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# THE ALPHABET

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## DEDICATION

To Susan Bush, three-year Editor **par excellence**, this issue is affectionately dedicated

## OUR PRESIDENT



Dear ABA Member:

Congratulations on being a member of Alpha Beta Alpha in this year of 1959. Although ABA is one of the youngest professional fraternities in America, it is significant that it is also one of the fastest growing fraternities. In this organization, the student has the best opportunities to observe the establishment of the place of the librarian.

ABA is, to the undergraduate, an expression of the faith that he feels in the future of his chosen work. He believes not only in the importance of the library to our society, but in the importance of his place in that development. ABA is also an expression of the unity resulting from a close understanding among librarians. It serves the dual purpose of uniting the undergraduate with the graduate and creates a cooperation between librarians and future librarians all over the U. S.

So here's to you in 1959 ABA member.

Patsy Teague  
National President

## EXECUTIVE SECRETARY'S COLUMN

Greetings to all members of Alpha Beta Alpha as we move into our ninth college year. Last spring our membership reached the new high of 1,369; and there is every reason to believe that the phenomenal growth will accelerate rather than level off—Upsilon was installed at Shepherd College on November 1 (making West Virginia our first three-Chapter State!) and additional schools which have expressed an interest in having Chapters include Trenton State College, Trenton, N. J.; Central Michigan College, Mt. Pleasant, Mich.; and St. Catherine's College, St. Paul, Minn.

By the time that this issue of *The Alphabet* comes off the press we hope to have completed the distribution of the membership certificates; every Honorary member, every Alumni member and every person who was an active student or professional member in 1957-58 is entitled to a certificate, as are all persons joining the Fraternity after September 1, 1958. Only one copy of the certificate is issued to a member; but, after his first year of membership every active member must have a membership card for the current year, otherwise he is not in good standing (if you do not have your membership card for the current year, check with your Treasurer).

The financial records for 1957-58 have been audited, and copies of the detailed financial statement have been supplied to the members of the Executive Council and to all Chapters; a summary of the statement appears below.

Dr. Harold Lancour has for several years been interested in providing scholarships for outstanding Alpha Beta Alphas at his University of Illinois Library School (Susan Bush got one!). And now we are winning

other powerful friends. In November, Dr. Lester Asheim, Dean of the University of Chicago Graduate Library School, has asked for a list of all the Chapter Sponsors so he can invite the Chapters to submit to him names of their most outstanding members for consideration in the awarding of the coveted GLS scholarships. Dr. Louis Shores, Dean of the Library School at Florida State University has also expressed a strong interest in ABA.

Is your suitcase packed yet? Everyone else is going to Normal, Illinois, for the stupendous ABA Convention, April 24-25, 1959; so you be sure to come too!!!

## National Officers

*President*—Miss Patsy Teague  
(Epsilon)

*Vice-President*—Miss Sheila Anderson  
(Mu)

*Treasurer*—Miss Helen Sorrell  
(Alpha)

*Exec. Sec.*—Dr. Eugene P. Watson  
(Alpha)

*National Council Members:* District No. 1, Miss Lavada Bachmeyer (Pi); No. 2, Miss Marvia Bryant (Omicron); No. 3, Miss Kay Gibson (Gamma); No. 4, Miss Mary Stewart (Zeta); No. 5, Miss Gail Browne (Iota).

### IN MEMORIAM

*Alpha Chapter:* Miss Ruby Moore, Librarian, Fair Park High School, Shreveport, La., died on April 28, 1958.

# National Convention

Illinois State Normal University

April 24-25, 1959

## NEW MEMBERS

### ALPHA Chapter

STUDENT MEMBERS: Charles Ainsworth, Shreveport, La.; Doris Ann Brett, Bermuda, La.; Judith Hammond, Alexandria, La.; Betty Latham, Winnfield, La.; Syble McClellan, Fisher, La.; and Rebecca Salley, Many, La.

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERS: Barbara Briant, Natchitoches, La.; and Mrs. Inez Kirk, Natchitoches, La.

### GAMMA Chapter

STUDENT MEMBER: Judith Johnson, Sheridan, Ind.

### DELTA Chapter

STUDENT MEMBERS: LaJuana Dagnan, Warrior, Ala.; Jane Hinderer, Tuscaloosa, Ala.; Patricia Huggins, Georgiana, Ala.; Ellen Joiner, Birmingham, Ala.; Mrs. Frances Roberts, Tuscaloosa, Ala.; and Rebecca Warren, Enterprise, Ala.

PROFESSIONAL MEMBER: Mrs. Margaret Sewell, Tuscaloosa, Ala.

