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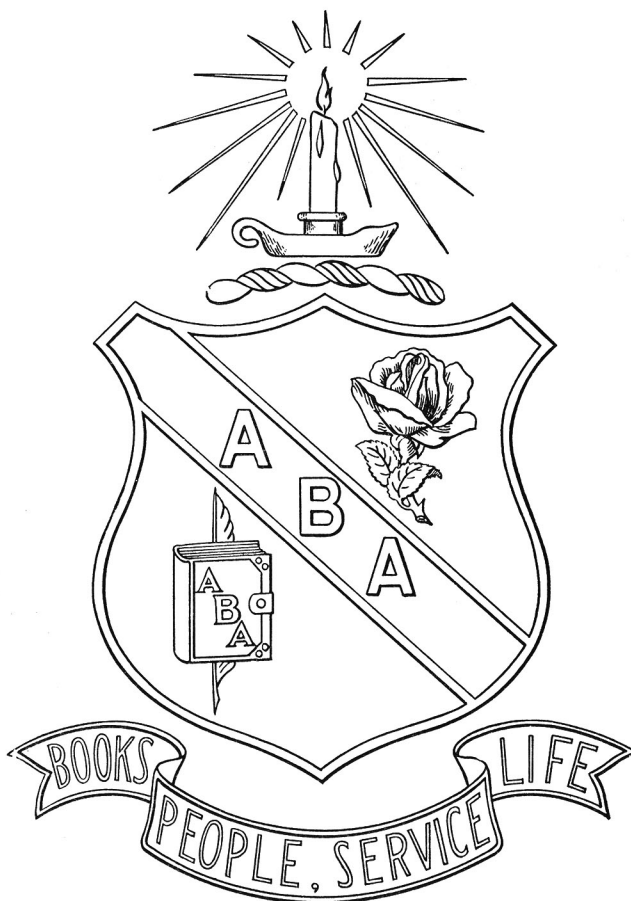
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IN MEMORIAM

With cherished memories of his unselfish and endless devotion to the ABA motto, this issue is respectfully dedicated to our esteemed friend and founder — Dr. Eugene P. Watson.

Executive Secretary's Column

As this year draws to a close we need to take stock of our work and to assess our accomplishments. We have several assets to enumerate. First we have added two new chapters to our roll and we salute our newest chapters, Alpha Delta and Alpha Epsilon and look to them for leadership in the future. Secondly, it is with real joy and satisfaction that we report Theta and Iota again back to full membership and making their former excellent contribution to Fraternity welfare. Thirdly, the spring saw our second regional convention held on the campus of Morehead State College, Morehead, Kentucky. Although your Executive Secretary was unable to attend, reports from the meeting indicate that it was a most interesting and rewarding experience for those students and faculty who were privileged to attend. Our sincere thanks to Miss Williams and her Chapter for their untiring efforts in behalf of The Fraternity. Fourthly, several clubs are seeking admittance to our fellowship and the following year should see us expanding our influence still further.

But the year has not been without its clouds! As has been noted elsewhere in this issue, our gifted founder, wise counselor and devoted friend has been called to "The Fraternity on High." "We miss you Dr. Watson! We thank you for setting for us such a high standard to guide our work in the future." A very widespread interest has been manifested in a scholarship to be set up to aid worthy students to attain their education for librarianship and to honor the memory of him who so untiringly worked for those ends, Dr. Watson. The new year will see real progress toward that goal. Our other sad note comes from the fact that our first chapter has found it necessary to relinquish its Charter. Tau Chapter returned its charter to National and has become an inactive chapter. We had hoped to help them weather a change over to a graduate program with its attendant low membership potential and to this end both your President and your Executive Secretary worked to no avail. We will be the poorer sans Tau but will treasure the leadership they provided for us while they were a part of ABA.

We look ahead to a wonderful new year in 1964-65 climaxed by



In Tribute to Dr. Eugene P. Watson

The sense of sorrow that spread over Natchitoches at the news of Dr. Watson's death was soon felt in many parts of the United States as evidenced in the phone calls, resolutions, and messages received from Alpha Beta Alpha chapters and from former NSC students in whose destinies Dr. Watson was so deeply involved.

