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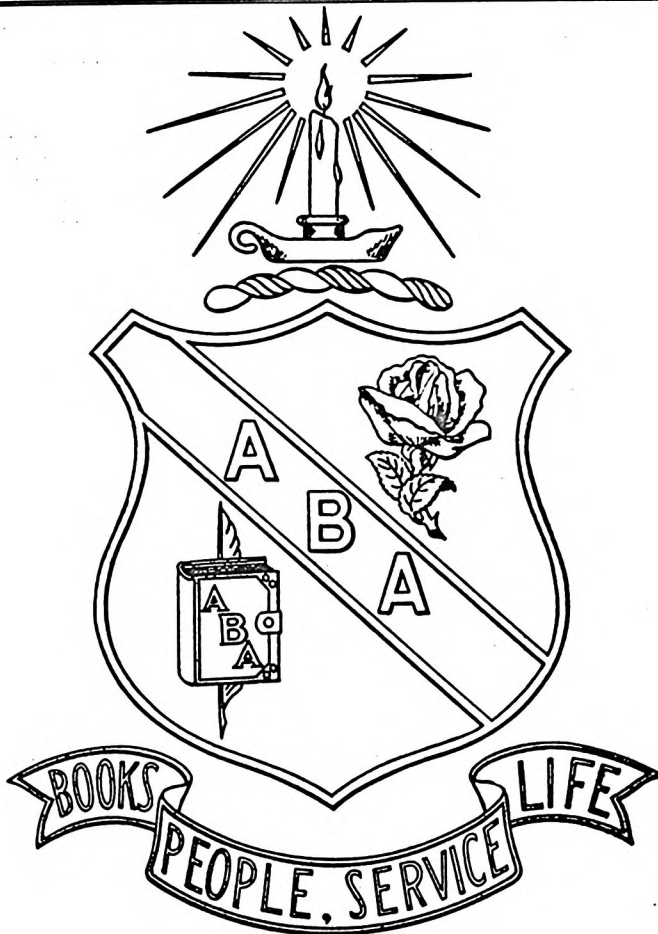
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DEDICATION

This issue of the Alphabet is gratefully dedicated to Grieg Aspnes,
a true friend of the Fraternity.



Welcome to a new year with Alpha Beta Alpha. I hope it will be a big one. We have a good start with our new Illinois State Chapter. Congratulations to them. Our light is shining brighter across the nation.

The convention dates are circled on my calendar and I hope many of you are planning to attend. I am looking forward to meeting everyone. Delta is doing everything to make this a memorable occasion.

Again, may I express my high expectations for the future of Alpha Beta Alpha. And I shall see you at the University of Alabama!

Marilynn Markert
National President

FROM THE

Executive Secretary

Greetings to all of you fellow-members of ABA (821 as of last May) and best wishes for a grand and glorious year!

I spent most of this last summer at Columbia University, taking off just enough time to attend the ALA Convention, at Philadelphia—where I had the pleasure of meeting the capable sponsor of Kappa, Miss Coral Melson.

You have now officially voted to accept the petition from Illinois State Normal University's Milnerites Club; so Mu Chapter will soon be added to our fraternal circle.

Start making plans early to attend our 1956 Convention, at the University of Alabama, April 5-6. As one who knows from past experience, I can assure you that the Deltas really go all-out as hosts!

The publicity leaflet for the Frat has now come off the press (a copy

inherited to Mr. Grieg Aspenne and his staff at Brown and Bigelow, St. Paul, Minn., for the designing and art work, and to the Association of College and Reference Libraries for a donation of \$100 toward the printing costs.

Beta Phi Mu, the Graduate Library Science Honorary Fraternity, has appointed a committee to try to find a means of providing a number of scholarships for those outstanding ABA members who desire to attend graduate library school and who need financial assistance. Our hats are off to Beta Phi Mu for undertaking this project, which can mean so much to us.

President-Elect Pat Burch (Iota) was unable to serve this year, and President Markert (Iota) has now been officially elected.

EDITORIAL . . .