FIVE-YEAR ALUMNI MEMBERS: Mrs. Esthere Blakeslee, 19 Bienville Ave., Mobile, Ala.; Mrs. Orrice Boney, Gilbertown, Ala.; Elizabeth Carpenter, New Hope, Ala.; Mrs. Sarah M. Childers, 1417 Cloverdale Apts., Tuscaloosa, Ala.; Mrs. Sarah Cowart, Reform, Ala.; Mrs. Ethel Champagne Cushman, 907 Highland Ave., Apt. A, Jackson, Tenn.; Mrs. Lettie P. Hartzog, Route 2, Warrior, Ala.; Mrs. Ethel Hester, Box 68, Guin, Ala.; Mrs. Helen Jones, Oakman, Ala.; Mrs. Nell Moon, West Blocton, Ala.; Mrs. Woody Moore, 215 Polk Street, Marion, Ala.; Mrs. Jean J. Norton, Sumter, Co. Hospital, York, Ala.; Mrs. Juanita Rice, Route 1, Delta, Ala.; Mrs. Jessie S. Robbins, Box 102, Goodwater, Ala.; Mrs. Viola U. Sheats, 513 15th Ave., Tuscaloosa, Ala.; Mrs. Czarina Shepherd, Berry, Ala.; Mrs. Margaret Sherer, Pine Crest, Jasper, Ala.; Mrs. Mary Allen Stough, 414 Hall Ave., Bay Minette, Ala.; Mrs. Mattie H. Teel, Route 4, Box 121, Wetumpka, Ala.; Mrs. Loretta Wallace, 422 E. Pitts Heights, Tuscaloosa, Ala.; and Leva Ozanna Ward, Livingston, Ala.

### ETA Chapter

STUDENT MEMBERS: Reese Ann Evans, Port Arthur, Tex.; Elisa Garcia, Laredo, Tex.; Vanita Lee Minden, La.; Floria Mansour, Tehran, Iran; Blanca Martinez, Rio Grand

City, Tex.; Mona Munson, Alvin, Tex.; and Alrene Rice, Tyler, Tex.

FIVE-YEAR ALUMNI MEMBERS: Magdalena Santos, Barrigada Village, Guam; and Gloria White, Port Arthur, Tex.

ALUMNI LIFE MEMBER: Siddie Joe Johnson, Coordinator of Children's Work, Dallas Public Library, Dallas, Tex.

### KAPPA Chapter

STUDENT MEMBERS: Maria Ackermann, Millersville, Pa.; Lydia Margaret Brelsford, Boonton, New Jersey; Sarah Ann Darlington, Hershey, Pa.; Mary Joyce Donohue, Havertown, Pa.; Ruth Doutrich, Columbia, Pa.; Nancy Eshelman, Cone-stoga, Pa.; Meala Rae Eyler, Mt. Holly Springs, Pa.; Barbara Fasnacht, Silver Spring, Pa.; Theresa Gorzkowski, Avoca, Pa.; Judith Althea Graham, Enola, Pa.; Myrtle Ella Graham, Stoneboro, Pa.; Kathryn Muriel Jenkins, Peach Bottom, Pa.; Patricia B. A. Kirchkesner, Walnutport, Pa.; Carole Lock, Philadelphia, Pa.; Mrs. Mary Reary, Millersville, Pa.; Nancy Rigin, Bellefonte, Pa.; Jane Ritzman, Mifflintown, Pa.; Helen Ryno, Quarrytown, Pa.; Gail Joyce Shipton, Grove City, Pa.; Saul Weinstein, New Kensington, Pa.; and Cynthia Ann Wiley, Lancaster, Pa.

ALUMNI LIFE MEMBER: Louise Ann Snyder, Librarian, Upper Leacock Jr.-Sr. High School, Leola, Pa.

### LAMBDA Chapter

STUDENT MEMBERS: Mary Ann Adcock, Coushatta, La.; Ellen Fitzgerald, Baton Rouge, La.; Steven Gaghan, Metairie, La.; Linda Gates, Handsboro, Miss.; Abby Gladeau, New Orleans, La.; Betty Gondrella, New Orleans, La.; and Bill Wilson, Shreveport, La.

### MU Chapter

STUDENT MEMBERS: Barbara Ann Graham, Moline, Ill.; Mabra Marie Hebert, Harvey, Ill.; Delores Louise Kearns, Danville, Ill.; Mary Kay Knicl, Dixon, Ill.; Barbara Gayle Randolph, Mahomet, Ill.; Rita Rogers, Kent, Ill.; Gloria Ruth Ward, E. St. Louis, Ill.; Valerie Jane Wilford, Moline, Ill.; and Elsie Mae Wilken, Ash-cumb, Ill.

FIVE-YEAR ALUMNI MEMBERS: Mrs. Irma S. Andrews, 805 S. Spring St., Washington, Ill.; Mrs. Rose Marie D. Bogle, 203 Charlotte, Waxahachie, Tex.; Mrs. Lois K.

