 1924-25 Brother White served as an Associate Editor of the *Diamond*, in issues of that year, writing articles dealing with the Alpha Chapter. Writing in the November 1924 issue, Brother White pointed out that at that time twenty-four of the sixty-three members of the "Later Alpha" still survived.

William Burrell Anderson, Beta '86

Deceased January 10, 1935.

Frederick W. Bailey, Chi '01

Deceased July 5, 1934.

Willard Parker Butler, Lambda '78

Deceased January 11, 1935.

A. D. Mckelvey, Nu '08

Deceased January 6, 1935 at Toronto, Ontario.

George B. Penny, Chi '85

Deceased in November, 1934.

CHAPTER MEETINGS

We are listing the day of the week each chapter holds its weekly meeting for the information of Alumni and undergraduates, in order that they may avail themselves of the opportunity of attending these meetings whenever possible.

THETA	Thursday
DELTA	Monday
SIGMA	Monday
GAMMA	Tuesday
ZETA	Wednesday
LAMBA	Monday
KAPPA	Wednesday
PSI	Monday
XI	Wednesday
UPSILON	Monday
IOTA	Tuesday
PHI	Monday
OMEGA	Monday
PI	Monday
CHI	Sunday
BETA BETA	Wednesday
ETA	Tuesday
TAU	Tuesday
MU	Monday
RHO	Monday
EPSILON	Monday
OMICRON	Monday
DELTA DELTA	Wednesday
THETA THETA	Monday
NU	Monday
EPSILON PHI	Monday

CHAPTER COMMUNICATIONS

THETA—*Union College*

DURING the past two months the Brothers of the Theta have been busying themselves with the various activities that lead up to the fulfillment of the college program for the winter.

The Varsity Hockey Team numbers among its veterans from last year Brother Austin Fox who, besides possessing a rare literary talent, has been head of the house since the opening of the college year. Brother H. Duchscherer is a goalie on the hockey squad, and Pledge Arundel is a member of the freshman sextet.

Brother D. Hawkes is in the middle of an interesting season as manager of the Union College glee club. He has planned a rather large selection of trips that will take the club journeying through New York and New England. Besides Brother Hawkes the club numbers among its vocalists Brothers: Walter, Arny, Gatchell, and H. Duchscherer, and Pledge P. Duchscherer.

About this time of year it is customary to take careful observation of the Freshmen. Pledge W. Hawkes easily earned his numerals on the freshman cross country team, and now both he and Pledge P.

Duchscherer are among the first ten on the Freshman Basketball Squad. Pledges: Gunn, Gardner, and R. Ferguson are first year reporters on the *Concordiensis*, Union's semi-weekly newspaper. Freshman marks are not yet ascertainable.

Thus far this college year the chapter has had one dance, that being in October. All of the brothers had such an exceptionally good time then, that we are planning another dance in the near future, probably to take place in February.

Under the supervision of Brother Gane, the house basketball team is becoming rounded into shape. With the combination of Brothers: Stevenson, Gane, and Gatchell as offensive players, the team is certain to offer some strenuous competition to the other fraternities in the intramural league.

Now that the icy blasts of winter are here, the freshmen are only too eager to carry up logs to the fireplace, for it is here that the Brothers often gather to swap stories and increase the conviviality of the chapter in general.

PAUL W. BACHMAN,
Associate Editor.

DELTA—*New York University*

WITH the effects of the Christmas Holidays worn off the Brothers of the Delta are settling down to the grind of examinations. Everyone is doing his best to raise the house average from fourth place to first place among the Christian houses.

One of the outstanding events of the term was Brother Walz's "All Heights Smoker" aboard the "U. S. S. Illinois". The program consisted of boxing, wrestling, a battle royal, barrel boxing, pie eating contest, cabaret from Harlem, and all the Beer you could drink,

Brother Bergmann is going on a world cruise aboard the "Joseph Conrad". The trip will cover the same route that Magellan used and it will take approximately two years. After two years we expect that he will have his sea legs and be a first class sailor.

We feel very proud that Brother Radcliffe has been elected to the Engineering Honor Society, Tau Beta Pi.

Brother Knell, manager of the swimming team, and Brother Foley his assistant are doing very well for the team has won every meet so far this season.

Tea has been added to the social activities of the Chapter. It is served every afternoon at 4 o'clock and every Brother is invited to attend. The house has benefited a great deal by these teas because it brings the Brothers together with various members of the faculty. During this time various topics are discussed which are of interest to all.

This brief summary can show only in part the intense interest that the Delta has taken in the work of the University.

THURMAN C. WOOD,
Associate Editor.

SIGMA—*Brown University*

(No communication received)

GAMMA—*Amherst College*

THE outstanding achievement of any member of the Gammy these past two months was the election of Brother Hawkey to Scarab, the senior honorary society. It was a well earned honor since Brother Hawkey is co-captain of the track team, president of the Glee Club, and a Phi Beta Kappa. The house now has three of the twelve Scarabs on campus, Brothers Allis, Boyden, and Hawkey.

