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DEDICATION

To Gamma Chapter, Host to our 1957 National Convention, this issue of "The Alphabet" is enthusiastically dedicated.

OUR PRESIDENT



We are very happy to present our National President, Kathryn Ann Bryson, a senior at Concord College, in Athens, West Virginia, who is majoring in Library Science, English, and speech. The daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George W. Bryson, of War, West Virginia, Kathryn Ann graduated from Big Creek High School in May, 1953.

She served as President of Zeta Chapter of Alpha Beta Alpha in 1954-55 and as Treasurer in 1955-56. She has also headed her chapter of Future Teachers of America, has been recording secretary of Delta Zeta, and is treasurer of the Baptist Student Movement. A member of Kappa Delta Pi, national education fraternity, of Cardinal Key, woman's scholarship society, and of the Concord College Theatre Group, Kathryn Ann has been elected to "Who's Who Among Students in American Universities and Colleges" for the years 1955-56 and 1956-57. In addition she has been placed on the College Dean's List for three years.

Her outside interests include work in the Baptist Church as a Sunday School teacher, choir member, and assistant organist.

After graduating in May, 1957, with a Bachelor of Science degree in Education and a major in Library Science, Kathryn Ann plans to work as a high school librarian.

EDITORIAL

April 26 and 27 are the dates set for the Third National Convention of Alpha Beta Alpha. By this time these dates should be firmly established in your minds, since you have seen them appearing and re-appearing in "The Alphabet" for the past year. At last the time has actually come when the convention is just around the corner.

We of Gamma Chapter would like to extend to all of you a most hearty invitation to attend the Convention on the campus of Indiana State Teachers College. Although we have ordered warm, sunny days, we cannot promise delivery of them, because Indiana weather has a mind of its own. However, we can promise an excellent program, exciting things to do and see, and many opportunities for meeting other Alpha Beta Alpha

NATIONAL OFFICERS

- President — Kathryn Ann Bryson (Zeta)
Vice-President — — — John Boggess (Epsilon)
Treasurer — — — — — Mary Hyde (Alpha)
Exec. Secretary - Dr. Eugene P. Watson (Alpha)

Councilmen:

- District No. 1, Not yet elected (Lambda); No. 2, Sherrill Pruitt (Delta); No. 3, Robert Abbott (Mu); No. 4, Gunta Puzulis (Kappa); No. 5, Mrs. Marjorie Limbocker (Iota).

members and for exchanging notes.

So, dust off your ABA pins, and pack your suitcases. We will be looking for all of you at ISTC, in Terre Haute, for two days of business and fun.

FROM THE EXECUTIVE SECRETARY'S OFFICE

All eyes are now focused on Terre Haute, Indiana, where Gamma Chapter and Indiana State Teachers College will serve as hosts to the entire Fraternity at the National Convention, April 26-27. The hosts are really going all-out to make this a memorable occasion. The delegates will have plenty of opportunities to obtain valuable information, to be thoroughly inspired, and to have a world of fun.

The formal portions of the program include addresses by some of the most outstanding librarians in the country, discussion groups that will be talking about some very practical matters, tours and visits, and business sessions in which decisions will be reached which will have far-reaching effects upon the future development of the Fraternity. All reports are not yet in, but it looks as though every Chapter will be represented at the meeting!

Gamma's Hospitality Committee is planning to meet all delegation-bearing buses, trains, and planes; so be sure to let them know ahead of time when and how you expect to arrive (all communications should be addressed to Miss Susan Bush, Box 334, Womans Residence Hall, Indiana State Teachers College, Terre Haute, Indiana).

People arriving on the campus on Thursday evening should go direct to

the formal lounge of the Student Union Building at ISTC. For those who come from afar and who will arrive after 9:00 P.M. (the hour that the Student Center and dormitories close!), special arrangements have been made. These late arrivers are to call telephone number Crawford 2251, the home of Mrs. Joanne Lewin, a staff member of the ISTC Library —Mrs. Lewin will have all the answers and all the necessary keys!

The Chairmen of the Convention Committees are: General Chairman, Susan Bush; Registration, Shirley Resener; Hospitality, Jane Stubbeman; Local Arrangements, Betty Westfall; Housing, Jeanette Vendremon and Jane Taylor; Meals, Sarann Owens; Decorations, Mary Ann Peters Harris and Ann Wells; Publicity, Eileen Miller; and Communications, Mae Inaba.