Breimeier, 1015 Ormond Drive, Kirkwood, Mo.; Evelyn Graham, 231 No. Main, Princeton, Ill.; Emma Nettie Gray, Route No. 1, Chana, Ill.; and Peter J. Martin, 1020 So. Magnolia, Fullerton, Calif.

ALUMNI LIFE MEMBER: Robert Eugene Abbott, 1407 N. Oak St., Bloomington, Ill.

### NU Chapter

STUDENT MEMBERS: Mrs. Kathleen Chambers, Huntington, W. Va.; Janice Martin, Kenova, W. Va.; Patricia Wallace, Barboursville, W. Va.; and Donna Ramey, Kenova, W. Va.

### XI Chapter

STUDENT MEMBER: Betty Harrison, Marshalltown, Iowa.

### OMICRON Chapter

STUDENT MEMBERS: Johnnie Mae Austin, Tallahassee, Fla.; Elton Burl Bellamy, Ocala, Fla.; Marvia Celestine Bryant, Tallahassee, Fla.; Mrs. Bettye D. Chandler, Winter Park, Fla.; Olivette Floyd, Micanopy, Fla.; and Myrtle Levonne Jones, Marianna, Fla.

### PI Chapter

STUDENT MEMBERS: Lavada D. Backmeyer, Baytown, Tex.; Isabel Bazan, San Antonio, Tex.; Geraldine Cruz, San Antonio, Tex.; Mrs. Mary Pat Fluit, San Antonio, Tex.; Irene Francis, San Antonio, Tex.; Ruth Ann Grams, San Antonio, Tex.; Mrs. Barbara Harris, San Antonio, Tex.; Mrs. Virginia Hickey, San Antonio, Tex.; Zelma Jo Hull, San Antonio, Tex.; Mrs. Mary Elizabeth Perez, San Antonio, Tex.; Mrs. Jimmie Rains, San Antonio, Tex.; Mrs. Yvonne Ross, San Antonio, Tex.; Nereida Santa Cruz, Asuncion, Paraguay; Rosemary Schneider, San Antonio, Tex.; Jeanne Taylor, San Antonio, Tex.; Mrs. Imogene Whittington, San Antonio, Tex.; and Sally Williams, Pecos, Tex.

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERS: Angelita de la Garza, San Antonio, Tex.; and Mrs. Adele Speiser, San Antonio, Tex.

FIVE-YEAR ALUMNI MEMBERS: Coye Lee Barrier, San Antonio Public Library, San Antonio, Tex.; Mrs. Geraldine Le Fevre, San Antonio Public Library, San Antonio, Tex.; and Mrs. Catherine Rokett, Lackland Elementary Library, Lackland Air Force Base, Tex.

*SIGMA Chapter*

**CHARTER STUDENT MEMBERS:** Grace Bailey, Stockbridge, Mich.; Nancy Jo Brennan, Wayne, Mich.; Mrs. Julia A. Bugera, Kalamazoo, Mich.; Jean Carl, Bay City, Mich.; Joan Carl, Bay City, Mich.; Mrs. Elaine Chatelain, Kalamazoo, Mich.; Linda Clapp, Jonesville, Mich.; Patricia Corkey, Logansport, Ind.; Kay Cosgrove, Lansing, Mich.; Sharon Dykhuis, South Haven, Mich.; Martin Gaskin, Kalamazoo, Mich.; Margot Gehringer, Ionia, Mich.; Pauline Kesler, Hastings, Mich.; Eva Jane Klett, Constantine, Mich.; Mrs. Margaret Kramer, Otsego, Mich.; Mrs. Dorothy Lander, Kalamazoo, Mich.; Mary Ann McCarthy, Cadillac, Mich.; Glenda Peck, Dowagiac, Mich.; Roberta Poynter, Homer, Mich.; Nancy Rice, Kalamazoo, Mich.; Virgie Scheich, Monroe, Mich.; Mary Ann Smith, Bay City, Mich.; Janet Stark, Detroit, Mich.; Judith L. Taylor, Williamston, Mich.; Lois Teachout, Grand Rapids, Mich.; William Thornton, Ionia, Mich.; David Twiest Grand Rapids, Mich.; Bernice Waldhanz, Galesburg, Mich.; and Kay Witherell, Kalamazoo, Mich.

**CHARTER PROFESSIONAL MEMBERS:** Esther Carter, Kalamazoo, Mich.; Mate Graye Hunt, Kalamazoo, Mich.; and Alice Louise Le Freve, Kalamazoo, Mich.