Congratulations to Illinois State Normal University which will soon receive its charter as Mu Chapter of Alpha Beta Alpha.

Our growth has indeed been rapid, with twelve chapters chartered in five years. However, our fraternity will surely grow even faster in the next five years, because of the publication of our own Alpha Beta Alpha publicity leaflet.

Our sincere thanks go to the designers and printers of the pamphlet and to its sponsors, for they helped to bring a dream into reality.

And now, members of Alpha Beta Alpha, let's try to live up to what our new leaflet says about us and the organization which we represent.

New Members

(Summer, 1955)

Alpha Chapter

Alumni Members: Barbara Jean Gray, Libn., Belcher High School, Belcher, La.; Robert Joynes, Camp Chaffee, Ark.; and Ruby Moore, Film Libn., Fair Park High School, Shreveport, La.

Beta Chapter

Student Members: Mary Elizabeth Ervin, 1595 Goodbar St., Memphis, Tenn.; and Carolyn Gilbert Tubbs, Amory, Miss.

Alumni Member: Susie Bull, Libn., Lee High School, Columbus, Miss.

Gamma Chapter

Student Member: Joyce Collins, Terre Haute, Ind.

Delta Chapter

Student Members: Mrs. Dorothy H.

OFFICERS

1955-56

President - Marilyn Markert (Iota)
Vice-President ----- Susan Bush (Gamma)
Treasurer -- Wanda Jordan (Alpha)
Exec. Sec. -- Dr. Eugene P. Watson (Alpha)

National Council Members:

District No. 1, Martha Yowell (Eta); No. 2, Velma Lee Williams (Beta); No. 3, Frances Fox (Epsilon); No. 4, Frances Pettrey (Zeta); and No. 5, Miss Inez Moffit (Theta).

Leer, 511 34th Ave., Tuscaloosa, Ala.; Mary Norris, R. R. 1, Tuscaloosa, Ala.; Mrs. Helen Terry, 20C Bakerfield, Tuscaloosa, Ala.; Muriel Tidmore, R. R. 1, Moundville, Ala.; and Mrs. Elizabeth H. Urban, 3 Hillcrest, Tuscaloosa, Ala.

Alumni Members: Mrs. Mary Nell Avary, Libn., Fairhope High School, Fairhope, Ala.; Mrs. Emma Glass Beasley, Libn., Pershing Junior High School, Houston, Tex.; Ora Lee Bowen, Libn., Gonzales High School, Gonzales, Fla.; Mrs. Mary K. Pritchett Cargile, Teacher, Bessemer Junior High School, Bessemer, Ala.; Mrs. Zera K. Couch, Libn., Scottsboro High School, Scottsboro, Ala.; Mrs. Ruth Z. Durden, Libn., Vigor High School, Pritchard, Ala.; Anne Ernest, Libn., Lee Junior High School, Montgomery, Ala.; Mrs. Annie Belle Hadley, Libn., Northport Elementary School, Northport, Ala.; Mrs. Helen M. Hasty, Libn., Clark Junior High School, Mobile, Ala.; Mrs. Maribess Horde, Libn., Tuscaloosa Junior High School, Tuscaloosa, Ala.; Mrs. Pearl Kemp, Libn., Columbus Junior High School, Columbus, Miss.; Mrs. Marguerite M. McGhee, Libn., Alexander City High School, Alexander City, Ala.; Mrs. Alma G. Powell, Libn., Ataugua County High School, Prattville, Ala.; Mrs. Othelia Poynor, Libn., Greene County High School, Eutaw, Ala.; Nadine Rawlinson, Tchr.-Libn., Brundidge High School, Brundidge, Ala.; Maud Skiba, Libn., Foley High School, Foley, Ala.; Mrs. Miriam Toffel, 303 Queen City Ave., Tuscaloosa, Ala.; Mrs. Julia Young, Libn., Dadeville High School, Dadeville, Ala.