Omicron Chapter was installed by Dr. Louis Shores at Florida A. & M. University (at Tallahassee), on Friday, April 5.

Pi Chapter was installed by Eta at Our Lady of the Lake College (at San Antonio), on Saturday, April 13.

Details of these two installations will be given in our spring issue.

TERRE HAUTE—APRIL 26-27

THIRD NATIONAL CONVENTION

April 26-27, 1957

Indiana State Teachers College
Terre Haute, Indiana

PROGRAM

Theme: A Forward Look

THURSDAY, APRIL 25

Evening 5:00 - 9:00 P.M. Informal Open House. Formal Lounge, Student Union Building.

FRIDAY, APRIL 26

Morning 8:30 - 9:30 A.M. Registration (\$1.00) and Informal Open House. Balcony, Library Building.
9:30 - 10:00 A.M. First General Session. Kathryn Ann Bryson, President of ABA, presiding. Library Science Classroom, Balcony, Library Building.
Recognition of Officers and Delegates. Kathryn Ann Bryson.
Report of the Executive Secretary. Dr. Eugene P. Watson.
Announcements.
10:00 - 10:15 A.M. Coffee break. ISTC Library Staff Association in charge. Balcony, Library Building.
10:15 - 11:45 A.M. Circles of Information on Chapter Improvement (attend two). John Boggess, Vice-President of ABA, presiding. Library Science Classroom, LC6, and LC8, Balcony, Library Building. (\$1.00)
Planning Our Program. Delta in charge.
Financing the Fraternity. Iota in charge.
Recruiting New Members. Mu in charge.

Afternoon 12:30 P.M. Second General Session: Luncheon. Susan Bush, President of Gamma, presiding. Allendale Lodge. (\$1.00)
Address: Miss Sara Fenwick, Graduate Library School, University of Chicago.
Address: Dr. Harold Brigham, State Librarian, Indiana, and Second Vice-President, ALA.
3:00 - 5:00 P.M. Tour of ISTC Campus and ISTC Television Station. ISTC Public Relations Department in charge.

Evening 7:00 P.M. Third General Session: Banquet Kathryn Ann Bryson presiding. Ballroom, Student Union Building (\$2.00)
Invocation. Rev. Dennis Shoemaker, Pastor, Washington Avenue Presbyterian Church, Terre Haute.
Welcome. Dr. R. W. Holmstedt, President, ISTC.
Response. Mary Hyde, Treasurer, ABA.
Introduction of Guests. Eugene Watson, Executive Secretary, ABA.
Piano Selections. Vernal Pierce.
Address: Mrs. Grace Stevenson, Associate Executive Secretary, ALA.
Initiation of New Members. Kathryn Ann Bryson in charge.

SATURDAY, APRIL 27

Morning 8:00 A.M. Breakfast. Cafeteria, Student Union Building. (65c)
9:30 - 11:00 A.M. Fourth General Session. John Boggess presiding. Formal Lounge, Student Union Building.
Panel: "The Fraternity and Its Future" (panel members to consist of two leaders from each Circle of Information).

Afternoon 12:00 Noon Fifth General Session: Luncheon. Kathryn Ann Bryson presiding. Cafeteria, Student Union Building (\$1.00).
Address: Miss Alice Lohrer, Library School, University of Illinois; and Past-President of Beta Phi Mu.
Address: Mr. Richard Harwell, Executive Secretary, ACRL.
3:00 - 5:00 P.M. Visit to Swope Art Gallery, Terre Haute.

Evening 6:00 P.M. Supper for Executive Council, Official Chapter Delegates, and Sponsors. Kathryn Ann Bryson presiding. Terre Haute House. (No charge.)
Business Session. Kathryn Ann Bryson presiding.

NEW MEMBERS

ALPHA CHAPTER

Student Members: Julia King Avant, Marion, La.; Carolin Chamberlin, Pelican, La.; Yvonne Coffey, Gibsland La.; Gayle Cryer, DeRidder, La.; Rozel Hightower, Bastrop, La.; Beverly Mc Michael, Cotton Valley, La.; Cinda Lou Mize, Bogalusa, La.; Maurice K. Nickels, Oil City, La.; Rebecca Pilkinton, Elm Grove, La.; Helen Sorrell, Harrisonburg, La.

