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THE ALPHABET

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DEDICATION

This issue of the Alphabet is proudly dedicated to our four hundred and eighty-four Alumni Members, whose support and encouragement have been indispensable to the development of the Fraternity.

OUR PRESIDENT



Jane Horner

FROM THE OFFICE OF THE EXECUTIVE SECRETARY

Jane Horner (Gamma) is now our President, having moved up from the Veepship when Prexy Becky Adams Hogan (Eta) became ill and resigned from T.S.C.W.

The Brown and Bigelow Company and the Association of College and Reference Libraries are both going to contribute toward the production of our advertising leaflet, so the Frat will obtain 4,000 copies at a very small cost to the treasury. The official order has now been placed, and we hope to receive the leaflet at about the same time that this issue of "The Alphabet" appears.

I am pleased to know that a number of members have purchased keys during recent months. Let us remember also that wall-plaques are available for chapters rooms.

It is now time to begin making definite plans for the big 1956 Convention. All suggestions will be gratefully received. Where shall it be held?

NEW MEMBERS

Alpha Chapter

Students Members: Betty Beasley, Haynesville, La.; Agnes Cantrelle, Harvey, La.; Irma Freeland, Gueydan, La.; Mary Hyde, Pineville, La.; Constance Kennedy, Oberlin, La.; and Gloria Lawley, Winnfield, La.

Professional Members: Miss Katharine Bridges, Natchitoches, La.

Gamma Chapter

Student Members: Mary Kay Black, Terre Haute, Ind.; Susan Bush, Boonville, Ind.; Ellen Musgrave, Hutsonville, Ill.; and Helene Such, East Chicago, Ind.

Professional Members: Miss Catherine Dice, Terre Haute, Ind.; and Mr. Samuel Marino, Terre Haute, Ind.

Alumni Members: Hilda Aishe, Odon, Ind.; Carson Bennett, Libn., Rose Polytechnic, Terre Haute, Ind.; Mrs. Jean Coleman, 407 Pine St., Marshall, Ill.; Anna Huckreide, R.R. 2, Poland, Ind.; Mrs. Margaret Katterhenry, Libn., Huntingberg High School, Huntingberg, Ind.; Beth Koho, Libn., Riley Jr. High School, Logansport, Ind.; Mary Latta, Libn., Glen High School, R.R. 5, Terre Haute, Ind.; Mrs. Genevieve McCarthy, R.R. 1, West Terre Haute, Ind.; Marcella McIntyre, 3216 South Seventh St., Terre Haute, Ind.; Mrs. William R. Phillips, Box 311, Borger, Texas; Frances Shepherd, Worthington, Ind.; Mrs. Charles L. Smith, 1117 14th St., Bedford, Ind.; Madeline Snoddy, 2113 Second St., Covington, Ind.; and Mrs. Thelma Taylor, R.R. 1, Jasonville, Ind.

Contributing Member: Stillman Taylor, Libn., Emeline Fairbanks Library, Terre Haute, Ind.

Delta Chapter

Student Members: Mrs. Doris Aderholt, Tuscaloosa, Ala.; Joanna Chancey, Tuscaloosa, Ala.; Nancy Edgeworth, Northport, Ala.; Barbara Hacker, Birmingham, Ala.; Mrs. Priscilla Hampton, Tuscaloosa, Ala.;

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Student Members: Melba Connelley, Borger, Texas; Marilyn Cox, Midland, Texas; Joan Roberts, Corpus Christi, Texas; Betty Shaw, Pledger, Texas; Jeanette Stogner, Clarendon, Texas; Nancy Tompkins, Baytown, Texas; Gloria White, Mt. Vernon, Texas; and Martha Yowell, Gilmer, Texas.

Theta Chapter

Student Members: Barbara Earnhardt; Lillian Moore; and Wayne Morgan (addresses not supplied).

Professional Members: Miss Isabel Russell, Tempe, Ariz.

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NEWS FROM OUR CHAPTERS

ALPHA CHAPTER

Northwestern State College
Natchitoches, Louisiana

Alpha's spring activities began with a trip to Shreveport to attend the opera, *Carmen*, starring the Metropolitan and radio stars, Mildred Miller and Donald Dickson. Earlier in the season some of our members saw the Marge and Gower Champion show, *Three for Tonight* as it toured the south previous to its Broadway opening in April.

Alpha Chapter and the Natchitoches High School Library Club were hosts to the Ouachita Parish Library Club when thirty of its members came to visit our campus. Several ABA members guided the group on a tour of the campus including a visit to the college and high school libraries.