*TAU Chapter*

**CHARTER STUDENT MEMBERS:** Geraldine Abramowski, Cicero, Ill.; Jane Bowman, Geneseo, Ill.; Judy Brejcha, Berwyn, Ill.; Muriel Browne-Miller, Chicago, Ill.; Diana Budd, Chicago, Ill.; Ann Carroll, DeKalb, Ill.; Nancy Cornwell, South Beloit, Ill.; Janice Cromwell, Mokena, Ill.; Marilyn Deutsch, Chicago, Ill.; Peter Edward Dieter, Park Ridge, Ill.; Helene Druissi, Rockford, Ill.; Mary Pat Fisher, Sycamore, Ill.; Dawn Fryar, Broadview, Ill.; Jeanette Gerretse, Bourbonnais, Ill.; Pat Haney, Waukegan, Ill.; Ellen Lee Hansen, Chicago, Ill.; Patricia Ann Hayes, Moline, Ill.; Eleanore Patricia Kruszynski, Oak Lawn, Ill.; Rosalie Diane Larsen, Round Lake, Ill.; Annette Miller, Itasca, Ill.; Joanne Nafziger, Washington, Ill.; Dolores Nystrom, Chicago, Ill.; Louise Pryby, Des Plaines, Ill.; Carolyn Rada, Berwyn, Ill.; Muirl Radke, Elizabeth, Ill.; Roberta Sue Robert, Aurora, Ill.; Thelma L. Robinson, Chicago, Ill.; Mrs. Helen Sanford, Ashton, Ill.; Donald J. Schabel, Chi-

**NEWS FROM OUR MEMBERS****ALPHA CHAPTER**

Northwestern State College  
Natchitoches, Louisiana

Alpha Chapter is working on two projects this year: (1) recruiting prospects for membership in Alpha Beta Alpha, and (2) raising funds for the chapter's treasury.

The chapter's project, to interest students in joining ABA and in choosing a career in librarianship, began with a Halloween Party to which twenty-two prospects were invited.

Next, these same prospects were invited to join the members and initiatees for an informal social immediately following the fall initiation ceremony. Five students pledged last year were initiated this fall. Short talks on librarianship were given by several local librarians. Dr. Watson, ABA's Executive Secretary, talked on college and university librarianship;

Priscilla Sells, Chicago, Ill.; William F. Sherman, Jr.; Downers Grove, Ill.; Joan Siemers, Cicero, Ill.; Marilyn Spink, Chicago, Ill.; and Nan Stoner, Chicago, Ill.

**CHARTER PROFESSIONAL MEMBERS:** I. Ann Beebe, DeKalb, Ill.; Sarah M. Davis, DeKalb, Ill.; Ruth A. Eismann, DeKalb, Ill.; Bernadine C. Hanby, DeKalb, Ill.; Anne Kovanda, DeKalb, Ill.; Ruby V. Martz, DeKalb, Ill.; Verna V. Melum, DeKalb, Ill.; Janice A. Mummert, DeKalb, Ill.; Esther A. Park, DeKalb, Ill.; Charlotte K. Post, DeKalb, Ill.; and Katherine Walker, DeKalb, Ill.

**CHARTER FIVE-YEAR ALUMNI MEMBERS:** Mrs. Barbara Hickey, 214 North Ave., Aurora, Ill.; and Carol Robbins, 102 East Ash St., Lombard, Ill.

*Corrections*

Because the following members were incorrectly listed in our Spring issue, we herewith apologize, and include the correct listing.

*Rho Chapter:* Charter Student Member: Ronald Schafer, Lehigh, Pa.; Charter Five-Year Alumni Member: Myrle R. Kuhns, Assistant Librarian, State Teachers College, Lock Haven, Pa.; all of the members should have been listed as Charter Members.

Mrs. Martha Lang, Northwestern State College staff librarian, discussed public and military library work; Miss Agnes Clark, Natchitoches High School librarian, pointed out the advantages of work in school libraries; and Mrs. Lucille Carnahan, library science instructor and Alpha's sponsor, discussed briefly opportunities for library work in many special types of libraries.

The third phase of the chapter's recruiting campaign began with an invitation to the prospects to be pledged preceding the annual Christmas party.

In order to raise money for the chapter, the members are again selling the French cook-books that sold so successfully for several years, *The Arcadian Bi-Centennial Cook Book*. They sell for \$1.50 and the chapter makes \$.50 on each book.

Mrs. Inez Kirk, one of Alpha's members who is librarian at the new West Natchitoches Elementary School, invited the members of ABA to help her with a Book Fair that she sponsored during Book Week.

Yvonne Coffey, an ABA Member, was the honor graduate at the NSC summer commencement. Two other ABA members were graduated last summer and were on the honor roll, Mrs. Constance Kennedy Waters and Mrs. Gladys L. Britt.