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NEWS FROM OUR CHAPTERS

ALPHA CHAPTER

Northwestern State College
Natchitoches, Louisiana

Though many of our members are not in summer school, we do try to get together for at least one group activity each summer. This past summer Alpha Chapter honored Miss Nancy Jane Day at a tea. Miss Day, Supervisor of School Libraries in North Carolina, was invited to Northwestern State College campus to participate in a Materials Workshop. Miss Day recounted for the group her experiences in Thailand where she worked with UNESCO. Following her stay at N. S. C., she went to the American Library Association Convention to assume her official capacity as president of the American Association of School Librarians.

This fall we have several projects we hope to make a success. First, we are continuing our sale of the official Louisiana Acadian Bi-Centennial Cook Book, feeling that these cook books will be in demand as Christmas, wedding, and hostess gifts. Another project is to assume responsibility for the library publicity on the college Artists Series programs. Two ABA members will be assigned to each of the libraries on our campus. They will get background information on the artists and their programs and display available library materials with the poster advertising the event.

Members of Alpha Chapter assisted their sponsor, Mrs. Carnahan, in holding an Open House in the Elementary School Library. The occasion was to give the faculty, student teachers, and others interested in children's books an opportunity to see over one hundred new books before they were placed on the shelves for circulation. Charles Thigpin and Catherine Basco helped arrange the refreshment table and group the books under suitable captions. Mary Hyde and Connie Kennedy assisted in serving refreshments. Sue Hughes, Gloria Lawley, and Patsy Waters read stories and supervised the reading hour in the second and third grade rooms, that could not come to the library at their regularly scheduled periods on that afternoon.

WITH THE ALUMNI

We are always happy to hear from

know about others. Mrs. Frances R. Henry, who graduated from N. S. C. this past summer, has accepted a position as assistant librarian in Japan with Special Service. Mrs. Henry has only recently arrived in Japan where she will work in both U. S. Army and Marine libraries.

Miss Mary Alice Driscoll, who has been in Japan for the past two years, will return to the United States this month. She has been with Special Services. Mrs. Maud Clay is also returning to the U. S. this month. She has been doing overseas library work in Germany.

Fleming Thomas, national treasurer last year, is library assistant at Louisiana State University, and is also enrolled in the library graduate school. Fleming received Alpha Chapter's award given each year to the outstanding graduating senior.

Randal Detro, who was librarian at Northeast Louisiana College last year, is now head librarian at Mars Hill Junior College in North Carolina.

Tommie Blackburne was arts and crafts counselor at Camp Severence, a girls' camp in Essex County, Severence, N. Y., last summer.

Several of our alumni receiving degrees recently from L. S. U. are Mrs. Sallie Harper Helm, Mrs. Pauline Parker, and Tommie Jean Tullos. Sallie is employed this year in the Dallas Public Library; Pauline is in the Pineville High School in Pineville, La.; Tommie Jean is in the Lake Charles Public Library.

Some of our alumni are in new positions this year. Mrs. Bernice Evans is librarian at the Campti High School. Jean Royston is at the Sulphur Junior High School.

BETA CHAPTER

Mississippi State College for Women
Columbus, Mississippi

The Beta Chapter of MSCW held its first meeting on October 12, with the following officers:

President ----- Bertie Ann Willis
Vice-president --- Carolyn Smithson
Recording secretary -----
Velma Williams

Corresponding secretary -----
Rosemary Scarbrough

Treasurer ----- Carolyn Jones
Reporter ----- Nancy Bigham

Parliamentarian ----- Janet Smith

Laurette Henson, Pauline Livardais, Sarah Ann West, Rebecca Rhoden, Patsy Mann, Jane White, Beverly Edwards, Judy Entrican, Dot Anderson, Jeanne Bulter, Irma Goodson, Olivia Chamble, Betty Schwerdt, and Lois Crampton. These pledges will be initiated at our regular December meeting.

Of our graduates, three are now overseas. Mary Helms, a 1954 graduate, is a Fulbright Scholar in France. She is studying French and French literature at the University of Lyon in southeastern France. Ruthlyn Austin, a 1949 graduate, served as assistant children's librarian in the New Orleans Public Library, as assistant librarian in Mississippi Southern College in Hattisburg, as head of the Hattisburg High School Library, and as librarian in Ramstein Library in Germany. She is now in Special Services Library at Chamby Air Force Base in France. Bertha Wachsmann, a graduate of 1953, first served in the cataloging department of Mobile Public Library and on the staff of the University of Alabama, Mobile Center Library, and is now in Chateauroux at the Base Services Directorate Library.