In December, Alpha Chapter was given the sole rights to the sale in Natchitoches of the Acadian Bicentennial Cook Book. The cook book was compiled as part of the Louisiana Acadian Bicentennial Celebration. The lovely little French cook books sell for \$1.50 with Alpha making 50c on each copy sold. This has proved to be our most successful business enterprise to date and the cook books are still in demand.

Alpha entertained at a delightful tea, Wednesday, March 23, in honor of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Vosper from Lawrence, Kansas. During the evening, Mr. Vosper, Director of Libraries at the University of Kansas, gave a most interesting informal talk. Mr. and Mrs. Vosper stopped overnight at Northwestern while enroute to Baton Rouge, where he was one of the principal speakers at the Louisiana Library Association Convention. Preceding the tea, nine pledges were formally initiated into full membership. Those receiving the honor were: Betty Beasley, Irma Freeland, Mary Hyde, Frances Henry, Mildred

Hughes, Connie Kennedy, Agnes Cantrelle, Gloria Lawley, and Miss Katherine Bridges, a professional member. A very important guest present was Mrs. Sallie Harper Helm, a charter member and second national president of Alpha Beta Alpha.

Six members of Alpha attended the 29th annual conference of the Louisiana Library Association in Baton Rouge. The official delegates from Alpha were Agnes Cantrelle and Barbara Johnson. Others attending were Frank Petty, Fleming Thomas, Catherine Basco, and Robert Joynes. One of the main pleasures of the convention was the opportunity to meet many of our ABA alums. Among them were Pat Hankins, and Tommie Jean Tullos who are now doing graduate work at L.S.U.; Randall Detro, assistant librarian at Northeast College; Mrs. Pauline Parker, librarian at the Pineville High School; Dorothy Carnahan, librarian, Hackberry High School, and Jean Royston, librarian, B u r a s High School.

Four of our members were called out for the Purple Jacket Club, an honorary service organization on the campus. This important honor went to Agnes Cantrelle, Wanda Jordan, Betty Thornhill, and Mary Alice Phillips. Betty Thornhill was further honored by the Purple Jackets when she was given the award as the most outstanding sophomore.

Alpha is celebrating Founder's Day, May 3, with a picnic supper to be followed by a theatre party, where the group will see *Julius Caesar*.

BETA CHAPTER

M. S. C. W.

Columbus, Mississippi

As Beta chapter draws toward the end of another scholastic year, the seniors look longingly back on our

last year at MSCW and wistfully wish we could look forward to several more years as active ABA members, but then we are looking forward eagerly to our new jobs in the field of library service and solemnly vow to do our best to make ABA proud of us.

At our January meeting Serje Ilve, our MSCW scholarship girl from Estonia, spoke to us on the library program in her country before she and her family were forced to flee the Communists. Serje also told us of her life in Europe and America and then she answered questions that the girls asked.

In February Beta chapter was very highly entertained by Dr. Joseph Durfee of the MSCW English Department. Dr. Durfee spoke on the subject of humorous poetry and delighted the members of the club with the reading of several selections.

Dr. Gladys Martin, head of the Department of Philosophy and Classics, was our guest speaker in April and she spoke on the subject "Research Can Be Fun." Dr. Martin has written a text on Latin verse and she showed Beta members various stages of the book in the process of being printed.

On April 27, Beta chapter initiated two new members, Carolyn Tubb and Elizabeth Irvin. This brings our new membership this year to 29.

On May 11, Beta chapter will hold its annual picnic at which time officers for the ensuing year will be elected.

GAMMA CHAPTER

Indiana State Teachers College

Terre Haute, Indiana

The spring term found the members of the Gamma chapter very busy. On April 1, the annual Senior Day was held here on our campus. Seniors from all over the Wabash

Valley came to visit the various departments. We had an open house and tea for all those interested in library science.

April 16th we welcomed several new actives and had a general business meeting at which plans were discussed for our annual picnic. A committee was appointed to formulate the slate of officers for the next year. Elections will be held in the near future.

The end of April found all of us working like beavers on plans and decorations for the banquet given by the Indiana State Librarians association who had their conference on our campus. Several members served as hostesses.

May 3rd was a special date on our calendar. It was the day on which we had our Founders Day Tea. I was held at the college library. Ann Wells was general chairman for the tea.

EPSILON CHAPTER

Murray State College

Murray, Kentucky

On April 9, 1955, we were host for the second time to the West Kentucky High School Library Assistants Organization. We hear from various members of the alumni group occasionally. All of them seem to be very happy in their work and are anxious to hear what is happening in ABA. We send out form letters containing news of interest and include names and addresses of other members so that a little exchange of ideas is possible.