An alumni member, Jean Royston, now librarian at the W. W. Lewis Junior High School in Sulphur, Louisiana, was recently elected president of the Louisiana Association of School Librarians. As president of LASL, Miss Royston will represent that group at the national convention of the American Library Association in Washington, D. C., in June.

**BETA CHAPTER**

Mississippi State College for Women  
Columbus, Mississippi

Careers in library science is the keynote of programs in Beta Chapter for the 1958-1959 session. These programs, to inform as well as entertain the members, feature guest speakers who tell the club about their field of library science.

For the November meeting, several of the present members spoke on

librarianship as a career and their experiences in working in libraries. Donna Whitten began the program with a short talk on librarianship as a career and the world-wide demand for librarians. Sarah Ann West, Pauline Livaudais, and Billie Cockeham told their experiences of the past summer when they worked for the Mississippi Library Association.

Stressing the literary aspect as well, the chapter plans to have a Mississippi author as guest speaker at a meeting.

A comprehensive bulletin board showing, by use of colored pins, the location of Mississippi State College for Women library science graduates, is on display in the department. A smaller bulletin board shows the home towns of students in the department, designating majors and minors.

A newly-undertaken project is a news-letter to be sent to last year's graduates. This news-letter contains activities of the chapter, a roster of members and pledges, and addresses of the 1958 graduates.

Sonia Thornhill, vice-president of the chapter, made the Dean's list on the annual Honor's Day Program.

Since the last report, Beta has had visits from several alumnae. Bertha Wachsmann and her husband, Bob Adkins, visited the college in June. Bertha is a life member of Alpha Beta Alpha and was president of the Beta Chapter in 1953-1954. Other visitors to the chapter has had recently are: Mrs. Ray Downey, the former Mary Barwick, and her four month old daughter, Sherrell from Bryan, Texas; Sarah Carter, one of our five year members of Alpha Beta Alpha, who is children's librarian in Covalis, Oregon; Mrs. Richard Adams, the former Jane Rodgers, who is now living in Pennsylvania; Mrs. Homer Wilson, the former Elva Smallwood, of Hattiesburg, Mississippi; Mrs. Ted Trainor, the former Priscilla Caye of Middletown, Kentucky; Mrs. James McElroy, the former Fleta Johnson, who is the junior high school librarian in Meridan, Mississippi; Mrs. William Hamilton, the former Geneva Ingram, who is an assistant reference librarian at an Air Force Base in Lubbock, Texas; and Mrs. Morris Reece, the former Janis Biggers of Corinth, Mississippi.

Julia Pugh '57, another five year member received her M.A. in library science from Emory University in

June and is now in Public Library Service in Covis, New Mexico.

Twenty-six former Beta members attended the Mississippi Library Association in Natchez, Mississippi, to hear Dr. Eugene Watson at the annual convention.

#### GAMMA CHAPTER

Indiana State Teachers College  
Terre Haute, Indiana.

The 1958-59 officers of the Gamma Chapter of Alpha Beta Alpha are: Kay Gibson, President; Alice Morton, Vice-President; Anna Mary Smith, Recording Secretary; Sherri Roach, Corresponding Secretary, Colleen Magnuson, Treasurer; and Darlene Meki, Reporter and Historian.

On October 11 Gamma Chapter had its annual Homecoming Breakfast in the cafeteria of the Student Union Building. All members were invited to attend the Breakfast.

Seven students were pledged to the Gamma Chapter. They were: Keith Coyner, Joy Doane, Judy Flagg, Linda Goodrich, Joan Humble, Gene Norman, and Gloria Welton.

The annual Christmas party was held at the home of Mrs. Failing, an alumnus, on December 12. Homemade tree ornaments and gifts of money decorated the tree. The money is to be used to equip the Alpha Beta Alpha meeting room. Christmas stories were told by Brenda Crist and Sue Dyer, members of a Story-Telling Club, as part of the entertainment.

Miss Susan Bush, former editor of the *Alphabet* and alumnus of the Gamma Chapter, is now attending the University of Illinois Library School.

#### DELTA CHAPTER

University of Alabama  
University, Alabama

The Delta Chapter of Alpha Beta Alpha conducted the initiation and pledging ceremony at the November meeting. Delta's new president, Pat Huggins, presided. The Delta Chapter accepted the following as new pledges: Lila Bowen, Lauren Doggett, Derek Milsom, Jo Ann Morrison, Judith O'Daniel, Frances Smith, Monroe Snider, Ann Wilkins, Anne Williams and Donna Wiltsie.

At the November meeting the traditional picture of the Delta Chapter was taken for the Corolla, the year-book of the University of Alabama.

The December meeting consisted of

a visit to the Veterans Hospital in Tuscaloosa. The Delta Chapter members carried a gift of popular paper back books to the veterans at this time.

