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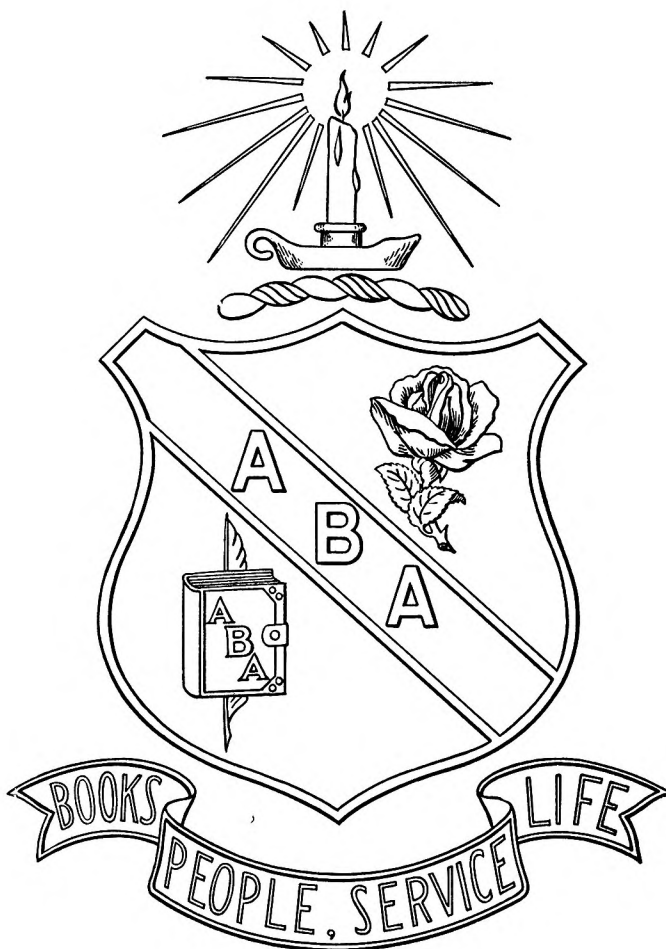
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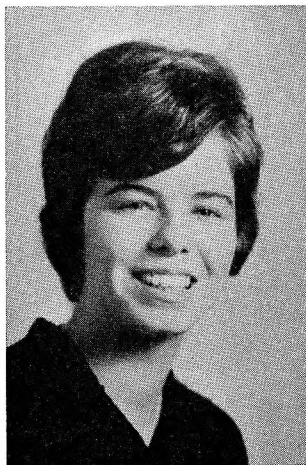
# The Alphabet

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### PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Greetings, Members of Alpha Beta Alpha:

Let me express my sincere appreciation to each of you for electing me as your National President. Xi chapter, on behalf of the entire Fraternity, I wish to thank you for being host to a wonderful convention. It was a real pleasure to meet other members of our Fraternity.

Alpha Beta Alpha is beginning what we hope will be one of its most successful years. To continue our advancement, we must give of our time, and of ourselves, and must be willing to work together.

This year emphasis is to be placed on the recruiting of new members and the revitalizing of each individual program to create a greater interest in Alpha Beta Alpha. Our far-reaching candle is shining bright, but others need our light.

Each chapter is asked to consider the possibility of attending a regional meeting. In this off-convention year we must plan for the future success of our Fraternity; and I, myself, can think of no greater way of increasing our enthusiasm than of participating in a regional meeting.

Today! Let us truly live by our official motto "Books, People, Service, Life." Thus, we cannot help but achieve success.

Patsy McElroy

### The Free Press

"With freedom of the press goes the freedom to read or to close the book, and it will linger so long as we have the power to say no."

—Curtis Bok

### EXECUTIVE SECRETARY'S COLUMN

As Alpha Beta Alpha begins its fourteenth year we can look backward and see that our Fraternity has traveled far since its illustrious beginning in May, 1950. Alpha Delta (our twenty-eighth Chapter) has been installed, and at least two more will probably have been added to our fold before the fourteenth year closes.

As a result of the Convention at Cedar Falls in the spring, we have four committees working hard to improve the work of the Fraternity. Later issues of *The Alphabet* will carry the recommendations of these committees.