Each of us holds dear the memory of a busy man, his books and papers piled high on his desk, his telephone ringing at his elbow, students and faculty crowding into his office, but still able to greet us with a smile and a cheerful welcome. None left without receiving generously of his time and talents.

Library science students having difficulties with schedules or personal problems or planning trips knew where to go — to Dr. Watson's office where problems just melted away because he always found a solution. He always seemed to know the right person to call and his assurance that there was

the Convention in the Spring. Let each of us begin to work and prepare for that great event when we can meet together and work for our great profession of LIBRARIANSHIP! Have a good summer and a good vacation, and come back with renewed energy to make the new year the best in ALPHA BETA ALPHA history!

Fraternally yours,
Eunice H. Speer

no need for further worry meant just that.

Yes, he touched all of us with his great capacity for understanding, for giving sympathy when needed, and with his ability to get things done, which made the doing seem impossibly easy.

Honors came to Dr. Watson from all sides: civic, academic, religious, and professional. The Essae M. Culver award for outstanding service to libraries in Louisiana, given posthumously, crowned the list of honors heaped upon him.

Of his many accomplishments, to us, his greatest contribution was the formation of our national library fraternity on May 3, 1950. When Alpha Beta Alpha finally became a reality, after many months of work and hope, every member of the charter group knew that this achievement was a tribute to the vision and determination of Dr. Watson. He was immediately elected to the office of Executive Secretary, an office which he held for 10 years. Under his guidance a firm foundation for the fraternity was established, and its continued growth is rapidly spreading North, South, East, and West — each new chapter a monument to his success.

Memories will linger — his gaiety at our pledge parties, his solemn seriousness at our initiations, his happiness and joy in taking us to national conventions, his good humor on all occasions. Years from now, his many wonderful qualities will come to mind — his ready wit, his quick mind, his great enthusiasm and wisdom, his bountiful generosity, his brilliant leadership, his beautiful courage.

As time moves along, the living memory of this courageous man will remain in the hearts of all who knew him.

Mrs. Lucille Carnahan,
Sponsor Alpha Chapter

EDITOR'S THANKS

To all of you who responded by sending in requested articles, to Miss Speer who organized chaotic thoughts, to the Russell Library Staff of Northwestern State College who aided with suggestions, and especially to Mrs. Lucille T. Carnahan who solved problems of revision, condensation, and organization. I express a sincere "thank you." **The Alphabet** could not have been written without all of your contributions.

Ginger Risley

NEWS FROM OUR CHAPTERS

ALPHA

The spring semester of 1964 began for Alpha Chapter with an election of new officers. Those elected were Ann Johnson, president; H. Arthur Dew, vice-president; Paula Pijanowski, secretary; and Jackie Hodges, reporter. Other officers are Rachel Barnhill, treasurer, and Theresa Hodnett, historian. Arthur Dew was appointed editor of the local Alpha Journal. February was a significant month, for Alpha Chapter and all Alpha Beta Alpha felt the loss of a distinguished friend and advisor, Dr. Eugene P. Watson. On April 6, Northwestern State College held its annual Library Career Day for interested high school students in conjunction with the library science department of the college. Alpha Chapter organized panel discussions, tours, and recreational programs.

The annual Louisiana Library Association convention met March 19-21 where Alpha Chapter was well represented. At this time the Essae M. Culver Award for distinguished contribution to librarianship in our state was awarded posthumously to Dr. Watson.

Money-making projects undertaken by members of Alpha Chapter are the selling of all-occasion greeting cards, French cookbooks, and felt turtles. These turtles, made by members and pledges, depict the school colors, purple and white, and have the Alpha Beta Alpha insignia on them. Thus far these sales have proven to be highly successful.

The annual Founder's Day Picnic was observed on April 30, with a large number of students, alumni, and faculty members attending.

Alpha Chapter will close its activities for the spring with an installation of the fall officers and announcement of award winners on May 12.

GAMMA

In January Gamma Chapter held a "bake sale" to replenish the club's finances. In February Mr. Fred Hanes, director of the Indiana State College Library, spoke on his work in Pakistan at our annual Anniversary Banquet. Another highlight of this evening was the initiation of 14 pledges into Gamma Chapter. The following month Gamma held a pledging ceremony for 5 new members, and started selling stationery in hopes of sending more

delegates to the National Convention next year.