The Amherst football team, has completed a successful season. A large part of its success was due to the six Psi U lettermen, Brothers Browning, Coey, Lawrence, Newcombe, Whitmyer, and Boyden (manager). Brothers Goodell, Michell, and Palmer won their numerals on the freshman team.

For the third successive year Brother Allis earned his "A" in soccer while Brothers Jeppson, Poor, and R. Reider

won their numerals on the yearling team. Brother Breed received his letter in cross-country.

As winter sports get under way, we find Brothers Coey and H. Reider showing up very well in the fight for berths on the varsity basketball team, while Brothers Michell, Keesey, R. Reider, and G. Goodell are out for the frosh five.

On the mat, Brothers Ehrgood and J. Goodell are leading candidates for the unlimited and 175 pound classes respectively.

In the pool, Brother Kelley is continuing again this year his almost daily breaking of his own records in the dashes and backstroke.

The house came out very well in the class elections, Brother Kennedy having been chosen choregus for the Sophomore Class, and Brother Palmer Freshman Class chairman.

In the social line, Brother H. Reider was a member of the dance committee which presented the fine Lord Jeff Prom just before Christmas vacation.

The library, due to prizes won by the house for excellence in scholarship and to gifts, is constantly being enlarged and now boasts very fine editions of the works of

Scott, Dumas, Dickens, and Mark Twain besides numerous reference books required for history and English courses at Amherst.

OTTO HAAS,

ROBERT NEWCOMBE,

Associate Editors.

ZETA—*Dartmouth College*

THE drab fall outlook was considerably brightened by the interpolation of Houseparties on the weekend of November 10. Once again Hanover was filled with gayety and gorgeous girls—temporarily. Such things do not last, unfortunately, and we were soon back in the old rut and looking forward to Thanksgiving vacation. Before Father Time could get that far along, however, the more adventurous of the Brothers had arranged a ping-pong match with the A.D.'s—the prize being a keg of beer. Everybody drank and the losers paid. The irony of fate remained true to form so, while those who earned the reward were giving their all, the cheering spectators drank it—the beer. It was a gala occasion, however, with decorations, cheers, etc. so that a unanimous vote called for a return engagement which occurred just before Christmas Vacation. With such a reward within their reach our team of Brothers Kingsbury, Mathers, Soule, Freeman, Sleep, and Ferry was unbeatable both times.

With Thanksgiving over everyone returned with bright eyes and fiery muscles to a week of initiation. Due to the supervision of the Brothers a fine spirit prevailed among the pledges and the week

was climaxed with a splendid banquet with Brother Burleigh, Zeta '14 as toastmaster and Brother Dean Neidlinger the principal speaker. We hope the new delegation will live up to King Stearns' fine ideals.

The athletes of the chapter have been doing themselves proud. Among those who will be wearing proud smiles above "D" sweaters (probably inside-out) are: "Pop-eye" the terror or "Mutt" Ray, John Merrill, Joe Kiernan, and "Pop" Nairne fresh off the gridiron. Dave Putman, our mountain climbing harrier also received his reward for running over the New England country-side.

Whereas the touch-football team only tried hard, the basketball team under Capt. Kingsbury is succeeding as well and is headed toward its sixth consecutive championship. The team looks even better than usual with Brothers Williams, Soule, Broadbent, Kiernan, Rowley, Ray, Mathers, Brown, Young, and Judd giving moral if not always actual, support.

Having just returned from another restful vacation we are now looking through exams toward Carnival.

D. B. JUDD,

Associate Editor.

LAMBDA—*Columbia University*

THE new year finds the Lambda off to a fine start under the capable leadership of John Evans who is carrying on the fine work of Brother Torrey. The desire to further the interests of Psi U here at Columbia has become stronger as the year progresses due to the fact that the freshmen have been initiated and have become more closely bound to the house. They have shown a remarkable spirit of co-operation not only in matters pertaining to the house, but in the various activities on the campus.

As a new season begins it brings with it new interests and activities. We find the Brothers entering into them with the same spirit that they showed during the fall months. Brother Ned Kent has laid down his oars for a while and has taken up his duties as a member of the Committee which is organizing the Junior Prom. Brother Alexander McKenzie, who rowed with the lightweights last fall, is turning his attention to matters managerial. He is competing for the wrestling managership and from all reports is doing fine work. Brother Langdon Sully is still faithful to track and is bent upon breaking a few records at the I. C. A. A. A. A. meet in March. Brother Frederick Michel is also looking forward to this meet with high hopes.