Professional Members: James M. Cherry, Natchitoches, La.; Daisy Cox, Natchitoches, La.

BETA CHAPTER

Student Members: Lease Dickerson Anderson, Moorehead, Miss.; Jewell Bell, Crawford, Miss.; Anne Carroll Bunting, Greenville, Miss.; Shelda Hardin, Calhoun City, Miss.; Carolyn King, Cleveland, Miss.; Royette Wood, Lauderdale, Miss.

GAMMA CHAPTER

Student Members: Sarann Owen, Worthington, Ind.; Henrietta Jane Taylor, Paoli, Ind.; Mrs. Wanda M. Vandivier, Terre Haute, Ind.; Jeanette Vendramin, East Chicago, Ind.

Professional Member: Mrs. Leila Thompson, Terre Haute, Ind.

Alumni Members: Hazel Armstrong, 135 Monroe Blvd., Terre Haute, Ind.; Virginia Bray, 2209 North 11th St., Terre Haute, Ind.; Lloyd Bury, 1106 Michigan Ave., Apt. Q, Laporte, Ind.; Kathrine Nehf Clark, 2632 Farrington St., Terre Haute, Ind.; Rosina Riso Crane, Rosedale, Ind.; May Phillips, Perrysville, Ind.; and Virgie Smith, Monroe City, Ind.

DELTA CHAPTER

Student Members: Patricia Federick, Florence, Ala

Alumni Members: Kathleen Brown, Librarian, Albertville High School, Albertville, Alabama; Mrs. Johnnie D. Coats, Elementary School Teacher, Taft, Tex.; Mrs. Mildred Edgewater, Librarian, Northport Elementary School, Northport, Ala.; Mrs. A. C. Fant, Teacher-Librarian, Starks University School, Montgomery, Ala.; Mrs.

Doris Flanagan, Tuscaloosa, Ala.; Cassie Lee Garrison, Teacher, Gorgas High School, Jasper, Ala.; Mrs. Louise Harris, Librarian, Winfield High School, Winfield, Ala.; Mrs. Mary T. Henry, Teacher, Oak Grove High School, Mulga, Ala.; G. Sheppard Hicks, Librarian, Anniston High School, Anniston, Ala.; Mrs. Louise Maddox, Librarian, Hartford High School, Hartford, Ala.; Mrs. Louise Rich, Teacher, Brookwood High School, Tuscaloosa, Ala.; Mrs. Sarah Ann Salmon, Teacher-Librarian, Jasper, Ala.; Mrs. Marianna T. Senff, Librarian, Livingston, Ala.; and Mamie Wisner, Librarian, Alabama Christian College, Montgomery, Ala.

EPSILON CHAPTER

Student Members: Norma Jean Warren, Murray, Ky.; and Bobby Glynn Rudd, Hardin, Ky.

ZETA CHAPTER

Student Members: Sue Campbell, Rupert, W. Va.; Patsy Jervis, Peterson, W. Va.; Giacomina Pignato, Duntown, W. Va.; Dora Ann Scarafino, Eccles, W. Va.; Jean Carolyn Shrount, Welch, W. Va.; Linda Soto, Charleston, W. Va.; and Margaret Whitt, Peterstown, W. Va.

ETA CHAPTER

Alumni Members: Carolyn Virginia Eaves, Box 3512, Texas State College for Women, Denton, Tex.; Jane Killingsworth, 205 Dubose St., Mineola, Tex.; and Nancy Sue Tompkins, Box 2667, Texas State College for Women, Denton, Tex.

THETA CHAPTER

Student Members: Mrs. Fern Alsdurf, Tempe, Ariz.; Carole Anderson, Winslow, Ariz.; Ernestine Bohlmann, Phoenix, Ariz.; Mrs. Naomi Crawford, Phoenix, Ariz.; Mrs. Ivy Garlick, Phoenix, Ariz.; Shirley Harris, Tempe, Ariz.; Mrs. Wilma Ahrens Heisser, Phoenix, Ariz.; Mrs. Ola S. Henderson, Phoenix, Ariz.; Mrs. Ethel Stahl Kirchner, Tempe, Ariz.; Mrs. Ethel Johnson Newell, Mesa, Ariz.; Lillie King Shaw, Phoenix, Ariz.

Professional Member: James Walter Bogue, Pheonix, Ariz.