In order to meet future Alpha Beta Alpha members, Gamma helped the Library Science Staff with their Senior Day activities in April. The Chapter celebrated National Library Week with a tea given by the librarians at the Indiana State College Library for the high school student assistants of the area. Also, Gamma Chapter was honored on the 29th of April at a tea given by the Vigo County Librarians. Officers were elected for the new year and were installed at the Founder's Day Tea in May.

EPSILON

Pat McElroy, National Alpha Beta Alpha President, represented Epsilon Chapter in the Miss Murray State contest in the fall. Judy Gooch, treasurer, was selected third runner-up in the Miss Murray State contest.

Twenty-five members of the fraternity attended the spring banquet in March. The nine new members who were initiated at an earlier meeting received their pins during an impressive ceremony. A program of folk music was presented by Mr. Clyde Farries of Murray State's speech department.

Congratulations to Eugenia Welles who was elected Ideal Pledge of our last pledge class. Three girls are now pledged and Epsilon is anticipating a large increase in the fall.

April 17th is Senior day at Murray. Epsilon chapter members help make the high school graduates' day enjoyable by introducing them to our department and telling them about library science.

Several are looking forward to attending the regional meeting at Morehead in May. To enable more members to attend, the club plans to earn money by coffee and bake sales and a spring rummage sale.

Eight members will be graduating in the spring and summer. These members are: Judy Gooch, Pat McElroy, Wyvette Berryhill, Joyce Stone, Joyce Smith, Pat York, Eugenia Welles, and Chloeteen Page.

Epsilon notes the absence of its sponsor, Miss Senter, who will be away on a sabbatical leave this summer.

ZETA

Zeta Chapter initiated nine new members who became eligible during the second semester of 1964.

President's Message

Greetings, Members of Alpha Beta Alpha:

This fraternal year has been saddened by the tragic loss of our founder and friend, Dr. Eugene P. Watson. Speaking on behalf of Alpha Beta Alpha, our sincere sympathy is extended to all family and friends.

As your president, I have approved the establishment of a Eugene P. Watson scholarship and a nomination of Dr. Watson to receive the Beta Phi Mu Award. As a fraternity, we wish we could do more for such a wonderful friend of the profession.

The year of 1963-64 has been a most successful year for Alpha Beta Alpha. We have had two new chapters and one regional meeting at Morehead State College with Alpha Gamma chapter. Thank you Alpha Gamma for a marvelous time! Thank you Alpha Beta Alpha for your time, interest, and cooperation to achieve our successful year.

As the year nears completion, we must begin plans for our National Convention. Everyone should make plans to attend now!

Do not let up on your endeavors because the year is almost ended. Continue to send out rays of light from our candle to others! A little effort and planning can accomplish great things!

Patsy McElroy
National President

Following their initiation a social hour was held in their honor.

For the remainder of the school year the Chapter will work on a bulletin board project for the library. The members divided into groups with each group responsible for new display each week. To be included in the displays will be one for National Library Week. The "1963 List of Notable Books" will be used as another theme of interest to stimulate reading.

THETA

Since Theta Chapter's reorganization and reactivation this fall many group activities have been organized. First was a reception held for all the alumni and librarians in the Phoenix Library where Vice President Richardson was the guest of honor.

A variety of professional pro-

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NEWS FROM OUR CHAPTERS

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grams spotlighted monthly meetings. The first program was a slide-talk given by Dr. and Mrs. Benidict, who recently returned from Nigeria on a government sponsored Audio - Visual training program. Since that time, Mr. Henderson and Mr. Leonard, Head Librarian and Assistant Librarian of Phoenix Public Library, have spoken to us on the public library field.

KAPPA

Kappa Chapter finished the 1963-64 school year with talks, initiations, a trip, and elections. Our last meeting of 1963 featured a Christmas program planned by the freshman members of Alpha Beta Alpha. When we returned from Christmas vacation in January, Miss Jane Reinhard, a member of the college art department, spoke to the chapter on planning and executing effective library displays and bulletin boards. In the month of February, Kappa initiated twenty new members in three ceremonies. The March meeting found Kappa Chapter members traveling to Science Press in Ephrata, Pennsylvania. At the Press, we learned about the processes of cold printing. To bring the year to a close and to prepare for next year, Kappa held elections of officers and of delegates to the regional conference at its April meeting.