Brother John Magor who did such fine work in the glee club has also assumed

the duties of Assistant Manager of the Varsity Show. Brother Albert Bower is still doing the Herculean work involved in the various fields in which he is active. These are Debating, the Pre-Law Association and the *Columbian*, not to mention the Chairmanship of Junior Week and the Committee on Arrangements for the Prom.

Managerships are held by Brothers John Moran, who will be manager of Wrestling for two years, Alfred Jones in the Band, and William Henkle who is assistant manager of the Intercollegiate Indoor meet. The other activities which find Psi U represented are: the debating team of which Benjamin Brown is a member, the *Columbian* and the band with Brothers Wallace Jones, Hadley, Tilton, and Wegman performing ably in both of these organizations.

We have entered a team in the Intramural Basketball League and are doing quite well. The mainstays of the team are Brothers Kent, Hurley, Moller, Martin and Michel. Brother Michel is the manager, coach, and captain of the team, which is enough for any one man.

By the time this issue appears Brother Gordon Harrison will have completed his College work, but we hope to see a good deal of him after Mid-years.

WILLIAM G. CARR,
Associate Editor.

KAPPA—*Bowdoin College*

WITH the advent of the winter term and the new regime of officers the Kappa under the leadership of Brother Benson is in the middle of its extensive program of activities as well as the imminent approach of mid-year examinations. Late fall activi-

ties and cold weather participation by the house has carried over to the present period which presents several achievements of note and a great deal of creditable work.

To complete the fall season in sports Brothers Noyes, Owen, Salter, and Dane

won third place in the annual interfraternity cross-country race. Then, with the change of seasons, swimming and hockey have become the centers of interest for Kappa athletes. Brother J. Hooke, one of three Brothers who are all active Psi U's, is among the leading breast stokers who go to make up one of New England's fastest relay teams. On the rink the hockey candidates headed by Brother Noyes who has won a place on the varsity include Brothers Benson, Cross, Buck, Gould, Dennis, Owen, McGill, Hepburn, and Dane. Brothers Laidley and Butters are managers.

In other athletic competition the Kappa is represented by Brother Allen, manager of the track team which includes Brothers Muncy, Salter, and Hutchinson. Brother Mitchell is captain of the fencing team,

and is supported by Brothers West and Lewis. Furthermore, during the Christmas recess Brother Beck journeyed to Lake Placid to engage in the inter-collegiate winter sports competition.

Aside from athletic activities, the Chapter conducted its annual Christmas House Party which was very successful in living up to the past high standards of these functions. Before the footlights Brothers McCoy, West, and Hepburn have been taking leading parts in the productions of the Masque and Gown. And so, with the Brothers feverishly engaged in carrying out the ideals of the Kappa and Psi U the Chapter is still moving—always forward.

NATHAN DANE,

Associate Editor.

PSI—*Hamilton College*

THE Psi Chapter under the guidance of President Becker, is showing promise of a very successful year. Brothers Guy, Baxter, and Moscrip of the Sophomore class were initiated in December. Pledges Carmer and Wood are doing well in freshman basketball, and pledges McGinn and Vicary are the main supports of the freshman hockey team. The freshmen have elected Pledge Carmer as their president.

One factor which increases our promise for a successful year is the variety of activities maintained by the active chapter. Brothers Byrnes and Carmer received their letters in football. Brother Carmer was mentioned on an all-opponent team, while Brother Byrnes received the Fowler Award. The Fowler Award is given annually to that varsity football player who shows outstanding sportsmanship, cooperation, and efficiency. Brother Brown is managing the Debate team, as well as being one of its main

speakers. Brothers Brandt, Brown, Robinson and White are on the staff of the weekly "*Hamilton Life*". Brothers Rice, Weiners, and Woodin are capable members of the hockey squad; Brother Woodin being on the first line. Brother Dale is Director of the college band and wields the first foil on the fencing team. Brother Adamson is also on the fencing squad and is fast improving.

A committee composed of Brothers Avery, Becker, Courtenay, and Robinson provided and innovation when they were successful in inviting a group of thirty Wells students to a private party at which the Chi Psi's were also in attendance. The chaperon and the girls arrived in a bus and stayed at the house until midnight. This dance actually rivalled houseparty in popularity.

We are now looking forward to the initiation of a promising group of freshmen pledges.

JOHN K. URMSON,

Associate Editor.

XI—*Wesleyan University*

THE Xi settled down to a happy New Year with everybody back except those who succumbed to a merry Xmas, grippe colds, etc. The winter schedule proclaims approaching mid-year exams. Parties follow, and there is a freshman delegation to be initiated two weeks later. The senior delegation realize that the numbers which have appeared after their names have at last become a present date, time is short, and there is still much to be done. There are sixteen seniors, and they have accumulated a long list of honors. Scholars, athletes, college officers, journalists form a well balanced and happy delegation.