Carolyn Smithson, 1957, spent a week during October in Mexico as Good-will Ambassador from Kosciusko, Mississippi.

GAMMA CHAPTER

Indiana State Teachers College
Terre Haute, Indiana

Gamma Chapter began the year with a delightful ABA breakfast and a library car in the Homecoming parade.

October 15, Indiana State Teachers College welcomed approximately 500 library-minded high school students, members of the Hoosier Student Librarians Association. The all-day meeting consisted of business, discussions, and panels. ABA members Frances Eastridge, Marian Herrmann, Betty Westfall, and Susan Bush presented an informal panel discussion on "Why I Want to be a Librarian." The speaker at the luncheon was Henry Gregor Felsen, author of *Hot Rod*, who followed his speech with a question-and-answer session with the students present.

The pledge meeting was held Wednesday, November 2. Dr. Joseph Schick, a member of the faculty, spoke on English libraries.

News of our grads of last year: Carol Molter is a member of the staff

Terre Haute. ISTC Library has in its catalog department one of our graduates, Anita Walden.

Jane Horner, past national president, is teaching in South Bend, and Helene Such is teaching in East Chicago. One of our graduate members, Sally Youman, is completing a Master's degree at Indiana University. Rose Williams was married this summer and is now Mrs. Terry Webster. She resides in Cicero, Illinois.

DELTA CHAPTER

University of Alabama
University, Alabama

Delta Chapter is enthusiastic over the prospect of being host to the National Convention next spring, and we hope you have already cast your vote in favor of a trip to the University of Alabama.

Our officers for 1955-56 are:

President ----- Margaret Burdick
Vice-president - Annette Huddleston
Secretary ----- Nancy Edgeworth
Treasurer ----- Ernestine McLeod
Councillor ----- Joyce Manning
Reporter ----- Adelaide Howard

Delta is proud to announce the pledging of 17 new members at our meeting on October 10. Following the pledging service our chapter picture was taken for our page in the Corolla, the annual. Our pledges are: Peggy Davis, Ethel Garth, Marguerite Golden, Mary Greer, Ernestine Howell, Sandra Jeffcoat, Patricia Lancaster, Alice Louise Morrison, Betty Ruth Miller, Wallace Quick, Anna Rhea, Marilyn Shaw, Linda Sparks, Roberta Sugerman, Lannelle Vickrey, Margaret Lou Walker, and Germaine Whitten.

Last summer Delta Chapter was active for the first time during the summer session. This enabled us to initiate 24 outstanding members, mainly alumni, at an impressive ceremony. To top it all we had a delicious banquet in the Magnolia Dining Room. Our guest speaker was Dr. Esther Swenson, chairman of the Department of Elementary Education, who spoke on "Why Johnny Can Read." Her series of articles on this subject appeared in the Birmingham News during the summer in response to Dr. Flesch's new book and stimulated wide interest in the subject.

We are proud of our new oil

painting of our Alpha Beta Alpha insignia, which you will see when you visit us next spring.

EPSILON CHAPTER

Murray State College
Murray, Kentucky

There are only four active members on the campus this year. They are Frances Fox, Barbara Grubbs, Dorothy Norwood, and Margaret Tarry. Frances Fox is president; Dorothy Norwood is vice-president; Margaret Tarry is secretary-treasurer, and Barbara Grubbs is reporter. However, there is a pledge class of twelve, which is the largest that Epsilon has ever had.

Open house was held Thursday afternoon, October 6, for prospective pledges and pledging started on October 10.

The annual FDEA Library Luncheon was held Friday, October 14, at the College Presbyterian Church with Miss Clarica Williams, President of Kentucky Library Association, as principal speaker. Her subject was "Your Job or Your Profession."