XI

One highlight of Xi Chapter's activities for the spring semester was the Spring Initiation Banquet held at the New Inn on February 20, 1964, where eight new members were initiated. At the March 17th meeting at Malcolm Price Laboratory School Miss Joan Englund discussed the problems of student teaching as it applied to her center. To conclude the spring activities, the annual Founder's Day picnic for the library staff and Xi chapter members was scheduled to be held early in May.

RHO

Rho Chapter has been working on three important projects: the redistricting of local chapters, constitutional revision, and a pledge manual for our local chapter. The task of redistricting the local chapters was delegated to Rho at the National Convention, while Rho volunteered to undertake the revision of Alpha Beta Alpha's consti-

tution. A pledge manual is being organized and will be available for members of Rho Chapter this spring.

Other events include an all-college weekend at which Rho is sponsoring a paperback book fair and plans for attending the library conference at Clarion State College and the Regional Meeting at Morehead State College in Kentucky.

At the February meeting Mrs. Mack, co-sponsor, spoke on the "Treasures of the Library." Her talk pertained to the valuable books, both old and new, found in the Rohrbach Library, Kutztown State College.

UPSILON

The spring activities of Upsilon Chapter include a tour in April to a book publishing company, a picnic in May, and an annual banquet in May.

At the March meeting, Mrs. Bland gave a speech about elementary libraries and the duties of elementary librarians. Following the talk, Mrs. Bland answered questions concerning elementary libraries in Maryland. Other guest speakers will be featured in future meetings.

ALPHA EPSILON

Since the installation of Alpha Epsilon on November 20, regular features have included a Christmas party, a tea, and a spring banquet during National Library Week. Other activities featured book talks and meetings with guest speakers.

As in the past, the fraternity participated actively in the annual School Library Conference held on the campus each fall, sponsored jointly by District 8 of American Library Association and the college.

CHI

In February Chi Chapter initiated twenty new members at the Initiation Banquet, quite an increase over fourteen new members at last year's banquet. Dr. Sampley, former head of the Library Service department, spoke on "822.33." Each year the chapter recognizes its best pledge, and David Farrar was named Best Pledge this year. His name will be inscribed on the award which hangs in the library service department.

Two programs are planned with guest speakers — "Storytelling" presented by Mrs. Jennings Woodard, former student and now an

assistant reference librarian, and "Science Libraries" presented by Mr. Sam Whitten of Southern Methodist University Science Library, Dallas, Texas.

Each spring North Texas State University sponsors an honors day program. At this time Chi chapter will as usual award a book to the outstanding freshman library service major. In May the chapter will have its annual Founders Day Picnic.

PI

On February 29, Pi Chapter's sponsor Sister Jane Marie, C.D.P. and Rosemary Kemp spoke at Trinity University, San Antonio, Texas, for the Library Recruitment Program sponsored by the Bexar Library Association. Sister Jane Marie's topic was "Educating a Librarian" and Rosemary's was "Having What It Takes."

A mass was offered by Pi Chapter in Our Lady of the Lake College Chapel in memory of the death of Dr. Eugene P. Watson.

Pi Chapter was represented at the Texas Library Association Convention in Abilene, Texas, on April 9, 10, and 11, with Sister Jane Marie as President of this Association. Sister Lucille, C.D.P. took part on a panel, "Excellence in Children's Literature." At our Library School Dinner in the Windsor Hotel, Mrs. Rachel De Angelo from the Drexel Library School, Philadelphia, was the guest speaker.

On April 23, at our business meeting, we will elect Miss Librarianship for 1964. At that time the Evaluation Committee will give its report on how they feel Pi Chapter could be continued, changed, or improved in the future.

The initiation of Pledges will be held on April 28 at our Ice Cream Party. The eight Pledges being initiated are: Rose Marie Bailey, Elizabeth Bailey, Madeline Bagwell, Sylvia Candia, Pat Johnson, Susan Marrow, Betty Wagner, and Robin Williams.

Pi Chapter's Covered Dish Supper will be held on May 14, honoring the graduates, both those receiving degrees and those completing certification. New officers will be installed at this supper.