Our new officers are Brothers Rymer, Goode, Harfst, Rose, Davis, and Rome. Tacks Rymer serves as head of the house. Tacks served twice as rushing chairman, and is wrestling captain and senior society man. Mack Goode, second in command, has letters in two sports, and cap-

tains the basketeers. He is also an honor man, college-body officer, and senior society member. Both Tacks and Mack are sons of Xi men. Bob Beech retires, and is to be congratulated on his fine leadership through the fall term. You know his father as Joe Beech, Xi '99, now President of West China Union University.

The Xi basketball team dropped one game recently, but that was a mistake and won't happen again. Bump Barton, captain, and Spike Sherman, manager, have arranged some outside games. We accept all challenges.

We have a guest room now, and hope you will all take advantage of it by paying us a visit. Come around and see the Xi. A new kitchen range adds to our entertaining powers.

JOHN L. HOWLAND,

Associate Editor.

UPSILON—*University of Rochester*

THE selection of Alan C. Valentine as president of the University of Rochester is one of the outstanding topics of discussion around the festive board of the Upsilon. Mr. Valentine, who will succeed Dr. Rush Rhees to the presidency, comes, at the age of thirty-three, to a position offering almost limitless possibilities and opportunities. We of the Upsilon applaud his appointment, offer our full support, and earnestly hope for his success.

At this point the Brothers have their respective hands rather full, in endeavoring to do justice to basketball (both varsity and intramural), swimming, other more

routine activities, and the approaching term exams.

Charlie Foster is the newly elected head of a chapter whose meetings have been steadily improving under the stimulus of active, but healthy discussion on the form, ritual, and general tone of the meetings.

On the varsity basketball court Brothers Babcock, Mason, and Bantel represent the Garnet and Gold, while Tug Havill caters to their needs in the role of assistant manager. The chapter court squad promises to make a strong bid for intramural honors, having copped the first two encounters handily, with Howie Haak in the dual role of captain and coach.

Prominent among the splashers on the varsity swimming team are Brothers Hennington, Stratton, Walworth, and Swett. It appears that Stratton has the makings of a champion. Only a sophomore now, Sam is turning in excellent

times in the backstroke event, and we predict that he will vie with the best in intercollegiate circles by his senior year.

ROBERT B. SHETTERLY,
Associate Editor.

IOTA—*Kenyon College*

THE Hall of the Iota is sleeping quietly, having just returned from Christmas vacation. Mid-year exams, which are approaching only too quickly, will be the *causa sine qua non* for our awakening with a start.

1935 finds the Iota treasurer discarding the familiar red ink and substituting the unusual but rather unique color of black. I say this because for two years we have been struggling under the weight of accumulated debts. Sacrificing good times for two years we find ourselves on the sunny side of the fence. We hope now to again enjoy frequent parties, to which all Psi U's are cordially invited.

Brother Henry L. Curtis of the class of '36 is leaving us soon to take a position with the Shellmar Corporation in Mt. Vernon, Ohio. We will be sorry to see Hen go, and his absence will mean a loss to the Chapter.

The Dramatic Society, a recent addition to Kenyon's extra-curricular activities, has several of our sophomores participating in their theatrical attempts.

Last November we initiated into our midst Brother Paul L. Griffiths, Jr. from Pittsburgh, Pa. He is a good addition to the Fraternity, and only his entering in the middle of the semester prevented his being initiated earlier.

Kenyon's Polo team which is dominated by men of Psi Upsilon has been winning its matches, and has been invited to play in Detroit on the 12th of January. If you can make it we would like to see you there.

This letter, we are told, is to be limited to three hundred words, so with that in mind I will bring this to a close mentioning that Brothers T. Rowe '36, A. B. Schramm '34, C. A. Weiant, Sr. '05, W. C. Curtis, Sr. '01, R. C. Lord, Jr. '31, and Phil Stanberry '32, have paid us a visit in the last few weeks. Why don't more of you good staunch Alumni come back and say 'hello?' We are always glad to welcome back familiar faces, and we would like to make more faces familiar to us.

JACK STICKNEY,
Associate Editor.

PHI—*University of Michigan*

THESE days, the members of the house spend around the new radio which has just been purchased for the living room. Returning from vacation one found the entire house sitting before it, listening to this excellent set we have been able to purchase through Brother Roberts of Toledo. In fact, the

house feels that the only thing we need to make a complete radio broadcasting station is the microphone.

In December the freshmen and sophomores held their annual fight we call the hole-rush. The purpose is for one class to put the opposing class through the gate in the back wall. Other fights have been

more sensational, but the freshmen did conquer the entire sophomore class by an unexpected strategem. Such a result was due to a little unwariness on the part of the losers when they heard shouts near the kitchen, and one by one rambled out to see what was happening. The result was the picking off singly of the sophomores as they came out.

The house wishes to congratulate Brother Morgan who was recently initiated to the honorary society, Phi Kappa Phi.