KAPPA CHAPTER

Student Members: Joan Tallman, Sharon Hill, Pa.; and Carolyn Keith, New Freedom, Pa.

Professional Members: Stanley E. Adams, Millersville, Pa.; and Mrs. Esther Whitley, Lancaster, Pa.

Alumni Members: Donna Lou Detwiler, Librarian, Palmyra High School, Palmyra, Pa.; Jane Manbeck, Librarian, Springfield Township High School, Hillcrest Ave., East of Bethlehem Pike, Chestnut Hill, Philadelphia 18, Pa.; and Mrs. Sue Neiman, Librarian, Central Dauphin Joint High School, Penbrook, Pa.

MU CHAPTER

Student Members: Barbara Helen Strensis, Chicago, Ill.; Mary Alice Plager, Pearl City, Ill.; Marjorie Joan Kester, Watseka, Ill.; Eleanor Mary Eastwood, Towanda, Ill.; Ruth Eloise Cline, Ashmore, Ill.; Sheila Ann Anderson, Rockford, Ill.; and Donna Georgia Billeaux, Rock Falls, Ill.

Professional Member: Mary Charlotte Paris, Normal, Ill.;

Alumni Members: Olivia Chung, P. O. Box 206, Kuanakakai, Molakai, Hawaii; Mrs. Betty Eveland Cook, Librarian, Piper City, Ill.; Ruby Hundley, Librarian, Irving School, Bloomington, Ill.; Mrs. Margaret McMullin, Librarian, Central School, Normal, Ill.; Esther McNutt, 2940 Twentieth Ave., Rock Island, Ill.; Mrs. Grace Brinner Smith, 88 E Chicago, Coldwater, Mich.; and Edith Stortz, Librarian, Hopedale High School, Hopedale, Ill.;

Contributing Members: Mrs. Helen Brangenberg Friedel, 427 Graham Road, Forissant, Mo.; Mrs. Betty Ohm, 461 W. Cook, Springfield, Ill.; and Mrs. Henrietta Padgett, Librarian, Streater Schools, 927 S. Vermillion, Streater, Ill.

XI CHAPTER

Student Member: Mary Carolyn Gugeler, Burlington, Iowa.

Professional Members: Donald O. Rod, 2603 Iowa St., Cedar Falls, Iowa; Dorothy Larsen, 1902 Campus St., Cedar Falls, Iowa; and Margaret Fullerton, 2321 Franklin St., Cedar Falls, Iowa.

Alumni Member: Edra Bogle.

NEWS FROM OUR CHAPTERS

ALPHA CHAPTER

Northwestern State College of Louisiana
Natchitoches, Louisiana

Alpha Chapter held its fall pledging ceremony and Christmas Party December 5. The Old Lemece House, one of the places of historic interest in Natchitoches, was the scene for the occasion. Those pledged were Sue McFarland, Mrs. Dixie Whittington, Mrs. Nell Salim, Maurice Nickles, Becky Pilkinton, Helen Holleman, Rozel Hightower, Beverly McMichael, Carolin Chamberlin, Mary Ferguson, Patricia Anderson, Cinda Lou Mize, Helen Sorrell, Yvonne Coffey, and Mr. James Cherry, member of the NSC Library staff. Members, led by President Frank Petty, gave the pledges a hearty welcome to the Fraternity, and after the ceremony an informal party was held.

Mary Hyde and Polly, Rains attended the Louisiana Library Association Convention, held in New Orleans, in March; they were guests of the Association at the Book Dinner, March 8. Five or six students are planning to accompany Dr. Watson to Terre Haute for our National Convention.

Early April is the time for our annual field trip. We plan to visit various libraries in Shreveport, Louisiana, and to see the spectacular film "Around the World in 80 Days" while we are there. Members are looking forward to this occasion.

Ruth Wooldridge, our Corresponding Secretary, has been elected President of Delta Zeta Sorority and President of the Pan Hellenic Council. Julia King Avant is president of the local chapter of Kappa Delta Pi, and Mary Hyde is Secretary of that organization.

Best wishes are in order for the former Julia King who was married during the Christmas Holidays to James Avant.

Wanda Jordan, former National Treasurer of ABA, graduated in January. She is now Assistant Librarian at the new demonstration library at Leesville, Louisiana.