Although the next Convention does not meet until 1965, it is essential that we begin to plan for that meeting now. The first essential is to have a host Chapter for the Convention. Chapters which could serve in that capacity in 1965 should write to National and make their bid for the Seventh National Convention of Alpha Beta Alpha. The bid should be accompanied by a statement of facilities available and probable room and meal costs. Sponsor and Institutional administrative approval should also be submitted with the bid.

At this time, we thank our hard-working 1962-63 Executive Council for bringing us safely through a convention year and for providing for us the leadership in Fraternity matters which will add stature to the Fraternity and insure smooth operation of its work. A "very big" thank you should go to Mike McGeath our past president, to Marianna Steele our past vice-president, to Wanda Fanter our past treasurer and to our retiring Councilmen for giving of their time and talents to make 1962-63 a memorable one in Fraternity history.

We salute our new officers! From them we look for leadership, guidance, and devotion to Fraternity work. And to them we pledge our loyal support and earnest cooperation.

If we could have a theme or motto to guide us during the year ahead, it might be, "Working cooperatively for an ever-growing Fraternity which is successfully fulfilling its role of recruiting the ablest and the best to the noblest of professions."

Since the last Executive Secretary's Column was written, a former sponsor of Sigma has passed away. Miss Louise Le Fevre, Di-

### RECRUITMENT!

Few events are more inspiring to an organization than the addition of new members. So it is with Alpha Beta Alpha! New faces, fresh ideas, improved methods—all of these are assets to a new group. Not only must Alpha Beta Alpha provide continual interest for its present members, but it must also stimulate the interests of prospective members. None are in better positions to arouse the interest of others than the senior members of Alpha Beta Alpha. We must always be on the alert for possible recruits to library science and encourage such persons to enter this, our chosen field. And, by doing so, we are increasing the chances of gaining new members for Alpha Beta Alpha.

Methods by which recruiting can be accomplished are numerous. Simply by being on campus, we have the opportunity to greet numerous people. Through sharing our enthusiasm of Alpha Beta Alpha with classmates and acquaintances, by providing adequate publicity for Alpha Beta Alpha, and by maintaining active membership ourselves, we can further the development of recruiting for our organization. Nor should we limit recruitment to our campus, but should extend the drive for membership by organizing such projects as annual "library science career days" for interested high school students, by contacting incoming students, and possibly by scheduling occasional open meetings to explain the functions of Alpha Beta Alpha. No matter what method or methods are used, we must never lose sight of our purpose of recruitment—to instill in others our love for the library. Not only do we gain new members, but new librarians as well!

Director of the Library Science Department at Western Michigan State College, Kalamazoo, Michigan, and a former sponsor of Sigma Chapter, has planted her professional footprints on the historical sands of librarianship. Each of us is better because of her contribution to our profession and saddened by the untimely snuffing of the shining light of her enthusiasm and wisdom. We extend our deepest sympathy to our sister Chapter, Sigma.

The warmest greetings and the best of everything to you for 1963-64.

Eunice H. Speer

# News from the Chapters

## ALPHA

A "Benny the Bookworm, Get-Acquainted Party," launched Alpha's activities this year. The party was held in the new Library Science quarters on the third floor of Russell Library, October 24, and was centered around a combination Halloween and Bookworm theme.

The executive committee has planned the meetings for the year on a once-a-month basis, instead of the customary two meetings a month. Each meeting is centered around a theme, as: November — "Books are Better than Ever" — guest speaker following the initiation. December — "Books for Christmas" — pledging followed by usual Christmas Party, including games and exchange of inexpensive comic gifts.

The club agreed to continue its sale of Louisiana cookbooks and cloth turtles, and to try a new project — making and selling bookworms. Benny, the bookworm, was introduced at the October party. He is a colorful little fellow about ten inches long made from scraps of material, elastic thread, and a sock.

Some recent graduates are holding the following positions: Ann Matthews (1963) is librarian at the Lake Providence, Louisiana, High School; Mary Purcell (1963) is Librarian at two schools in Bossier City, Louisiana; Patsy Reid (1958) is now the Assistant Librarian at Dry Prong, Louisiana, High School.

## BETA

Beta Chapter held its first meeting of the school year, October 10, 1963. The program consisted of an initiation service and pledging ceremony. Following these services, committee chairmen for the annual Book Fair were announced.

Borden Deal will be the speaker for the opening of the Book Fair which will be held December 4-7. He will speak on creative writing and his experience as a fiction writer. A question and answer period will follow. Plans are being made for him and his wife to have lunch with the chapter officers and college officials at the President's table in the MSCW dining hall.