In December the whole house attended the opening of the Union Opera, "Give us Rhythm." Preceding the opera the

house held a formal dinner and after the show the entire cast of the show was invited to the house. The senior and junior classes originally had planned to go to the opera in the tallyho, a practice which the chapter has had for some years on the opening night of the show. However, when the time came, the streets were too slippery to permit the use of the tallyho. Nevertheless it proved one of the most entertaining nights so far this year. Here's to bigger and better Union operas!

ROBERT W. ROGERS,

Associate Editor.

OMEGA—*University of Chicago*

A new quarter begins and we face the task of rushing and pledging. The deferred rushing plan makes it imperative to work fast and furiously upon prospective Psi U's in the freshman class.

▣ All but two returned to school after the Christmas holidays. Brother Chauncey Howard, treasurer of the house, had a rather serious accident during his vacation at home in Tulsa Oklahoma. He is speedily recovering, however, and we are all anxious to have him return to school soon. Brother Clarence Wright is taking Chauncey's place as house treasurer. Pledge Bob Schnering is also in the hospital, having undergone an appendectomy.

John Womer is the new head of the house and has proved already that he is a good one. Bob Templeton is the new houseman and since his appointment has put the house in the best condition that it has been in for several years.

Since the last communication many Omega men have received football honors. Major 'C' winners were: Jay Berwanger, Ellmore Patterson, Clarence Wright, John Womer, Ralph Balfanz, John Baker, Tom Flinn, Adolph Schuessler, Ed Cullen, and Langley. Bill Jay Berwanger, in addition

to being chosen to succeed Ell Patterson as captain of the team, has gained for himself the high honor of the captaincy of the All American Team. The fact that Jay is only a junior makes the honor all the greater. We also claim high campus activity positions with Ell Patterson the president of the senior class, Womer the president of the Interfraternity Council, John Rice the University Social Chairman, Tom Flinn Abbott of Blackfriars, and Henry Miller leader of sophomore social activities.

The basketball team is captained by Tommy Flinn, and is ably supported by Bill Haarlow, Shelby Pasmor, Ed Bell, and Norman Bickle.

We also have copped the intra-mural swimming trophy, beating our closest competitors the Phi Psi's by one point.

The annual Three-Way party with the Dekes, and Alpha Deltas was a great success — the best in many a year.

At the time of this writing, pledge Merrill Jones, '37, is passing through his pre-initiation ordeal and will be welcomed into the bonds in a few days.

RODERICK K. CHAPIN,

Associate Editor.

PI—Syracuse University

THE time since the last issue of the *Diamond* has been a busy one for the Brothers of the Pi, a large number of them being active in all types of campus activities.

Over on the hockey rink we find Brother Al Damon, managing the destinies of the Orange sextet. Brothers Walter Rutherford, Ed Fonda, Dick Ettinger and "Grubby" Phelps are on the team and playing a bang-up game. Brother Jack Lane is scrubbing the sport and all in all the hockey picture takes on a decided Psi U tinge.

Indoor crew practice has started and Brothers Howard Blocker, Bob Mulford, Pledges Ed Cubby and Bill Wadsworth are working out daily. The Pi chapter has always had a prominent part in the history of crew at Syracuse, and it looks as though we will again be well represented in both varsity and freshman boats.

Brother Walter Rutherford brought great honor to the chapter and himself when he was elected assistant football manager of next years team.

The most important social function of the year, the Senior Ball, will take place the first of February and Brother Ben

Berry, chairman, is very busy these days completing final arrangements.

On the varsity indoor track team, Brother Jack Hamil is going over the boards with the same speed that earned him a position on last years crack relay team. Pledge Dick Gould is showing his heels to the boys on the frosh indoor track team.

Brother Harold Rix showed surprising knowledge of the ring game in annexing the 145 lb. title in the annual novice boxing tournament. Brother "Mousy" Born, assistant boxing manager, ably seconded Brother Rix in his fight for the title.

Our annual Christmas formal went off in fine style as we danced to the rhythms of Clive Sherman and his Riviera Orchestra. It was a dance which will long be remembered and much credit goes to Brother Jack Hennessey, social chairman, who ran the dance in faultless style.

Brother Al Damon in taking over his duties as head of the house has followed in the footsteps of his father, Brother Burt Damon, who headed the Hall of the Pi in 1902.

ALFRED L. SEELYE,
Associate Editor.

CHI—Cornell University

JUST before we began our Christmas vacation, we held our election of officers for the second half of the year. Johnny Spaeth was elected president of the chapter, and Paull Torrence again was chosen rushing chairman. Now, with vacation over, a long cold winter with books for our only companions seems to be threatening us. Of course, after our mid-year exams there is Junior Week

with the house-party, and this year the annual winter carnival looks like it will be one of the best yet. A three-way party with the Alpha Delts and K.A.'s is our present plan, and with our own Don Graves as the Junior Prom Chairman the orchestra situation looks very good.