Alumni: Glenna Piersall and Anna Mae Bolinger are with the Army Library Service at Fort Campbell, Kentucky; Nellie Strickland is with the Library Army Service at Camp Stewart, Georgia. Wanda Calhoun is at the University of Michigan.

ZETA CHAPTER

Concord College
Athens, West Virginia

Zeta Chapter has started its 1955-56 term with an all-girl membership. Eleven of our girls returned this fall.

Robert Joyce, our only male member, graduated in May. He is now at Ohio State where he is working on his master's in English. He is also teaching two freshman English composition classes there.

Several of the alumni members have changed positions since last year. Among the recent changes we have heard from are Joan Hurley who is librarian in the Big Creek High School at War, W. Va. Arlene Hill is assistant librarian in one of the public schools located in Charlotte, North Carolina. Nancy Jo Canterbury has gone to West Union, W. Va. as librarian in the high school. All three girls are happy with their new jobs.

Jane Bird, our president, has an-

nounced her engagement to James Caytor of Princeton, W. Va. James is now in the service of the U. S. Army, and we understand wedding bells will not ring until his return from overseas.

We are now considering new pledges for this semester. We have seven prospects to consider for bids.

Our main project under consideration for this year is to give an award to a graduating Library Science student. Our Committee is now working on this to decide just what the qualifications should be to receive this honor, and also just what the award will be.

The Dean of our college has asked Alpha Beta Alpha to assist in the selection of students eligible for "Who's Who in American Colleges and Universities." Miss Helvey, co-sponsor, and Jane Bird, president, served on this committee.

Our 1955-56 officers are as follows:
President ----- Jane Bird
Vice-president ----- Billie Rae Hill
Treasurer ---- Kathryn Ann Bryson
Secretary ----- Mary Blankenship
Reporter ----- Naoma Workman
Parliamentarian --- June Mandeville

ETA CHAPTER

Texas State College for Women
Denton, Texas

The Eta Chapter began the year with their annual weiner roast, October 8, at Lake Dallas, honoring the freshmen library science majors. Twenty-four majors were present to enjoy the fun of roasting weiners and marshmallows over bonfires.

The November meeting will be held during Book Week, at which time twenty-one pledges will be initiated, four graduate students will become affiliated with our chapter, and one faculty member, Dr. F. J. O'Hara, will become a contributing member.

Eta Chapter is very proud that one of its members has been chosen the Sweetheart of Texas A. & M. Miss Charlene Seth, senior from Leachburg, Pa., will represent both Texas A. & M. and T. S. C. W. at all official receptions, dances, football games, et cetera this year.

Plans are being made to continue the project of reorganizing and adding to the library at Gainesville State School for Girls, an activity started last year. The new project of the year

is to purchase a gift for our new library science building which will be completed in February. The first step toward reaching this goal was an on-campus sandwich sale with both members and pledges participating.

All members are looking forward to the spring convention to be held on the University of Alabama campus. We plan to have a representative group attending.

IOTA CHAPTER

San Jose State College
San Jose, California

We have pledged fifteen new people. They are: Pat Palmer, Geraldine Sweet, Annette Felix, Bianca Detert, Lucille Armour, Lee Richards, Mrs. Dorothy Sinclair, Betty Nantt, Nancy Smith, Cordelia Lee, Arlene Boccabella, Thelma Strawhorn, Elizabeth Badger, Lynnea Berthelson, and Mrs. Martha Fish

We are continuing our book project that was started last year. We plan to send books to Burma, Alaska, and an Indian reservation in Albuquerque, New Mexico. We are planning a Christmas party and we are going to make favors for the patients of Agnew at Christmas time.

Our big project for October was the California Library Association Convention. Iota Chapter was asked

by the Association to act as Junior Hostesses at the opening buffet dinner, October 25. We also served as Junior Hostesses on Exhibitors Night, Thursday, October 27. The chapter was invited to all the lectures free of charge. October 28, we had an alumni dinner at O'Brien's and went to hear Frances Clark Sayers talk on "The Company of Children." It is quite a feather in ABA's cap to be recognized state-wide.