On October 15, Beta held open house honoring all new library science students and professional librarians. Beautiful yellow fjjjums and yellow candles decorated the tea table. Cookies and punch were served. The members of Beta

are all happy that Dr. Beverly Moss is the new Director of the MSCW Library, and are honored that he is among the 1963 chapter pledges. Mrs. Moss assisted in the open house and presided at the punch bowl.

Beta Chapter is proud to announce that on October 29, seven of its members were honored on Scholarship Recognition Day. These students each with an "A" average are: Elizabeth Gulley, Virginia Sue Smith, Janet Couchman, Mary McCoy, Linda Jean Renefroe, Linda Webb, Martha Louise Peters. And Linda Webb gave the address for the Sophomore Class at the Honors Recognition Program.

Beta congratulates each and every one of them, and has presented each with a copy of Untermyer's *To You with Love*, illustrated by Mrs. Anglund.

Six student members attended the Mississippi Library Association convention, in Jackson, Mississippi, on October 31-November 2.

## GAMMA

Gamma's first big project for the year was helping with registration for the Vigo County Library Association Institute, which was held on the MSC campus October 5. The members of the Chapter were also invited to attend the Institute to learn more about the problems facing the librarians of this county.

The annual Homecoming Breakfast was held on October 12; many active and alumni members attended. At this time also, two of our pledges from last year were initiated. Later in the day, Gamma's officers and sponsor rode in the homecoming parade.

October 20, Gamma honored the professional librarians of the college and nearby public libraries with a tea which was held in the student Union Building. Dr. Marguerite Malm, professor of psychology, spoke on "Your Profession."

The Hossier School Library Association met at Indiana State on November 2, with members of Gamma helping with registration and serving as hosts to the high school library students attending.

The fall pledging ceremony was held on November 17, and was followed by a tea honoring the new pledges.

The theme of forthcoming meetings will be: December, "Role of the Library at Christmas"; Janu-

## Autobiograph of our President

I was born at Mansfield, Tennessee, on April 4, 1941, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. E. R. McElroy. Reared on a farm, I learned the varied jobs that are to be done on a farm. But living in the country was not all work—the summer brought picnics and long walks, while winter was filled with snowball fights and skating.

From the time I joined the library club in the eighth grade, my ambition has been to be a librarian. In 1959, I graduated from Henry High School, Henry, Tennessee. On this occasion, I received the PTA award for the highest four year scholastic standing and the Woodman of the World American History medal.

After entering Murray State College, I continued my interest in librarianship by pledging Alpha Beta Alpha during my first semester as a freshman. It has been a rich and inspiring experience to be a member of the Fraternity and to work with students with the same interests.

My immediate goal will be reached when I graduate in June, 1964 with majors in Library Science and English, and can begin my career as a librarian. But, with the field of librarianship offering so many fine opportunities, you can be sure I will be continuing my education in the near future.

ary, "How the Library Serves You"; and February, annual anniversary banquet.

## DELTA

The theme "Focus on the Profession," has been selected by Delta. Programs for the entire year have been planned with this emphasis in mind. These programs include speakers from various aspects of the library profession including public and special librarians. A trip has been planned to the medical library in Birmingham to coincide with the Alabama Education Association meeting there.

Delta has decided to continue last year's project of buying books and recordings for Partlow School for Mentally Retarded Children; the project will again be financed by the sale of candy.

Recruitment Day will be another big day in the Delta Chapter's schedule of activities for this year. Library assistants from a number of high schools will be invited to

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the University campus to be entertained by Delta, with the purpose of informing them about the opportunities offered in librarianship.

#### EPSILON

The library science majors visited ten libraries last spring. The Chapter honored the graduating library science students and their families with a tea following baccalaureate service.

We congratulate our Chapter graduates who are now serving in the following cities: Shirley Cooley, Madisonville, Ky.; Barbara Collier, Nashville, Tenn.; Linda Davis, Ballard, Ky.; Norma Elkins Paschall is not presently employed, but is looking forward to motherhood.

A tea was held for the summer library science students. Also this summer Epsilon's sponsor, Miss Rezina, spent three weeks in Mexico. She is now suffering from Acapulca-itis.

Epsilon's annual chili supper was held this fall in honor of the prospective pledges. We now have ten pledges; and five new members were initiated October 3. Recently a luncheon was sponsored for the librarians who attended the First District Education Association annual conference. Members of Epsilon told stories at a Puducah grade school during Book Week.