Connie Kennedy Waters, also a January graduate, went to Fort Smith to join her husband who is stationed at Fort Chaffee.

Alpha Chapter has taken as its project for the year "Recruiting". The members hope that they will have an opportunity to visit various high schools to encourage young people to enter the Library profession. The

first invitation came from one of our alumni members, Mrs. Betsy Bulteman Michell, who invited a group to talk to her library club at the Many High School.

At the present time, our club is sponsoring a project to acquire funds. Cook books entitled "Louisiana RFD Recipes" are being sold.

We all look forward to our Christmas mail as it often brings news of the whereabouts of our alums. Greetings were received from Charles Thigpen, librarian at the LeCompte High School; Vernon Jordan, at the Brooklyn Public Library; Dorothy Moses McFatter, Librarian at LaGrange High School, Lake Charles; Randall Detro, Mars Hill Jr. College, Mars Hill, South Carolina; Robert Joynes, with the armed forces in Japan; Frances Henry, doing overseas library work in Japan; Mary Sue Bellew Bailey, in New Orleans and busy taking care of her two children; Dixie Tarver Osborne, in Midland, Texas, also a busy housewife with two children; Dorothy Coleman Murr, in Ranger, Texas, where she is teaching; Catherine Basco, librarian at the LaGrange Junior High School in Lake Charles; Mildred Sue Hughes, doing graduate work at the University of Washington in Seattle; and Barbara Johnson Kraft, married and living in Jennings, Kansas; and Erma Freeland (letter, postmarked: Gueydan, Louisiana).

We always like to get letters telling of news of our alums. For instance, we have learned that Sue Tucker Kimball is teaching at the Marion High School; that Katy Hopkins Frey and her husband and young son are in Kentucky; that Sue Gilmore Sibley and her husband and son are in Beaumont, Texas; that Tommie Jean Tullis is at the Lake Charles Public Library; that Pat Hankins is now Mrs. Jimmy Ray Sledge and is living in Austin, Texas; that Sallie Harper Helm is staff consultant for the Dallas Library; that Jean Royston is secretary of the school section of the Louisiana Library Association.

BETA CHAPTER

Mississippi State College for Women
Columbus, Mississippi

Recently Beta Chapter became a member of the World Wide Doll Club. Every month, for a period of fourteen months, we will receive a doll from a different country. Our first one was Angelina, who is from Italy. She be-

came at once the main topic of conversation among the children at the Demonstration School on our campus, and is a great asset to the story hour for various grades. A large display on international relations is planned as soon as the collection is complete. It will feature a globe, the dolls, and books about each country represented.

During the Christmas season Mrs. Kenneth Gatchel, our sponsor, and Mrs. Kate T. Barton, Assistant Professor of Library Science, entertained Beta Chapter at the coffee hour in Mrs. Gatchel's antebellum home.

Julia Carolyn Pugh, our recording Secretary, was one of the five seniors on our campus, who was invited to become a charter member of Phi Kappa Phi, National Honor Society.

We are planning a field trip in late February. It will include tours of the Tuscaloosa County Library and the Tuscaloosa Library Bindery in Tuscaloosa, Alabama; Shades Valley High School Library, Homewood Library; Birmingham Public Library and the Park Branch, in Birmingham. A trip to the Art Museum in Birmingham is to be part of the trip. In the evening a banquet at Vestavia (a replica of the temple of Vesta) is planned, followed by a trip to the statue of Vulcan to view the Birmingham skyline.

GAMMA CHAPTER

Indiana State Teacher College
Terre Haute, Indiana

Miss Katherine Barnett, Mrs. Ruby Weinbrecht, and Mr. Samuel Marino were the dinner guests of those Gamma members who live in Womans Residence Hall, Wednesday, January 9. At the meeting held after the dinner, Miss Barnett, State Supervisor of School Libraries and Teaching Materials in Indiana, spoke on "Challenges of Librarianship." Mrs. Weinbrecht, the new Sponsor, is replacing Miss Shinoske, who served as the Sponsor for the Fall Term. Both of them are substitutes for Miss Nelle McCalla who is teaching in Beirut, Lebanon.

The fifth annual birthday banquet was held February 1, in the Student Union Ballroom. Ten pledges, alumnae, and professional members were initiated. The speaker for the occasion was Dr. Richard E. Thursfield, Dean of Instruction at Indiana State. His topic was "Libraries and Research."