Two members of Pi Chapter earned membership in Alpha Chi, national honor scholarship society for 1963-64. They are Ann McCauley and Angela Stos. Congratulations to them!

NEW MEMBERS

Alpha Chapter (Natchitoches, La.)

Student Members: Theresa Ann Clemens, Ruth Connolly, Raymond Cupples, Arthur Dew, Dianne Dunn, Robert Gilbert, Lynn Jones, Patricia Ann Latura, Brenda J. Odom, Margaret Owen, Alannah Petty, Paula Pijanowski, Ginger Ritsley, Melba Rodgers Williamson.

Professional Memebrs: Darothy L. Nickey.

Five-year Alumni Members: Inez Kirk, Ann Matthews, Mary Purcell.

Alumni Life Members: Mrs. Sallie Harper Helms, Pearle Peace.

Beta Chapter (Columbus, Miss.)

Student Members: Mattie Jo Latham Bennett, Sarah Nell Blue, Carolyn Jean Brown, Barbara Drummond, Deborah Ann Foran, Nancy Foster, Mary Kathleen Gillespie, Gay Fortner Hanna, Mary Aileen Lee, Loula Milton, Hilda Claire Oaks, Elizabeth Ann Oster, Martha Louise Peters, Ella Charlene Rhodes, Sara Lucretia Sherman, Suellen Walton, Lynda Ann Webb, Helen Weddle Wilkerson, Fredda Diana Wright.

Gamma Chapter (Terre Haute, Indiana)

Student Members: Kav English, Theda Persinger, Donna Sowles, Jose Winchell.

Five-year Alumni Members: Douglas A. Blazey, John Toth.

Alumni Life Members: Constance Doyle, Jack Dye.

Lambda Chapter (Baton Rouge, Louisiana)

Student Members: Jacklyn Hoffpauir.

Rho Chapter (Kutztown, Pennsylvania)

Student Members: Susan R. Austin, Nancy E. Bard, Janet Bond, Patricia A. Bresler, Roberta L. Colliver, Elizabeth A. Dickinson, Sharlene Fenner, Kathryn M. Flexer, Harriett A. Habecker, Mary Hamel, Harold W. Harner, Letitia Harrington, Carolyn Hunsberger, Francis G. Kever, Sally A. Kehler, Barbara A. Miller, Katherine E. Naugle, Lois Reppert, Janet R. Scherrer, Carol Schmoyer, Alice Selditch, Nancy Lee Seltzer, Marilyn Sharpe.

Delta Chapter (University, Alabama)

Student Members: Emily Caldwell, Patricia Chavis, Mrs. Linda

Dahlke, Linda Esslinger, Merri Hamilton, Cherry Jernigan, Judith Lane, Mary Varner McCall, Creagh McCollum, Frieda Payne, Daisy Propst, Marcia Ray, Linda Reichwein, Aline Shannon, Teresa Taylor, Barbara Williams, Pauline C. Williams.

Five-year Alumni Members: Donna Mai Allen, Ruth Jacqueline Bailey, Louise Culpepper, Elia G. Daws, Gertrude H. Geisland, Linda Lee Lambert, Rachel Mitchell Manning, Evelyn B. Smith, Ernestine Dyer Thigpen, Lily K. Williams, Gladys Evelyn Wilson, Betty Lee Wilson Wood.

Epsilon Chapter (Murray Kentucky)

Student Members: Yvettah Berryhill, Judith Gooth, Kathy Mahoney, Janice Martin, Shelia Waggener.

Eta Chapter (Denton, Texas)

Professional Members: Willard Hunsberber.

Theta Chapter (Tempe, Arizona)

Student Members: Karen Parks Braillon, Constance Beachem, Marcella Bethancourt, Marilyn Davenport, Sharon Howard, Hazel Pat Hoyt, Lois Jean Jorgensen, Donna Kinker, Alice Mann, Donald Mullen, Jean Oshita, Dorothy Mae Raitheil, Richard R. Rasche, Robert Searfoss, Pamela Williams.

Contributing Members: Mrs. Ruth Barber, Mrs. Irene Benedict, Mrs. Sue Eskey, Allen Rothlisberg.

Xi Chapter (Cedar Falls, Iowa)

Student Members: Patricia N. Clifton, Barbara Ann Griggs, Linda Kay Houts, Mary Ann Ibeling, Janice Ilene Olson, Mary Ellen Richter.