All the Sophomores are hard at work on their competitions, and Ted Kemp finds he is quite busy with basketball. Ted

was a regular on the Frosh team last year, and is expected to gain a berth on the varsity this season.

Brother Torrence was recently elected to Phi Kappa Phi, national scholastic honorary fraternity.

Sandy Wall, whose task it was to buy a St. Bernard, the traditional Chi dog, found a Great Dane puppy at home, and at present we are all on prison rations while the pup, though only six weeks old, eats all our steaks. Sandy calls the dog "Chi", the rest of us don't even mention it.

Freshman are bothered right at present with their usual problem of where to go after mid-year exams. Those who are getting headaches from such thoughts have been gently reminded by the F.S.S.C.

(Freshman Supervised Study Commission) that Ithaca is the place to plan on.

The Chi (not the dog) is sorry not to have any pictures of football men to show you, but if the new Cornell athletic policy works out as hoped, we may be able to produce something along these lines in a few years. JOHN B. GORDON,
Associate Editor.

Alumni Notes

Bill Gutknecht and Ted Reed both of '33 were back this Fall for a short visit.

Bill Todd and George Whittlesey of '33 and '34, were both recently married, and Jack Stresen-Reuter announced his engagement to Miss Aurelia Geer of Ithaca on Christmas day.

BETA BETA—*Trinity College*

BACK from the Christmas Holidays the Beta Beta is faced with the varied interests of the winter. With midyears only a few weeks away and intramural basketball in full swing the Brothers are more than ordinarily busy trying to win games and keep their work up at the same time. The Chapter team made up of Brothers Sinclair, C. Kirby, W. Kirby, Scott, Haight, and Patton, and Pledge Jackson, has won all games to date and hopes to win the trophy presented at the end of the tournament.

At the annual initiation and banquet to be held in February soon after midyears, the Chapter hopes to initiate a delegation of fourteen men, and wishes to take this

opportunity to extend an invitation to the Brothers to be present at the ceremony. The date will be announced formally at a later time.

Plans for the One Hundred and First Annual Convention to be held with the Beta Beta are under way, and the Chapter looks forward with no little anticipation to being host to the Brothers from other colleges next spring. At the present time Beta Beta Alumni and the active Chapter are investigating the question of the most convenient date for the Convention, and it is hoped that the exact time will be announced in the near future.

RAYMOND S. PATTON, JR.,
Associate Editor.

ETA—*Lehigh University*

CHRISTMAS holidays are now past, and the thoughts of all the Brothers are once more diverted, but this time mid-year exams are the big

stumbling block. The Eta hopes to maintain the high scholastic average that it reached at mid-semesters, and the whole chapter is trying to reach that goal.

The winter season, however, now in full swing at Lehigh, does not find the house neglecting its activities on the campus. Brothers Charles Smith, Shear and Riedell are out for wrestling, and also Pledges Matthes, Coulton and Travis. Pledges Bingham and Patterson have turned to swimming. Brother Bill Smith has continued to cover himself with honors. He is next year's cross-country captain, and was lately initiated to Cyanide, a group of prominent juniors. Scabbard and Blade, honorary military fraternity, also includes Brother Smith's name, as it does the name of Brother Hutchinson. Brother Rosebery is assistant stage manager in Mustard and Cheese. Brother Weber is to be congratulated for his election to Alpha Kappa Psi, honorary business fraternity.

In the social line the Brothers have likewise continued to distinguish themselves. Fall House Party found most of the house present, and everyone had a very enjoyable week-end. Brother Galla-

gher, as chairman of the social committee, deserves the greatest of thanks for the adept manner in which he supervised the whole party. We had an orchestra that was the envy of the campus, and which made dancing just that much more pleasing.

Brother Paul Stagg of the Omega, and son of the famous Brother Alonzo Stagg, visited us the other evening. The house was especially glad to see him, because he is really just a next door neighbor to us since he has been coaching at Moravian College.

W. BRICE KIMBALL,

Associate Editor.

Alumni Notes

Melville C. Bingham, Eta '32, has just announced his marriage to Miss Kathryn Leimer of Orange, New Jersey.

Lewis Roberts, Eta ex-'35, is engaged to Miss Margery Arms of Fairfield, Connecticut.

TAU—*University of Pennsylvania*

AT this particular time of year, the Tau Chapter has little to report to the Brothers at large since the days just passed represent a lull in our activities. It is the quiet before the storm in one sense, in that we are looking forward to rushing season near at hand which will prove very strenuous but certainly successful. Also it is a period after the fall sports have died away and before the spring sports have awakened to enthusiastic life.

Brothers Neil, Chesley, and Darnbrough were awarded varsity letters at the conclusion of football season for their stellar play on the gridiron. All of these Brothers plan to be enthusiastic players on the 1935 edition of the Penn team this coming

fall and, should present predictions prove true, they will be playing on an outstanding team of the East.