#### ZETA

In May, Zeta Chapter presented Ann Kyle the Alpha Beta Alpha award for the outstanding senior of 1962-63 at the Awards Day program.

For the first fall meeting, a skit was presented to the prospective new members explaining the organization of Zeta Chapter and its duties. After the meeting, a social hour was given for the entire Chapter.

The plans for future meetings include issuing bids for the pledges, and a talk on France to be given at the November meeting. In December the Zeta Chapter hopes to have demonstrations on how to decorate the home for Christmas.

#### ETA

On September 20, Eta Chapter started the 63-64 year's activities with a picnic at the home of the sponsor, Mrs. Frances deCordova. Hot dogs, games, and general "gab" highlighted the "get-together" which

was attended by one hundred and thirty of the library science majors. It was planned to acquaint new library science students with our organization.

At the first formal meeting of the year, eight graduate students were initiated into the Fraternity, and twenty-one undergraduates were pledged. A short business meeting followed in which the new officers were introduced: Linda Taylor, President; Lou Wescott, Vice-President; Vickie Brigman, Secretary; Nancy Goins, Treasurer; Judy Miller, Historian; Eliese McCall, Reporter; Peggy Wedgeworth, Pledge captain.

Honors have come to several of our members recently. Lou Wescott received the Teen-Age Library Association Scholarship. Judith Martin and Shirley Ammons were awarded H. W. Wilson scholarships. Dr. D. Genevieve Dixon, Director of the School of Library Science, is listed in the new edition of **Who's Who of American Women**. Mary Margaret Gilroy has recently returned from her year abroad in Ireland, where she attended the University College of Dublin. We are glad to welcome to our chapter Mary Johnson, who transferred her membership from Nu Chapter in West Virginia.

A book review by a member of the English faculty was featured at the November meeting. Coming highlights include a Christmas party; a banquet in connection with the initiation of the twenty-one pledges, to be held in the early spring; and a swimming party to celebrate the birthday of ABA is planned for May at the home of Miss Dixon.

#### KAPPA

Having ended last year with tours of a medical and an industrial library, Kappa began the 1963-64 year on September 16 with an informal meeting held by the officers to introduce the freshmen in the Library Education Department to Alpha Beta Alpha. The first official meeting was held the following evening. At this meeting Mrs. Ganga Dakshinamurti, a library education student, spoke about her native country India.

Thus far there have been two events to highlight the fall semester. On October 5 Kappa held its tenth annual luncheon, with an attendance of 150—the largest to date. The speaker was Mr. John Rowell, Director of School Libraries in

Pennsylvania, who reported the progress he and his staff have made toward coordinating and improving Pennsylvania school libraries. At the October meeting, Mrs. Marguerite De Angeli spoke on her extensive travels, her writing career, and her technique of writing.

Having had such a successful beginning, Kappa can look forward to a really busy year. In addition to the customary activities of selling soft pretzels in the dormitories and publishing the monthly newsletter, the Chapter will sponsor a cider pour for students and alumni following the homecoming football game on November 2. The November meeting centered around a pledging ceremony. A trip to Science Press in Ephrata, Pennsylvania, and a Christmas program planned by the freshman pledges are just a few more of the activities Kappa has planned for this year.

#### NU

A tea was held in the Marshall University Chapel Sunday, October 14, in honor of our new pledges.

Nu Chapter plans to continue its projects of promoting the advanced library science training in all fields. This was the project of the pledge class of 1962 and will be continued by the whole Chapter this year.

#### XI

Xi Chapter's plans for the year are highlighted by the Homecoming tea; a three-day trip to Chicago in December, to see the Chicago Public Library, the Chicago Historical Society Library, and the Oriental Institute; a Christmas party; a spring Initiation Banquet; and a Founder's Day Picnic for both library faculty and students.

#### OMICRON

Omicron Chapter launched its 1963-1964 school year with the theme: "The Outlook on Librarianship." During this year, the Chapter expects to explore such topics on the theme as "Assistance for Graduate Study in Librarianship," and "Broader Job Opportunities in Librarianship."

Some of the reports during professional meetings of the Chapter will include news highlights in the profession, and activities of former members; a skit about the profession will be given, and a film on librarianship will be shown.