#### EPSILON CHAPTER

Murray State College  
Murray, Kentucky

Epsilon Chapter opened the current year with a picnic for prospective pledges. The guests attending were: Joyce Reagan, Cieta Atnip, Carol Porter, Jo Ann Goodman, Willie Darnell, Rosemarie Hunt, and Junior Darnell. Immediately following the picnic, a period of eight weeks pledgship began under pledgemistress, Mrs. Edna Darnell. Those pledging were: Carol Porter, Martha Wasson, Alta Herrold, Cieta Atnip, and Jo Ann Goodman.

The present officers of Epsilon are: President, Patsy Teague; Vice-President, Joyce Teague; Treasurer, Julia Reeves; Recording Secretary, Edna Darnell; Corresponding Secretary, Mary Taylor; Reporter, Bobbye Heath; and Hostesses, Joyce Roach and Rose Ramsay.

Miss Rezina E. Senter, sponsor of Epsilon Chapter, toured Alaska on her summer vacation. She made slides on her trip and has consented to show them to the club at some later date.

Money-making projects which Epsilon has conducted were a Christmas card sale and a rummage sale. The Christmas card sale netted approximately \$35.00. This money will be used to go to the National Convention.

On Thursday, November 20, Epsilon sponsored their annual high school library assistants workshop. There were 18 schools represented. Two hundred sixty-eight students and librarians were present. Members of Epsilon gave demonstrations in the mending of books.

News from our alumni brings the notice that Miss Nella Strickland is returning from a two years stay as librarian in Japan. Nancy Melvin, past President of Epsilon, is cataloguer for the Disciples of Christ Historical Society in Nashville, Tennessee. Mrs. John Massey (Sue Nichols) is teaching English at Evansville City School at Evansville, Indiana. Mrs. Louise Nelms is librarian at the Danville Public Library at Danville, Illinois. Mr. Walter McCauley is reference librarian at Indiana State Teachers College, Terre Haute, Indi-

ana. The former Jean Ann Moubray was married to Mr. Charles Outland this summer.

Miss Julia Reeves, Treasurer of Epsilon, was named to WHO'S WHO IN AMERICAN COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES.

Miss Patsy Teague, President, was awarded a \$500 scholarship from the Friends of Kentucky Libraries in connection with the Kentucky Regional Library Division.

#### ZETA CHAPTER

Concord College  
Athens, West Virginia

Zeta Chapter has started the year with the return of twelve members and three professional members.

Officers for the 1958-59 year are: President, Lois Jarrell, Vice-President, Patsy Jervis McGuire; Secretary, Joyce Hill; Treasurer, Linda Soto; Parliamentarian, Sue Crabtree; and Reporter, Margaret Whitt.

Zeta Chapter had the honor of installing the new Chapter Upsilon at Shepherd College, Shepherdstown, West Virginia, on November 1st. Linda Soto and Lois Jarrell were the installing officers.

A social hour was held following the November business meeting. At this time the following girls were invited to become pledges of Alpha Beta Alpha: Doris Buckland, Dora Justice, Ann McKinney, Margaret Bussard, Pat Pollitt, Anna Jean Caldwell, Mary Lou Cox, and Nancy Miller.

During the past summer two alumnae members were married. Martha Surface married Gary Young, and Nancy Hunt married James Bailey. An active member, Patsy Jervis became the wife of Robert McGuire.

The 1958 graduates who have teaching and library positions are:

Jackie Pignato at Sissonville, West Virginia; Martha Surface Young at Dublin, Virginia; and Elizabeth Bailey at Narrows, Virginia.

Several alumnae members have accepted new teaching positions this year. Joan Hurley is working with the bookmobile from the Kanawha County Public Library in Charleston, West Virginia. Nancy Hunt Bailey is now the librarian in the Athens High School. Naoma Workman is teaching at Alexandria, Virginia.

Zeta has again started its fund raising project of selling pecans. The money from this will be used to pay for the group picture of the members in the 1959 *Pine Tree*.

Naoma Workman received the Chapter award for the most outstanding senior in Library Science.

Linda Soto had the honor of being elected Vice-President of Cardinal Key.

#### ETA CHAPTER

Texas Women's University  
Denton, Texas

Officers for Eta Chapter for the year 1958-59 are: President, Vanita Lee from Minden, Louisiana; Vice-President, Mona Munson from Alvin, Texas; Secretary, Alrene Rice Hall from Denton, Texas; Treasurer, Diane Davies from Dallas, Texas; Historian, Reese Ann Evans from Port Arthur, Texas; and Reporter, Carolyn Jane Jackson from Pecan Gap, Texas.

The first meeting for the school year 1958-59 was held September 23, 1958. At this meeting the members made plans for a weiner roast that they were to have on September 30th. Approximately 55 students and teachers of the School of Library Science attended the weiner roast.