On March 6, the various committees working on the plans for the National Convention met at the College Library.

DELTA CHAPTER
University of Alabama
University, Alabama

Delta Chapter has been invited to assist with the Alabama Library Association's 53rd Annual Conference, which will be held in Tuscaloosa, April 11-13. The President is Mrs. Jean Hoffman, an alumna of Alpha Beta Alpha.

We are especially proud of Marilyn Shaw who has been selected for "Who's Who in American Colleges and Universities." Marilyn, along with Ethel Garth and Roberta Sugarman, was among the top ten finalists in the Beauty Parade on Bama Day, 1956.

They will add both beauty and brains to the library profession.

Mrs. Pauline Foster, our Sponsor, compiled a Newsletter that brought us up-to-date on our alumni. Miss Mary Edna Anders was awarded a fellowship in library science at Columbia University by the Southern Fellowship Fund. Mrs. Samuel M. Johnson, on leave of absence from her position as cataloger, is now studying at the University of Kentucky Library School. Mrs. Benjamin Simmons has become head of the Toulminville Branch of the Mobile Public Library. Mrs. Jack Harrison has accepted a position as cataloger for the Alabama Supreme Court Library.

EPSILON CHAPTER
Murray State College
Murray, Kentucky

Epsilon Chapter was very happy to welcome new members with its initiation in January. Immediately following the initiation services, the members were joined by professional members and guests for a banquet which was held in the Woman's Club House of Murray. The guest speaker for the evening was Dr. W. F. Steely, a member of the Murray State College faculty, who discussed international relations and the part that librarians can play in their communities.

The November program, which was planned by John Boggess and Walter McCauley, consisted of a talk on Mexico by Phillip Garber, a Library Science student here at Murray who makes various tours each summer. He displayed several items that he had purchased in Mexico. The December meeting was a Christmas program given by Myrna Beard and Amelia Guhy.

On December 13, 1956, Epsilon's President, Linda Dillard, presented her senior recital. Linda is a Library Science and Music major. Following the recital Miss Rezina Senter, Epsilon Sponsor, gave a reception for Miss Dillard in the lounge of East Hall Dormitory. Out-of-town guests were present, as well as faculty members and members of Alpha Beta Alpha.

On February 9, 1957, Epsilon members were host to a one-day workshop of west Kentucky high school library assistants. The following topics were discussed and explained to the ninety-five people present: "The Use of Wilson Cards," explained by Mrs. Laura Ikerd, school librarian at Heath; "Jobbers and Agencies," by Linda Dillard; "Processing Books," Walter McCauley; and "Mending," by John Boggess. A luncheon was arranged for the librarians by Epsilon's hostess, Miss Myrna Beard. Miss Jean Wiggins, circulation librarian of the college library, was the luncheon speaker.

Wedding bells have rung for Barbara Grubbs who was married to Robert Marquis in August, and for Miss Amelia Guhy who was wed to Dick Hogancamp of Indianapolis, Indiana, on January 25.

Dr. Hensley Woodbridge, head librarian of Murray State College, has published several bibliographies during the past year.

Epsilon is making plans to attend the National Alpha Beta Alpha Convention. There will be approximately two cars of students along with our sponsor, Miss Rezina Senter. We are planning to visit some libraries on the way.

ZETA CHAPTER
Concord College

Princeton, West Virginia

Zeta Chapter has had several interesting meetings since the last report. The pledging ceremony was presented during the November meeting; in December the new members presented a Christmas program of carols, stories, and Bible selections.

The January meeting really started the New Year off right with several members giving facts and discussing the qualifications for entering nearby graduate library schools. The girls participating in the program were Kathryn Bryson, Frances Pettrey, Shirley Evans, and Naomi Workman.

Since Nancy Hunt, the Secretary, had resigned, Elizabeth Bailey was appointed to fill the position.

An initiation was conducted during the February meeting.

ETA CHAPTER
Texas State College for Women
Denton, Texas

On November 27, 1956, Eta Chapter initiated a number of graduate students as well as several new members of the Library Science faculty.

Also in November sixteen juniors, seniors, and sophomores were welcomed as pledges to Eta Chapter. The sophomores are Diane Davies, Barbara Greenfield, Carolyn Jackson, Frances Knight, Jo Elda Martinez, Nancy Peyton; juniors include Marilyn Cannon, Mrs. Katherine Jameson, Betty Tomlin, Darlene Wilson, Jeanette Yackey, Mrs. Helen McMillan, Mrs. Aleta McFadden; while seniors are Arlene Leong, Mrs. Virginia Pope, and Mrs. Alma Tevis.