We've had good attendance at our meeting and wonderful enthusiasm over our proposed projects.

KAPPA CHAPTER

State Teachers College
Millersville, Pennsylvania

Kappa Chapter began its second year by having an informal get-together, September 20, for all the new Library Science students. We played some get-acquainted games and then we served refreshments.

The second meeting for this semester was a demonstration on book production presented by the Industrial Arts students. This proved to be very interesting to us as prospective librarians, because of the educational value in knowing how books are made.

This year we selected for our annual ABA tour of libraries the Reading, Allentown, and Bethlehem vicinity. There we will visit school, public, and college libraries plus other places of historical interest to all of us.

October 29, the second annual ABA banquet was held with Dr. Frances Henne as the guest speaker. She spoke on "The Revision of School Library Standards." Dr.

Henne is chairman of the ALA Committee revising the standards of 1949 as expressed in "School Libraries Today and Tomorrow."

Kappa Chapter served as hosts to the Student Library Association of Pennsylvania on November 4. This association is composed of high school library assistants in central Pennsylvania. Miss Phyllis Fenner was the guest speaker.

LAMBDA CHAPTER

Louisiana State University
Baton Rouge, Louisiana

On May 16, 1955, Lambda Chapter of Alpha Beta Alpha, Louisiana State University, welcomed ten new pledges: Joy Ann Burleigh, Patricia Ann Champagne, Helen Hohcer, Marjorie R. Landry, Rita J. LeBlanc, Barbara Dean Smith, Myrtle Smith, Una Stutson, Era Beth Wallace, and Jeanee White. At this meeting the pledges elected Helen Hohcer as Pledge President and Patricia Ann Champagne as Pledge Secretary and Treasurer.

Our first activity of this semester has been the attendance at a reception given by the Baton Rouge Library Club on Thursday, October 6, 1955. It honored Mr. John S. Richards, president of the American Library Association, Miss S. Janice Kee, executive secretary of the Public Library Division of the American Library Association, and Dr. Sidney B. Smith, Director of Libraries at Louisiana State University.

Interesting projects are being planned for this year. The first will be the initiation of the pledges. The chapter will then work toward making this year a successful one for the Lambda Chapter.

MEMBERSHIP TABULATION (1954-1955)

	Alpha	Beta	Gamma	Delta	Epsilon	Zeta	Eta	Theta	Iota	Kappa	Lambda	TOTALS
Honorary	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	12
Institutional	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
Active:												
Student	16	40	16	28	5	13	19	5	28	34	5	209
Professional	10	5	6	1	4	3	2	10	10	4	5	60
Alumni	57	49	60	127	17	16	48	22	85	39	3	523
Contributing	1	0	1	8	2	0	1	0	0	0	4	17
TOTAL	85	94	83	164	28	32	70	37	123	77	17	822

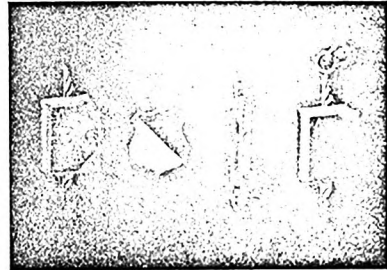
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FINANCIAL STATEMENT (1954-1955)

Cash Balance at Beginning of Fiscal Year -----	\$1,003.80	Total Cash and Income -----	\$1,707.90
Income		Expenditures	
Initiation Fees -----	\$117.00	Engrossing Chapter Charter -----	\$ 20.14
Membership Dues		Postage and Express -----	53.47
Active Student -----	\$209.00	Printing of "The Alphabet" -----	109.00
Active Professional -----	62.00	Cut for "Baird's Manual" -----	11.00
Alumni -----	300.00		
Contributing -----	3.00		
Institutional -----	10.00		
Total Dues -----	584.00		
Sale of Stationery -----	3.10		
		Total Expenditures -----	193.61
Total Income -----	704.10		
Total Cash and Income -----	\$1,707.90	Cash Balance at Close of Fiscal Year -----	\$1,514.29

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