A pledge initiation and Alumni service was held November 11. There were twelve new members who entered the chapter, and the following girls became pledges: Jo Ann Baker, Isabelle Gibson, Ann Gooch, Dea Grissom, Hazel Faribon, Joyce Grymes, Nancy Hedgcock, Joella Orr, Martha Ramirez, Margaret Seward, Lea Shurbet and Jan Spratt.

On November 15 Eta Chapter had a donut sale. The members of the chapter sold 25 dozen frosted donuts in the dormitories on campus.

The annual Christmas party was held on December 8th with freshmen students invited as special guests of the chapter. The party was held in the lounge of the Library Science Building, which was decorated in the Christmas theme. The pledges made arrangements for the party and furnished the entertainment.

Miss Diane Davies has been named to WHO'S WHO IN AMERICAN COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES. For two years Diane has been the recipient of the Texas Teenage Library Association Scholarship.

#### THETA CHAPTER

Arizona State University  
Tempe, Arizona

Theta Chapter initiated three new active student members on October 25 at the first meeting of the fall season.

On October 31 and November 1 members of Theta Chapter served as hostesses for the book display of the International Reading Association during the Arizona State Teacher's Association Annual Convention which was held this year in Tempe.

Many of the members joined in the night-long celebration on Tuesday, November 4, at the University, as it became increasingly clear that the school-sponsored initiative referendum had been overwhelmingly passed by the public at the polls. As a result of this vote, Arizona State College assumed its rightful name of Arizona State University. The school has had University standing according to the accrediting groups for some time, but politics in other parts of the state prevented the use of the title "University".

November 22 was the Thanksgiving dinner and meeting for Theta Chapter. Guest speakers, Miss Elsa Tormalahto of Helsinki, Finland, and Mr. N. M. A. Bukhari of Jordan, discussed the library and book publishing problems of their respective countries. Both of these teachers are here in the United States for six months under the sponsorship of the United States Government, and together with twenty-one other foreign teachers are spending three of those months at Arizona State University.

#### MU CHAPTER

Illinois State Normal University  
Normal, Illinois

Mu Chapter's new officers this year are: Sheila Anderson, President; Barbara Noonan, Vice-President; Rosemarie Rozim, Secretary-Treasurer; and Elsie Wilken, Historian. Mu Chapter was very honored to have Sheila Anderson elected as national Vice-President for 1958-1959.

On September 27 the International Reading Association met on this campus. May Hill Arbutnot, outstanding in the field of children's literature, was the main speaker.

The chapter received nine new pledges this year. They are Linda Albin, Donna Bessant, Pat Gleason,

Joan Harmer, Opal Leddy, John Martin, Beverly Martin, Sandy Bebeck, and Deanna Schroeder. At the initiation meeting Dr. Lancour, head of the University of Illinois Library School, was the guest speaker. He told of the abundant opportunities in librarianship and brought out many aspects of service which the profession affords.

The highlight of the year so far was the Illinois State Normal University annual Homecoming held over the weekend of October 24-26. Mu Chapter entered a float in the parade. Afterwards a coffee hour was held in the Carnegie Room of Milner Library to receive alumni, present members, and guests.

In November Mu Chapter made a field trip to McKnight and McKnight, a textbook publishing firm in nearby Bloomington. Members were shown the business and advertisement phase and also the make-up and printing of the books.

In December a Christmas party was held at the home of the chapter sponsor, Miss Eunice Speer. Two university faculty members, Miss Margery Ellis and Miss Ruth Stroud, showed slides on their recent trip to the Holy Land.

On April 24-25, 1959, Mu Chapter is hosting the National Alpha Beta Alpha Convention. Illinois State Normal University will be the meeting place for the Illinois Student Librarians Association Convention on May 9, 1959.

**NU CHAPTER**

Marshall College  
Huntington, West Virginia

Nu Chapter of ABA pledged 19 women on November 2, 1958. The pledges are Frances Atchinson, Joyce Cole, Nancy Carol Cunningham, Nancy Lou Fink, Rose Ann Fisher,

Frances Georgetown, Henry Jana Gray, Mildred Howell, Caroline Langfitt, Lynda Lee Lewis, Genevieve McDaniel, Rosemary Moeser, Ruth Ann Nuoman, Katherine Pierce, Brenda Kay Pollock, Alice Wilkinson, Jennie Windsor, Marilyn Winters, and Virginia Wise. These pledges are sponsoring the installation of a drive-in book return at the Marshall College library.

Three of the Chapter's Alumni are now librarians. Peggy Tolley is at Pineville, West Virginia; Edna Simpkins is at Fairland High, Chesapeake, Ohio; and Ron Tickfer is in Baltimore, Maryland. Another alumnus, Maria Keszler, is teaching English in Cincinnati, Ohio.