Christmas activities included the Christmas party, which was held in the new building for the first time.

The entertainment was arranged by the pledges as part of their duties. Patty Carpenter and Shirley Blake-more of the Speech Department gave readings. Charades, Christmas Telegrams, and other games were played. Refreshments were furnished by Dr. D. Genevieve Dixon, Miss Loretta Kreuz, Miss Anne Marionelli, and Miss Marjorie Theberg. There was an eight-foot Christmas tree in the lounge, which was decorated by the pledges and members of the Chapter.

On November 8, 1956, the Chapter was hostess to the annual meeting of the Texas Libraries Association. The slate of new officers was approved, and a banquet for the members was held at noon in the main dining hall.

The Library Science department was recently given accreditation by the American Library Association.

On March 12, 1957, the Chapter held its annual banquet and initiation for pledges. The guest speaker was Miss Dorothy Kittle, head of the Community Living branch of the new Dallas Public Library. She discussed the qualities that make a good librarian and the various facets of her work in the Community Living division.

Plans are being made for the forthcoming Festival of Nations held annually at TSCW. This April, Eta

Chapter will sponsor a booth using America as its theme, and will sell articles and food characteristic of the U. S. A.

At the last meeting, Donna Staley of Santa Maria, California, was elected to represent Eta Chapter as a Cotton Ball Duchess at the Cotton Ball held annually at Texas A & M. Eta Chapter has been invited to install a new chapter of Alpha Beta Alpha at Our Lady of the Lake College, San Antonio, Texas, sometime this spring.

IOTA CHAPTER

San Jose State College
San Jose, California

Iota had a Christmas party with an exchange of gifts and refreshments. The annual rummage sale was held in January, making a profit of \$100.

Some of the future plans consist of the initiation and dinner for the new pledges. Iota will also participate in the Founders Day celebration in connection with the centennial of the school. Plans are being made to send a representative to the National Convention of ABA.

The new pledges are: Mary Anne Terstegge, Gertrude Carlin, Eleanor Kyes, Marilyn Shepherd, Mildred Roach, Roberta Rotharmel, Joyce Hansen, Judy Weymouth, David McFadden, Gay Boitel, Gayle Browne, Radiene Krisalick, Barbara Jean Morris.

KAPPA CHAPTER

Millersville State Teachers College
Millersville, Pennsylvania

A number of new students were initiated into Kappa Chapter in a candlelight ceremony on February 19.

On March 6-10 sixteen junior members in the Library Science curriculum made a field trip to New York City; Miss Beatrice Datesman, Assistant Librarian, accompanied the group. Some of the places on the itinerary included Butler Library and Teachers College Library, at Columbia University; the New York Public Library, and its Donnell Branch; and the High School of Fashion Industries. The girls who made the trip were Doris Boltz, Leola Burkett, Mrs. Lillian Eyer, Mary Louise Gingerich, Nancy Ickes, Barbara John, Carolyn Keith, Stella Mahan, Marilyn Mellott, Claudia Moore, Rita Quickle, Mrs. Josephine Roye, Ruth Runkle, Janet Statler, Joan Tallman, and Ella Worrell.

LAMBDA CHAPTER Louisiana State University Baton Rouge, Louisiana

Lambda Chapter now has two projects under a consideration for the semester. One, a book drive, is to be carried on in Baton Rouge for books to be sent to a foreign country. The other is the big project of recruitment. A campus-wide recruitment campaign for Library Science minors is being planned.

Lambda was honored at the February meeting by having Mrs. Florinell Morton, Director of the L. S. U. Library School, as guest speaker. Mrs. Morton spoke on the graduate school.

Two members from Lambda, Blanche Compton and Pearl Gondrella, attended the Louisiana Library Association's meeting in New Orleans, and were guests of the Association at the Book Dinner.

The officers for the spring semester are: Marjorie Landry, President; Blanche Compton, Vice-President; and Mamel Shufeldt, Secretary-Treasurer.

Lambda's Delegate, Catherine Barfield, is looking forward to seeing representatives from all chapters at the National Convention in Terre Haute.