Brother Spong recently was elected to the position of Assistant Manager of Soccer for which he has been working hard and faithfully all fall.

At this time we note the February Graduation of Brothers "Stupe" Smith and "Bubs" Stevens. The Chapter regrets that they must leave but wishes them all sorts of good luck in their careers of the future. After a cruise in southern waters, Brother Smith will return to his native St. Louis to seek his fortune, while Brother Stevens will venture to Texas where he expects to be employed.

In conclusion we can say that the future looks exceedingly bright for us. We have many irons in the fire, so as to speak, in the way of men competing in activities. We hope to find most of them rewarded by achieving their different goals before the year is out. Rushing, getting under way,

is always an exciting event, and is occupying most of our thoughts now, and, we feel confident that when it is over we will report a full roster of fine men.

WILLIAM E. CLARK,
Associate Editor.

MU—*University of Minnesota*

THE Brothers of the Mu straggled back to the University of Minnesota campus last Sunday afternoon in order to get a head start on a very fruitful rushing period as far as Psi U calibre was concerned. The rest (♯) gave the Brethren the added zest that is necessary during the trying period from Monday thru Saturday.

Under the able guidance of Brother Boutell, Psi U again made a clean sweep of the campus, pledging some twenty-one men of excellent material to be moulded into a class of which Psi U will be proud.

Saturday night the Mu migrated to the Ball Room of the Nicollet Hotel where amid the Louis XIV surroundings a good time was had by all. The party was under the auspices of the White Dragon of which Brother Barnum and Brother Boutell are the members from the Mu.

From what can be gathered from the incoming pledge class we are looking forward to a successful season in the Pledge Basketball league and they are out to repeat the honors already paid to the

pledge class of 1936 with their championship team.

The basketballers from the active Chapter go into action next week with even brighter prospects than last year. Also during the next few days we start our defense of the ice hockey title which the Mu has held for three consecutive years. The volley ball team got off to another good start by a decisive victory last night.

Brother Boutell was chairman of the famous Inter-Collegiate Ball held annually during the Christmas vacation. The Ball proved to be a great success due mainly to his efforts.

Brother Studer has just signed up with the Nu Sigs while Brother Brazer and Brother Smith were initiated into Scarab before the holidays.

Everyone is now hitting the books to make up for the time lost due to rushing as well as trying to formulate plans for the pledge training period which gets under full swing next Monday.

WILSON M. BRAZER,
Associate Editor.

RHO—*University of Wisconsin*

(No Communication Received)

EPSILON—*University of California*

(No Communication Received)

OMICRON—*University of Illinois*

CHRISTMAS vacation is over and January finds the Brothers looking forward to two weeks of work before the semester examinations begin. The atmosphere is gradually becoming more tense as the week of trial approaches, and the customary air of geniality has given way to a more serious mien.

At the January election Brother Aubrey Cookman was chosen as president of the Omicron for next semester. Brother Cookman is quite prominent on the campus in both politics and athletics, and we are all looking forward to a very prosperous semester under his capable leadership. He is vice-president of the Senior Class and is now beginning his third year on the varsity tennis team.

Even though the semester examinations are close upon us, the underclassmen will lay aside their books this weekend to attend the Freshman Frolic and the Sophomore Cotillion. Brother Brown, as class president, will lead the Cotillion, and many of the Brothers are planning to attend.

On December 15th we held our winter formal dance at the chapter house and it is with great pride that we mention the occasion. The house was beautifully decorated and the dance was one of the most successful we have held for several years. We are greatly indebted to Brothers Kirk, Dalhberg and Miller and Pledge Byford for their splendid work.

Pledge Lewis has recently been elected captain of the freshman swimming team and has been making the varsity dash men keep an eye to their laurels in practice competition. Pledge Seneff has been doing very well in polo and is one of the most promising freshman candidates. Brother Miller has been keeping up his excellent work in campus productions. He recently played an important role in the minstrel show, which was a great success.

The chapter takes pleasure in announcing the pledging of Joseph Bode Mountjoy of the class of '37. Pledge Mountjoy has been very prominent in the campus literary circles during the past year.

FRANK D. HOBLIT,
Associate Editor.

DELTA DELTA—*Williams College*

SINCE our last communication little out of the ordinary has happened at the Delta Delta. We have been working on a play room on the third floor, the walls of which are to be embellished by murals done by Brother Green.

In the winter sports we are represented by Brother Morrison on the swimming team. Brother Grulee is manager of the hockey team which has been practising during Christmas vacation at Princeton. In competitions Brother Newhall and

Franklin are vying for the basketball managership while Brother Foley seeks to be hockey manager. Pledges Cumber and Crafts are holding positions on the freshman hockey squad. Pledges Boynton and Williams won their numerals last fall in soccer and cross country respectively. Pledge Mills is acting with the Williams Little Theater.