ZETA CHAPTER

Concord College

Athens, West Virginia

Zeta Chapter of Alpha Beta Alpha at Concord College, Athens, W. Va., is coming to the end of its second

year with the addition of five new members. The following people were initiated early in the second semester of 1955:

June Mandeville, Rodellin Fields, Nancy Lou Hunt, Shirley Evans, and Naoma Workman.

We have worked on our recruiting project for this year. This project was to get other colleges in our state interested in Alpha Beta Alpha. As a result of our work we have received a very favorable response from Marshall College at Huntington, W. Va. Miss Virginia Locke, Instructor in Library Science at Marshall, has informed us that her students are interested in the possibility of having a chapter on their campus. We would be very happy to have another chapter in W. Va.

One of the most pleasant events during the year was a dinner in the Library Staff room. The dinner was given by the members of ABA for the student staff members who work in our library. Twenty-one students and three professional members were present.

We would like to congratulate one of our alumni members, Bernice Green Pack and her husband, Ernest, on the birth of their daughter. Diana Lynn was born on March 3, 1955. This is our second baby in Zeta Chapter.

Robert Joyce will be our only graduate this June. Robert has received the honor of a scholarship for graduate work in English at Ohio State University. He will certainly be missed here at Concord College.

We are keeping in contact with our alumni by sending them a "Newsletter" once a year. In this letter we report our activities and give personal notes about alumni we have heard from during the year.

ETA CHAPTER

Texas State College for Women

Denton, Texas

The Eta Chapter of Texas State College for Women submits the following news.

On March 8, 1955, our annual banquet and initiation of pledges was held. Mrs. Elizabeth Johnson, an alumna of the T.S.C.W. Library School and now assistant director of the Young Adult Department at the Ft. Worth Public Library was the guest speaker at the banquet. She shared many interesting experiences with the group.

In February, five active club members, the Eta sponsor and Director of the Library Science Department visited the Gainesville State School for Girls in order to survey the available reading opportunities. The main project of Eta Chapter for the semester is to select a bibliography of books suitable for the school, to mend their limited collection and to purchase desirable news books. Since many of the books were not suited to the girls reading levels or interest, weeding of the collection took place.

In order to raise funds to buy books for the Gainesville School, the Chapter sponsored a booth at the annual Festival of Nations which is sponsored by the Foreign Language Department at T.S.C.W. Novelties and delicatessens pertaining to a German theme were sold and enough money was made to buy about thirty-three (33) books. Additional books and money have been contributed by librarians and library science majors.

In addition to the above project, the club has contributed money to the Margaret (Eudaly) Huffman Memorial Scholarship Fund. Mrs. Huffman was an outstanding student in

Library Science at T.S.C.W. and worked in various libraries in Texas before her death.

At a meeting in April, the officers for 1955-56 were elected. They are:

President—Janet Doehne, New Braunfels, Texas.

Vice-President—Marilyn Cox Midland, Texas.

Secretary—Nancy Tompkins, Baytown, Texas.

Treasurer—Gloria White, Mt. Vernon, Texas.

Parliamentarian—Jeanette Stogner Clarendon, Texas.

Reporter—Melba Connelley, Borger, Texas.

Mrs. Frances DeCordova will continue to be sponsor.

At the meeting plans were also made for the final event of the year which will be a Birthday Party in May.

IOTA CHAPTER

San Jose, California

A very successful year—our second in Alpha Beta Alpha—is drawing to a close. We have completed several projects, our latest a rummage sale on April 16th from which we cleared \$80.

We have finished cleaning and repairing a group of books which were sent to a boys' high school in Burma and to Indian schools in New Mexico.

We are planning three more social affairs—a dinner, a social evening at which we hope to have a speaker (perhaps an author) and a coffee hour for Seniors and Alumni on Homecoming Day, June 4th.

Speaker that morning will be Miss Edith Titcomb, a San Jose State Alumna, who is Librarian at Woodrow Wilson Junior High in San Jose and recently named Citizen of the Year in San Jose.

Another San Jose State graduate, Mrs. Gertrude Stacey, had an article published in the April issue of the *Wilson Library Bulletin* on how she teaches the card catalog. We are very proud of our Alumni members.

We feel this year has been an active and pleasant one. There are fifteen members who will receive their library credentials in June, and half of these already have jobs. We are holding a drive to urge these members to pay their alumni dues before they leave the campus.

KAPPA CHAPTER

Millersville State Teachers College Millersville, Pennsylvania

Kappa Chapter of Alpha Beta Alpha of Millersville State Teachers College, Millersville, Pennsylvania, opened their second semester by attending a Book Mending Demonstration given by Gaylord Brothers at the Lancaster Public Library, Lancaster, Penna. This demonstration was of educational value to both in-service librarians and future librarians.