The officers for the current year are: Becky Jackson, President; Sandra Roush, Vice-President; Lola Roush, Secretary; and Linda Little, Treasurer.

**XI CHAPTER**

Iowa State Teachers College  
Cedar Falls, Iowa

Xi Chapter held a "get-acquainted" meeting in September. The purposes of Alpha Beta Alpha were explained to the prospective members. Miss Joan Englund, librarian at the Laboratory School, presented a talk on the advantages of being a school librarian.

In October Miss Gertrude Voelker of the catalogue department of the college library told of her experiences as an overseas librarian and showed many of her souvenirs.

Mr. Donald Rod, Head Librarian, and Miss Laurette McCusker, Assistant Professor of Library Science, spoke at Xi Chapter's November meeting on the graduate program in Library Science. They indicated what types of graduate programs were

available and what is generally expected of the graduate student.

This year's officers are: Tam Crist, President; Anne Shafer, Vice-President; Deanna Anderson, Secretary; and Connie Kluever, Treasurer. Mr. Everett Howell is serving as sponsor.

**OMICRON CHAPTER**

Florida Agriculture and  
Mechanical University  
Tallahassee, Florida

The 1958-59 officers of the Omicron Chapter are: Betty Shannon, President; Betty Chandler, Vice-President and Assistant Dean of pledges; Inesta Beasley, Recording Secretary; Annie Ruth Howard, Corresponding Secretary; Eileen P. Donaldson, Dean of Pledges; Marvia Bryant, Reporter; and Dorothy Payne, Treasurer.

The Omicron Chapter participated in Florida Agricultural and Mechanical University's Homecoming by decorating the New Women's Dormitory and a float for the Homecoming parade. Both were in Alpha Beta Alpha colors and the float was a representation of Marcia Brown's story of Cinderella's Carriage in her Caldecott Winner. After the game a coffee hour was held for the Omicron Chapter and its alumni.

Laurestine Bass, Bertha Governor, Antoinette Jones, Adelle Wilson, and Mrs. Betty Bryant are the new pledges of Omicron Chapter.

The song selected as the Omicron Chapter's song was written by Laurestine Bass. The tune for the song is London Darry Air.

The 1958 Alumni Graduates are: Martha Williams, Myrtle Jones, Willis Ruth Anderson, Helen Baker, Olivette Floyd, Mary V. Bryant, Mary Smith, Johnnie Tribue, Marion Bryant, Bernice Sanders and Agnes Douglas.

**FINANCIAL STATEMENT, 1957-1958 (SUMMARY)**

Cash Balance at Beginning of Fiscal Year	\$1,004.39	Total Cash and Income	\$2,225.59
Income		Expenditures	
Initiation Fees	\$272.00	Chapter Installations and Charters	\$ 61.44
Membership Dues		Postage and Express	110.50
Active Student	\$418.00	Printing of "The Alphabet"	312.54
Active Professional	112.00	Printing of National Constitution	97.24
Alumni	415.00	Stationery and Supplies	264.98
Total Dues	945.00	Convention Pictures	4.00
Sale of Social Stationery	4.20	Total Expenditures	850.70
Total Income	1,221.20		
Total Cash and Income	\$2,225.59	Cash Balance at Close of Fiscal Year	\$1,374.89

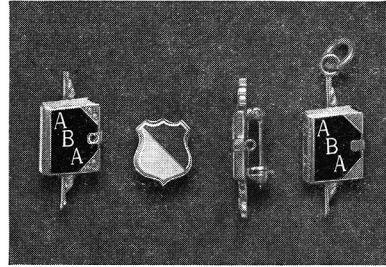


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	Alpha	Beta	Gamma	Delta	Epsilon	Zeta	Eta	Theta	Iota	Kappa	Lambda	Mu	Nu	Xi	Omicron	Pi	Rho	Sigma	Tau	TOTALS	
Honorary	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	14
Active																					
Student	17	24	15	16	22	20	21	13	8	57	15	21	20	11	24	27	22	29	34		417
Professional	14	6	5	2	4	3	4	10	4	4	3	11	1	10	5	5	6	3	11		111
Alumni																					
Five-Year	60	2	4	37	3	1	11	2	0	0	0	6	0	1	1	3	68	0	2		201
Life	2	49	80	141	17	17	67	28	92	55	2	25	6	14	3	0	0	0	0		597
Contributing	1	0	3	8	2	0	4	0	1	0	4	6	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		29
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>94</b>	<b>81</b>	<b>107</b>	<b>204</b>	<b>48</b>	<b>41</b>	<b>107</b>	<b>53</b>	<b>105</b>	<b>116</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>69</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>36</b>	<b>33</b>	<b>35</b>	<b>96</b>	<b>32</b>	<b>47</b>		<b>1,369</b>

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