It is expected that the guest speakers will include Dr. Shores,

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# NATIONAL AND CHAPTER OFFICERS

## NATIONAL OFFICERS

President, Patsy McElroy (Epsilon), 206 N. 15th St., Murray, Kentucky; Vice - President, Margie Wilson (Alpha), P. O. Box 1182, N. S. C., Natchitoches, Louisiana; Treasurer, Arlita Warrick, (Mu); Executive Secretary, Miss Eunice Speer (Mu), Library Science Office, Milner Library 103, Illinois State Normal University, Normal, Illinois. Councilmen: District No. 1 — Yvonne Hicks (Omicron), 1169 Diamond Hall, Florida A & M University, Tallahassee, Florida; District No. 2 — Elizabeth Vaughn (Sigma); District No. 3 — Diana White (Psi), 416 N. Frederick, Cape Girardeau, Missouri; District No. 4 — Lanoma Johnson Peffrey (Nu), 1117 Blake St., Barboursville, West Virginia; District No. 5 — Vickie Brigman (Eta), Box 3099, Texas Women's University, Denton, Texas.

## CHAPTER OFFICERS

### ALPHA

**Northwestern State College of Louisiana**, Natchitoches (installed May 3, 1950). President, Earline Doiron (Box 707, NSCL); Vice-President, Ann Johnson (Box 3113, NSCL); Recording Secretary, Mildred Sebren Blount (Box 415, NSCL); Corresponding Secretary, Frances Dow (Box 3569, NSCL); Treasurer, Rachel Barnhill (Box 3588, NSCL); Historian, Theresa Hodnett (Box 3423, NSCL); Reporter, Georgia Chaplin (1600 Sabine St.); Parliamentarian, Ronald Ryan (Box 38, NSCL); Sponsor, Mrs. Lucille T. Carnhan (Department of Library Science, NSCL).

### GAMMA

**Indiana State Teachers College**, Terre Haute (installed February 8, 1952). President, Bonnie Johnson (623A Erickson Hall, ISTC); Vice-President, Richard Manual (622 N. 5th St., Terre Haute); Recording Secretary, Karen Poling (Reeve Hall, ISTC); Corresponding Secretary, Nancy Donaghy Erickson Hall (ISTC); Treasurer, Mary Thornburgh (1700 N. 9th St., Terre Haute); Historian, Theda Persinger, (Reeve Hall, ISTC); Reporter, LaRosa Bush (1512 13½ St., Terre Haute); Parliamentarian, Donna Kendall (Pickerl Hall, ISTC); Pledge Trainer, Sharon Holland (Erickson Hall, Terre Haute); Sponsors, Miss Nelle McCalla (711 Chestnut, Apt. 8, Terre Haute); and

Mr. O. Gene Norman (2222 Idaho St., Terre Haute).

### DELTA

**University of Alabama**, University (installed January 10, 1953). President, Nan Segars (P. O. Box 5956, University, Ala.); Vice-President, Margaret Brigham (2720 15th Ave., Northport, Ala.); Secretary, Mrs. Dorothy Greenberg (919 9th Ave., Fairfield, Ala.); Treasurer, Anita Ledbetter (P. O. Box 4681, University, Ala.); Reporter, Peggy Bennett (P. O. Box 6135, University, Ala.); Sponsor, Mrs. Paulina M. Foster (Box 2242, University, Ala.).

### EPSILON

**Murray State College**, Murray, Kentucky (installed January 17, 1953). President, Patsy McElroy (206 N. 15th St., Murray); Vice-President, Joyce B. Smith (1006 Main St., Murray); Recording Secretary, T. Joyce Stone (Box 76 Woods Hall, MSC); Corresponding Secretary, Saralyn Ingram (Box 486, MSC); Treasurer, Mrs. Judy Gooch (1613½ Olive St., Murray, Ky.); and Sponsor, Rezina Senter (206 N. 15th St., Murray, Ky.).

### ZETA

**Concord College**, Athens, West Virginia (installed April 11, 1953). President, Reba Honaker (Box C-161, CC); Vice-President, Nancy Jackson (Box C-301, CC); Secretary, Jean Walton (Box C-282, CC); Treasurer, Lillian Rogers, (Box C-300, CC); Reporter, Margie Terry (Box C-616, CC); Parliamentarian, Fran Rice (201 Wallace St., Princeton, W. Va.); and Sponsors, Miss Sewall Halvey (Box 233, Athens, W. Va.); and Mrs. Virginia Fanning (209 College Ave., Princeton, W. Va.).