During mid-year examinations Brothers Myers and Symmes are planning to go to Yucatan and Havana with Professor

Cleland of the Geology Department to study Mayan ruins.

The week-end of February 23rd has been set aside for fraternity initiations at

Williams. We hope for a large reunion of the Brothers.

WALLACE C. BOYCE,
Associate Editor.

THETA THETA—*University of Washington*

(*No Communication Received*)

NU—*University of Toronto*

ONE more Christmas is over and the Nu is launched on the spring term. The Brothers are all back at the house and reported highly successful holidays.

The Christmas Dance, held on the last day of school last year, was as usual a great success. The committee of Brothers McKay and Magwood worked hard and are to be congratulated. A tea is being held at the house next Sunday for the parents of the Brothers and a few of the graduates. The President of the University, Dr. Cody, and Warden Bickersteth of Hart House will also attend. We intend to strengthen our relations with the University as far as possible.

With the approach of cold weather the more sedentary Brothers are settling down to an attempt at improving their bridge and billiards. The billiard table

was graced with a new cloth during the holidays and is much improved. Many of the Brothers go on periodic sorties north of the city for skiing. Studying is being practiced extensively by the Brothers and under our regulated study plan we do not look for any trouble with exams.

A successful term is anticipated under our new President Brother Smart. Brother Smart worked hard in the interests of the house last year and is ably carrying on this year. As eight men graduate this spring we hope to initiate a strong delegation of freshmen at our spring initiation. To this end a stag rushing party was held immediately after the term started and it is hoped that a number of new Brothers will be reported in the next letter.

ROBERT HEGGIE,
Associate Editor.

EPSILON PHI—*McGill University*

THE resumption of lectures after the Christmas holidays finds the Hall of Epsilon Phi once more showing signs of activity. Many of the Brothers have just arrived from their homes in other cities; most of the Montreal Brothers have been availing themselves of the perfect skiing conditions in the mountains and bring back enthusiastic reports

of the fun they had "up North". A survey of the House's activities shows clearly the versatility which we have always tried hard to achieve. Psi U influence is felt practically everywhere on the Campus.

In the Campus elections held recently, Pledge Amaron and Brother Anglin were elected to the Student's Council as Arts and Law representatives respectively.

The Scarlet Key Society has chosen Brother Turner as president for 1935; also elected to the Key are Brothers Gilmour, Wilson, Piper, and Pledges Amaron and Bourne.

As rehearsals for the Red and White Revue are getting under way we find Brother Turner as Business Manager and Brother Brown as Secretary, helping to guide its destinies. As usual there are several of our men labouring on behalf of the *McGill Daily*—this year Pledge Amaron as Associate Sports Editor and Brothers Montgomery and Cornell as reporters.

Athletically the House, while not powerful, is well represented. The intermediate hockeyists rely on Brother Pacaud to keep their goal sacred and free of rubber. Pledge Bourne is captain of the swimming team and is a regular with the senior water poloists who successfully defended their intercollegiate crown. Psi U is also represented on the junior water polo team by Brothers Gilmour and Jim Wilson. Realizing a long-cherished ambition, Brother Jim Wilson has made a place on the senior basketball squad and in this connection it is worthy of mention that Gerry Halpenny and Carvell Hammond, Alumni of the Chapter, are two important factors in the recently-formed McGill Grads basketball team. We are pleased to see four of our freshmen, Brothers Schwab, Nelles, Vaughan and Christie in the thick of the managerial competition.

The House is represented on the board of Old McGill 1935, the Annual, by Pledge Amaron as Sports Editor and Brother Leathem who is looking after Features. Brother Leathem was recently made a member of the Martlet Society and is

newly-appointed Manager of the Book Exchange.

We regret the departure of the interfraternity scholarship trophy from our mantelpiece this year, due to the fact that we slipped from first place on the Campus to third, a condition we are hoping to rectify at the first opportunity.

At present our Chapter has reached a new high in point of numerical strength as there are thirty-five actives. A comparison of activities of the Brothers with those of last year shows a marked increase.

An event of more than usual interest was the recent visit to the Chapter of Brother Archibald, Editor of the *Montreal Daily Star*, whose "editorial comments" were greatly appreciated by the Brothers. On New Year's Day the Chapter was at home to its Alumni, and our new punch-bowl started auspiciously on what is expected will be a long and brilliant career.

NORMAN M. BROWN,
Associate Editor.

Alumni Notes

Brother Lucas '01, Vancouver, has been made a Judge of the Supreme Court of Canada.

In the new list of King's Counsels for Ontario are Brother McLarty '10, of Windsor and Brother Johnson '13, of St. Catharines.

Brother Bob Grout '33 is with the Imperial Oil in Sarnia.

Brother Rod Phelan at present playing in the Toronto and District Badminton Tournament is expected to repeat his last year's victory.

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