Mu Chapter (Normal, Illinois)

Student Members: Charles Carr, Judith McIlrath.

Five-year Alumni Members: Carolyn Kellog, Richard R. Brandolino, Edna Lois Booze, Judith Ellen Starr, Jeanette Van Winkle.

Alumni Life Members: Barbara Jean Galloway.

Professional Members: Sue Alexander.

Chi Chapter (Denton, Texas)

Student Members: Sharon Blackwell, Sharron Boyd, Mrs. Mary Brown, Sandra Byron, Betty Coleman, Judy Cowart, Beth Daniel, Mary Lynn Durham, Paula Erler, Lynn Farless, David Farrar, Linda

Fryar, Diana Furr, Sally Goodwin, Lynn Harrell, Patricia Harrington, Marge Hoyle, Gola Hubbard, Patricia Ingle, Mary Lou Knox, Barbara Lindsey, Kay Livingston, Kathy Lorigan, Rochelle Love, Leonard Joe McCown, Inez McKeever, Paula Marchant, Mary Martin, Jan Penick, Jill Smith, Rebecca Spain, Jo Thomas, Sharon Tully, Merrilyn Vaughan, Nancy Webster.

Five-year Alumni Members: Mrs. Josephine S. Chancellor, Diane Waggoner.

Alumni Life Members: Mrs. Maurine Miller.

Contributing Members: Mrs. Dorothy Rawlins, Mrs. Edna Mae Sandborn.

Upsilon Chapter (Shepherdstown, West Virginia)

Student Members: Mildred Jones, Margaret Link, Barbara Maxwell, Martha Moore.

Psi Chapter (Cape Girardeau, Missouri)

Professional Members: Lynn Barber, Anna Price.

Omega Chapter (Knoxville, Tennessee)

Student Members: Martha Ann Givan, Barbara Grubbs, Marilyn Hines, Paula Ide, Celia Murphy, Lillian Trotter, Brenda Woodford.

Five-year Alumni Members: Elizabeth Hotchkiss, Margaret Pletsche, Nora Reed.

Professional Members: Elizabeth Dunlap.

Contributing Members: Jane Stringham.

Alpha Alpha Chapter (Harrisonburg, Virginia)

Student Members: Thelma E. Airey, Jean Marie Anderson, Virginia Bundick, Mildred Dalton, Carolyn Mae Davis, Susan Duane Doyle, Nan Cecile Eddins, Ellen Ann Hylton, Patricia Ann Martin, Eleanor D. Myers, Carolyn Lee Pittman, Mary Jane Swanson, Sally J. Thurston, Charlotte Anne Whittaker, Doris Wright.

Alpha Gamma Chapter (Morehead, Kentucky)

Student Members: Martha Jane Campbell, Mary Virginia Collins, Georgeanna Mae Cramer, Sharon Crouch, Patricia Jane DeMoss,

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NEW MEMBERS

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Donna Kay Root, Ina Sizemore
Rudd, Anna M. Taylor.

Five - year Aulmni Members:

Don W. Combs.

Alpha Beta Chapter (Thibodaux,
Louisiana)

Student Members: Ida Bergeron,
Gale Clement, Elizabeth David.

Professional Members: Catherine
Garback.

Alpha Delta Chapter (Stillwater,
Oklahoma)

Student Members: Mary Una
Alagood, Joyce Elanie Bartell,
beulah Jane Bittick, Mary Blu-
baugh, Donald Dale Bolander, Ar-
leen Chapman, Nedra Crocker,
Maria Galrao, Merry Sue Hayman,
Roselyn Haynes, Jose Leovigildo
Alejandro Flores-Diaz, Jean Klein,
Donna Jean Lemon, Margie Mae
Lute, Roberta Jean Martin, Linds-
ley Dodge Merrill, Tony Moeffeit,
Howard Duane Moore, Leah M.
Moore, Karen Ann Raab, Judith
Carolyn Rix, Carol Robinson, Dana
Lynn Robinson, Karen Suderman,
Lana Kay Vandever, Mary Lee
Wilson, Sharon Lee Yadon.