MU CHAPTER

Illinois State Normal University
Normal, Illinois

Our Christmas party was held at the home of our Sponsor, Miss Eunice Speer. Using the Christmas theme, Miss Margaret Parret, instructor in speech, presented a reading. She also led the group in the choral reading of a number of short Christmas selections. Each member brought a small gift, which was later given to a group of needy children in the area.

In January the group met in the art gallery of the library to hear Miss Eleanor Welch, director of libraries, speak on the topic "Realms of the Unknown in Milner Library." She illustrated her talk by showing the group those rare, unknown items which the library has—such as, rare books, autographed copies of books, first editions of books, and items of historical significance to Normal. The Chapter also held a farewell party for the secretary-treasurer, Theria Jackson, who graduated in January.

Having completed a semester of pledging, several new members were initiated at the February meeting. For this very special occasion, the group met in the faculty lounge, in the administration building.

The program for the remainder of the year includes such activities as a trip to the state library and a panel discussion by members of the library staff.

NU CHAPTER Marshall College

Huntington, West Virginia

Nu Chapter began its first semester as an active Chapter by taking twenty pledges. There was an initiation on March 3, with more pledges taken at that time.

One of the past meetings featured a talk from the public librarian, Mr. Omar Bacon, on "The Public Library and Its Services." At one meeting, we had games featuring characterers of books and stories. We had to guess their identity from a clue, and the person getting the most correct answers won a prize. We had a guest speaker on Monday, February 11, at a dinner meeting. Our campus had a special week of emphasis in life planning. One of the main speakers, Miss Margaret Flory who is connected with the Mission Board of the Presbyterian Church, U. S. A., spoke to our Chapter at a dinner meeting on February 11.

We are proud that three of the members of Nu were selected and named in this year's "Who's Who in American Colleges and Universities". They are Suzanne Hensley, Donna Lawson, and Mary Jo Sullivan, all officers of our Chapter.

Our present pledge class has compiled material relating to the installation of our Chapter and the history of ABA. The forthcoming pledge class will be responsible for publishing this in booklet form. Thus we hope to have our constitution, history, and pertinent information in a convenient, handy booklet which we can use in many ways.

We are making plans for a special event to celebrate Founder's Day in May, and are eagerly awaiting the coming of the National Convention.

XI CHAPTER

Iowa State Teachers College
Cedar Falls, Iowa

The main event during the winter quarter on the campus of Iowa State Teachers College was that of the initiation of new members into Alpha Beta Alpha. The formal ceremony was held in January in the Women's Faculty Lounge. One of the pledges, Mr. Everett Howell, has taken the added responsibility of being co-sponsor of Xi

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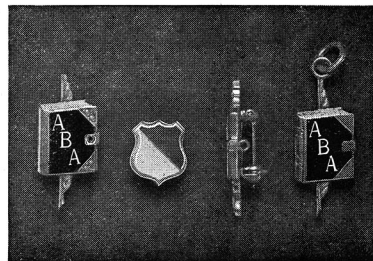
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Chapter of Alpha Beta Alpha. Following the ceremony, a supper was held in honor of the new members.

March 29 was the second annual Library Students Day on the campus. Committees scheduled tours of classes and supplied free materials. A new committee initiated a new feature this year — a bulletin board contest.

AMENDMENTS

The following proposed amendments to the National Constitution will be discussed at the Convention:

Article III, Section 1: add the words "four-year" before the words "degree-granting."

Article III, Section 2, Sub-Section A, (1): add the word "undergraduate" after "bona-fide"; substitute the phrase "enrolled in one or more" for the word "taking"; add "active" before "student membership."

Article III, Section 2, Sub-Section A, (2): add "active" before "professional member."

Article IV, Section 2: after "semester" add "(or quarter)."

Article IV, Section 3, last sentence: after "total", add "active."

Article V, first and last lines: add word "National" before word "Conventions" in both cases.

The following proposed amendments to the BY-LAWS will also be presented for discussion and possible action.

Article III, Section 1, Sub-Section A: for the existing parenthetical statement, substitute: "(no reduction in this amount may be made, even though the individual may not be an active member during the entire fiscal year)"

Article III, Section 1, Sub-Section G: revise the entire Sub-Section, and add a fairly heavy penalty of some sort for delinquency.

Does anyone else have any suggested amendments that should be considered?

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