As a money-making project the Chapter sold "fasnachts" on Fasnacht Day, the day preceding Ash Wednesday. In actuality "fasnachts" are doughnuts and constitute an old Pennsylvania Dutch custom.

During the last week in February six junior Library Science students namely Monica Bieri, Donna Lou Detwiler, Jane Eyer, Mary Jane Martz, Jeanne Mumma, Gwen Porter and their advisor, Miss Laura Buller went on a trip to New York City where they visited numerous libraries, H. W. Wilson Company, United Nations and spent the evenings at various theatres.

On February 28, the Kappa Chapter was very happy to pledge Carolyn Keith and Joan Tallman.

For our March meeting the group went on a guided tour of the new Lancaster Public Library and the Franklin and Marshall College Library, both of which are in Lancaster.

On the weekend of April 1 and 2, the Library Science Department of Millersville State Teachers College played host to the Library Science Department of Kutztown State Teachers College and area school librarians of Eastern Pennsylvania in the form of the Eastern Pennsylvania Conference of School Librarians. The student members of Alpha Beta Alpha served on the registration, exhibits, and hostess committees. Numerous discussion groups and two speakers, Dr. Jacobs, Columbia University, and Pearl Buck, author, highlighted the conference. After Friday's meetings Alpha Beta Alpha entertained the students from Kutztown State Teachers College in an informal get-together.

The April meeting was held to elect officers for the 1955-1956 term. They are as follows: Jane Eyer, President; Ruth Foster, Vice-President; Gunta Puzulis, Recording Secretary; Mary Louise Gingrich, Corresponding Secretary; Louise Snyder, Treasurer; and Jeanne Mumma, Executive Representative.

LAMBDA CHAPTER

Louisiana State University

Baton Rouge, Louisiana

Lambda Chapter has selected Miss Gayle Bonday, our present treasurer, to represent us on the national board.

This semester we have visited the Lois Shortess Book Shop, attended several of the events in the Artist and Lecture Series sponsored by the University, and have had several business meetings. In addition we are planning a rush party for the fourth of May.

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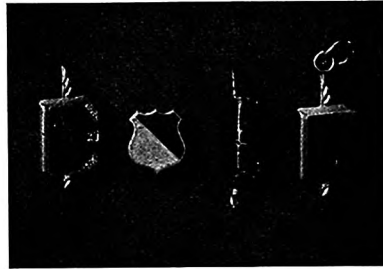
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Kappa Chapter

Student Members: Doris Boltz, Jonestown, Pa.; Leola Burkett, Johnstown, Pa.; Betty Jean Derrick, Picture Rocks, Pa.; Mary Louise Gingerich, Manchester, Pa.; Marcia Y. Hoy, Gettysburg, Pa.; Nancy Ickes, Duncannon, Pa.; Barbara John, Lahaska, Pa.; Marilyn Long, Minersville, Pa.; Stella Mahan, Cheyney, Pa.; Marilyn Jean Mellott, Everett, Pa.; Grace Evelyn Metzker, Roaring Spring, Pa.; Rita Quickle, Columbia, Pa.; Ruth Louise Runkle, Harrisburg, Pa.; Ella Worrell, Cochransville, Pa.; and Marilyn Wright, Camptown, Pa.

Alumni Members: Mrs. Jane Belknap Bowman, Librarian, Captain Jack Joint Junior High School, Mt. Union, Pa.

LAST BUT NOT LEAST

With a sincere "we beg your pardon," we re-list here those members whose names were incorrectly listed in our fall issue:

Iota Chapter: Alumni Members: Barbara Weikert, P. O. Box 27, McArthur, Cal.

Kappa Chapter: Charter Student

Members: Donna Lou Detwiler, Mannheim, Pa.; Elizabeth Moyer, Schuylkill Haven, Pa.; Gwen Porter, Millersville, Pa.; Louise Hawkins Sales, Millersville, Pa.; and Harriet Sexton, Bedford, Pa. Charter Alumni Member: Mrs. Rhonda Shearer Tuck, County Library, West Chester, Pa.; Alumni Member: Mrs. Mary McGlenn Carpenter, 317 E. Montgomery Ave., North Wales, Pa.

Lambda Chapter: Student Member: Marie Duval, Houma, La.; Mrs. Will C. Daniels, Vivian Cazayoux, and Ethelyn R. Stott are all three of Baton Rouge, La. All members should have been listed as Charter Members.

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