### ETA

**Texas Women's University**, Denton, Texas (installed May 6, 1953). President, Linda Taylor (Box 2296, TWU Station); Vice-President, Lou Wescott (Box 3638, TWU Station); Recording Secretary, Vickie Brigman (Box 3099, TWU Station); Pledge Captain, Peggy Wedgeworth (Box 2124, TWU Station); Treasurer, Nancy Goins (Box 2399, TWU Station); Parliamentarian, Judy Miller (Box 3386, TWU Station); Reporter, Eliese McCall (Box 2453, TWU Station); and Sponsor, Mrs. Frances de Cordova (Box 2205, TWU Station).

### THETA

**Arizona State University**, Tempe, Arizona (installed May 23, 1953). President, Donald Mullen (Haigler Hall, ASU); Vice-President, Marilyn Davenport (McClintock A Hall, ASU); Secretary, Sharon Howard (4534 Mesquite R. d., Scottsdale, Ariz.); Treasurer, Jean Oshita (5022 W. Lawrence, Glendale, Ariz.); and Sponsor, Harold Batchelor (111 7th St., Tempe, Ariz.).

### IOTA

**San Jose State College**, San Jose, California (installed June 6, 1953).

### KAPPA

**State Teachers College**, Millersville, Pennsylvania (installed April 12, 1954). President, Janet Ankrum (Box 307, Lyle Hall, STC); Vice-President, Mary Joyce Kuhns (Adams House, STC); Recording Secretary, Jane Lamparter (Box 219, Lyle Hall, STC); Corresponding Secretary, Rebecca Slider (Box 209, Lyle Hall, STC); Treasurer, Louise Keyser (Box 219, Lyle Hall, STC); Historian, Catherine Kammerer (Women's Day Room, STC); Reporter, Barbara Stehman (Women's Day Room, STC); Parliamentarian, Patsy Flaharty (Box 356, Lyle Hall, STC); and Sponsor, Miss Carol E. Melson (Director, Library Education, STC).

### LAMBDA

**Louisiana State University**, Baton Rouge 3, Louisiana (installed April 14, 1954). President, Sue Loubiere (Box 12544, L.S.U. Station); Vice-President, Gerald J. Hendricks (General Delivery, LSU Station); Recording Secretary - Treasurer, Carolyn Leggett (Box 8183, LSU Station); and Sponsor, Dr. Shirley K. Stephenson (Director, Library Education, LSU).

### MU

**Illinois State Normal University**, Normal (installed February 25, 1956). President, Christa Altier (921 Hamilton Hall, ISNU); Vice-President, Kay Ward (Barton Hall, ISNU); Secretary-Treasurer, Pat Carlsov (113 E. Cherry St., Normal, Ill.); Historian, Clara Dooru (Barton Hall, ISNU); and Sponsor, Mrs. Dorothy Fagerberg (Library Science Office, Milner Library 103, ISNU), and Miss Eunice Speer (Library Science Office, Milner Library 103, ISNU.)

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Mrs. Cook, Mrs. Girvin Adams, Mrs. Clark, Mrs. M. B. Jones, and Dr. Rockwood.

Recruitment, again will be our special project for the year; and several activities are planned to give greater publicity to the profession of librarianship in general, and to our fraternity in particular.

#### PI

Sister Jane Marie C. D. P., Pi Chapter Sponsor, is the 1963-64 President of the Texas Library Association. We are very proud of her! Sister Lucille C. D. P., a member of the faculty, has returned from Columbia University where she received her doctorate in library science.

Four of our members held summer jobs in libraries: Mary Helen Kennedy at La Retama Public Library in Corpus Christi, Texas; Angela Stos at the San Antonio Public Library; Lois Galbraith at the Alamo Library, in San Antonio; and Cecile Normand at the Rapides Parish Library in Alexandria, Louisiana.

Our new alumnae members are holding the following positions: at the Dallas Public Library, Mary Kay Donahue is in the literature department and Mary Jo Wagner in the general reference department; Mrs. Betty Nelson is at Our Lady of the Lake Library, San Antonio, Texas; and Laura Gutierrez is acting Librarian, Laredo Junior College. Last summer, Laura did graduate work at the University of Texas.

The annual pledge party was held on October 9, featuring Mrs. W. C. Rains, who spoke about the qualities of a librarian. Later that week several members attended the meeting of District 8, Texas Library Association at San Marcos.

Many more activities have been carried on during the fall semester. During Book Week, Pi Chapter sponsored a book display and coffee in the Library Science Department and also sponsored a formal tea honoring Miss Frances Donecker, who had donated a collection of Texana books to the college library. On November 22, the movie **Spencer's Mountain** was shown on Campus at the Chapter's annual money-raising project. The Christmas Story Hour will be presented on December 17, in the Library Science Department, which will be decorated by the Pledges.

#### RHO

Rho Chapter began its fall activities with an introductory business meeting and get-acquainted coke party on September 26. No meetings were scheduled in October. But during the week of November 12-26,

Rho engaged in a variety of activities: a Book Week Tea, a Book Week Dinner, and most important: of all — a trip to New York! A hay ride and Christmas caroling will be the big event for December. A number of guest speakers will talk to the Chapter in the Spring.

Rho is proud to announce that Mr. Nichols G. Stevens, the Chapter's Sponsor, is serving as the 1963-64 President of the Pennsylvania Library Association. And Mrs. Sara Mack, the Chapter's Co-Sponsor has been chosen President of the Pennsylvania School Libraries Association she has also been recognized by **Who's Who in American Women.**

#### SIGMA

The year got off to a wonderful start at Sigma's September Get-Acquainted Meeting, to which all of the new members of our department were invited. At the October meeting, there were inducted more than twenty new pledges, eager to join in the year's work and fun. At this meeting, Mr. William Smith, the regional representative from Doubleday Company spoke to us about the Book Publishing Trade. In November, Mr. Cogen, a member of the department faculty, presented a program based on the pictures which he took last summer while touring Europe. The always enjoyable Christmas Party is scheduled for December.

A successful candy sale has just been concluded. Plans for the future include a paperback-book sale.

#### UPSILON

Upsilon celebrated its fifth anniversary, in November, with the compilation of the Chapter's history. On November 8, a successful bake-sale was held. A big Christmas party is planned for December.

#### PSI

Psi participated actively in the annual "Homecoming" at Southeast Missouri State College by entering a car in the parade. Planning is now underway for a book sale in March.

#### OMEGA

During the week of November 17-23 to commemorate its establishment on the U. T. campus, Omega

set up an elaborate display in the Student Center; this display was designed to give the purpose and functions of Alpha Beta Alpha at both the national and local level.

Members of Omega Chapter assisted in the registration of librarians who attended the East Tennessee Regional Library Conference for School Librarians held on the U. T. campus, October 19.

Next spring the East Tennessee Student Association Organization will meet on the U. T. campus for their annual conference. Members of Omega Chapter will serve as hostesses and guides.

#### ALPHA ALPHA

The seventeen active members of Alpha Alpha have enthusiastic plans for a full year of activities. The program got underway officially on October 31, with a coke party for all persons eligible for ABA membership.

#### ALPHA BETA

The new library building at F. T. Nicholls State College was scheduled for occupancy before Christmas, but was badly damaged by fire in October; and completion will be delayed for months.

On November 15, Alpha Beta took in six pledges and also conducted initiation ceremonies.

The Chapter had a cake and candy sale on the campus October 25, for the purpose of providing equipment for the new library building; thirty-six dollars was raised. It is planned to repeat this kind of sale each month so that something worthwhile may be added.

#### ALPHA GAMMA

Alpha Gamma Chapter started the College year 1963-64 with a "get-acquainted" meeting in September. After refreshments and a brief business meeting, five pledges were officially inducted.

One of the Chapter's first projects was to serve as host in John Camden Library for Homecoming. The members provided refreshments and led tours for many returning alumni and friends.

At a meeting in October, the members discussed plans and selected committees for projects and programs to be carried out during the year. Some of the programs planned provide for guest speakers and films pertaining to different aspects of library science. Another initiation ceremony was held in November.

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**NU**

**Marshall University**, Huntington, West Virginia (installed April 15, 1956). President, Lanona (Johnson) Pelfrey (1117 Blake St., Barboursville, W. Va.); Vice - President, Wanda Lewis (1117 Blake St. Barboursville, W. Va.); Recording Secretary, Linda Hutchinson (1546 Madison Ave., Huntington, W. Va.); Treasurer, Patty Reardon (421 4th St. Annex, Huntington, W. Va.); Reporter, Lois Schoolcraft (University Hall, MU); and Sponsor, Miss Josephine Fidler (Marshall Univ. Lab. Sch. Library, Huntington, W. Va.).

**XI**

**Iowa State Teacher's College**, Cedar Falls (installed May 26, 1956). President, Nancy Determan (309 N. Campbell Hall, ISTC); Vice-President, Dorothy Goeldner (309 N. Campbell Hall, ISTC); Recording Secretary, Virginia Sutton (6 W. Lawther Hall, ISTC); Treasurer, Elizabeth Mason (235 N. Campbell Hall, ISTC); and Kathryn Rowley, Historian-Reporter (235 N. Campbell Hall, ISTC); Sponsor, Miss Eileen Noonan (Dept. of Library Science, ISTC).

**OMICRON**

**Florida A & M University**, Tallahassee (installed April 5, 1957). President, Juanita Aldrich (2001 Broad St., Tallahassee); Vice-President, Yvonne Hicks (169 Diamond Hall, FAMU); Recording Secretary, Yvonne Johnson (305 McGuinn Hall, FAMU); Corresponding Secretary, Rubia Byrd (Rt. 2, Box 261, Monticello, Fla.); Treasurer, Bernice Jones (P. O. Box 445, Madison, Fla.); Historian, Jessie Pottsdammer (718 S. Boulevard St. Tallahassee); Reporter, Willard Watson (224 McGuinn Hall, FAMU); Parliamentarian, Barbara Coleman (664 Preston St., Tallahassee, Fla.); Dean of Pledges, Joyce Badger; and Sponsor, Miss Emily Copeland (614 Howard Ave., Tallahassee, Fla.).

**PI**

**Our Lady of the Lake College**, San Antonio, Texas (installed April 13, 1957). President, Mary Helen Kennedy (Box 150, OLLC); Vice-President, Ann McCauley (Box 313, OLLC); Secretary, Angela Stos (451 Delmar St., San Antonio 7, Tex.); Treasurer, Marilyn Johnson (Box 307, OLLC); Historian, Carol Meiser (Box 310, OLLC); and Sponsor, Sister Jane Marie, C.D.P. (Depart-

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I was born on March 16, 1943, in Alexandria, Louisiana, and live near the small town of Dry Prong, Louisiana. My family consists of my parents, one brother and one sister. My father works for the Louisiana Department of Highways, and my mother finds more than enough to do at home.

I graduated from Dry Prong High School in 1961. While there I participated in FHA work and was elected secretary of the organization in my senior year. I also took part in the district and state literary rallies for four years.

After graduation, I entered Northwestern State College. For the past two years I have been studying for a degree in Upper Elementary Education with minors in Library Science and in Social Science.

I did not become interested in going into the library science pro-

gram until I came to college and learned of the opportunities in the field of librarianship, and the social and professional advantages of membership in ABA.

I became an ABA pledge in the spring of 1961, and a member in the fall of 1962. I have thoroughly enjoyed ABA and believe it is a most worthwhile organization. It not only gives an opportunity to meet new friends, but it increases interest in books and authors. Professional people should have an opportunity to meet both formally and informally, and Alpha Beta Alpha gives such an opportunity.

I am enjoying the privilege of serving as National Vice-President this year and am trying to do my best to further the interest in ABA.

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**1962-63 (Summary)**

Cash Balance at Beginning of Fiscal Year .....	\$1,522.82
<b>INCOME</b>	
Initiation Fees .....	\$ 367.00
Membership Dues:	
Active Student .....	\$646.00
Active Professional .....	145.00
Alumni and Contributing .....	315.00
Back Dues .....	17.00
Total Membership Dues .....	\$1,123.00
Fines .....	32.25
Over-Payments .....	57.00
Total Income .....	\$1,579.25
Total Cash and Income .....	\$3,102.07

**EXPENDITURES**

Stationery and Supplies .....	163.00
Wages .....	\$ 141.75
Postage, Freight, Telephone .....	71.17
Printing and Engrossing .....	90.42
Brochure .....	50.00
"The Alphabet" .....	175.00
Jewelry .....	5.31
Installation of Chapter .....	27.50
Convention .....	717.39
Refunds of Overpayments .....	57.00
Total Expenditures .....	\$1,498.54
Cash Balance at Close of Fiscal Year .....	\$1,603.53

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