Five - year Alumni Members

Ferol Ann Accola, Della Hickman
Bennett, Carolyn June Bauet Croft,
Nancy Stewart Evans, Julia Ben-
son Gasaway, Edith LaForge,
Joyce Corrine Maxwell, Vida Nut-
ting Payne, Billye Dolores Scar-
brough, Mary Shingleton, Kathleen
J. Simpson, Violet Waits.

Professional Members: Nancy
Ruth Amis, Helen Ditson Lloyd,
Doris M. Raney, Della Thomas.

Alpha Epsilon Chapter (Florence,
Alabama)

Student Members Patricia Allen,
Johnnie Bobo, Margene Bonds,
Mary Carlton, Martha Cornhill,
Marjorie Hamm, Hardy Higgins,
Emily Hughes, Rebecca Irvin, Lyn-
da Lamon, Wynette Mixon, Janie
Putnam, Fran Raper, Ann Thomp-
son, Shirley Whisenant.

Alumni Life Members: Lucille
Barnes, Oleta Beck, Mary Nell
Burfield, Emma Garner, Lois Hen-
derson, Helen Mavis Jones, Mary
J. Moore, Shirley Nicholas, Annette
Sandlin, Marguerite Williams.

Professional Members: Burchell
Campbell, Ruth Dacus Fannie
Schmitt.

Associate Members: Ethel Peer-
son.

ABA MEMBERSHIP TABULATION

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ARGUMENTS FOR AND AGAINST UNDERGRADUATE LIBRARY SCIENCE PROGRAMS

EDITOR'S NOTE: In answer to our request for papers written by Alpha Beta Alpha members, we received one written by Miss Susan Elizabeth Bankert entitled UNDERGRADUATE LIBRARY SCIENCE: VIEWS AND OPINIONS. Miss Bankert wrote this very fine paper while a student at Madison College, Harrisonburg, Virginia. The entire study is much too long to present in *The Alphabet*, but we thought her introduction dealing with the arguments for and against such programs will be of interest to those of us who are a part of the Undergraduate Library Science Program.

Since the adoption of the Standards and Guide for Undergraduate Library Science Programs in 1959 by the ALA, there has been a renewed interest in such programs on the part of librarians and, especially, library educators. Much of this interest centers around the objectives and curriculum of the undergraduate program and articulation of the undergraduate and graduate programs.

Before presenting a discussion of the major problems concerning undergraduate programs confronting library educators today, it would be well to mention briefly the arguments for and against such programs. The primary objection to an undergraduate library science program is that it decreases the general education program of the student. Each undergraduate course in librarianship a student takes means one less course in another field.¹ Undergraduate programs that require too little liberal arts education and overemphasize routines and techniques of librarianship result in students with inadequate backgrounds. These students are unable to grasp basic theory and principles and frequently can "not see the forest for the trees." A librarian must have "the ability to meet patrons on their own intellectual levels" and this is impossible without a broad cultural background.²

On the other hand, there are many who agree that a librarian needs a broad liberal background but that some undergraduate courses in librarianship will not weaken a student's liberal background. L. Dorothy Bevis, Associate Director

of the School of Librarianship, University of Washington, Seattle, where both undergraduate and graduate programs are offered, said:

We do not feel that twelve quarter hours (eight semester hours) will gravely endanger the general content of the undergraduate 180 quarter hours (120 semester hours). We do feel, however, that it will allow us to make available certain fundamental knowledge in librarianship and in books and reading on the undergraduate level. Then, on the graduate level, we will have more room for courses in depth on the materials of the subject field, for advanced courses in school library supervision, for areas of special collections, for approaches to documentation and machine retrieval, for awareness of the "bibliographic explosion" which is taking place the world over, for comparative librarianship, and for sheer experience in good reading.³

Undergraduate programs do fulfill valid needs, such as those stated in the objectives of undergraduate library science programs in the Standards. The undergraduate programs offered at teacher education institutions serve five purposes, according to Hattie M. Knight, Chairman of the Library Science Department, Brigham Young University: "(1) to prepare school librarians, (2) to teach college students how to use books and libraries effectively, (3) to provide in-service training for full and part-time university library employees, (4) to give stimulus and background training for students who will attend a graduate library school, and (5) to train librarians for the small public libraries of the various states and sub-professionals for the larger public libraries."⁴

The main objective of undergraduate programs is probably to prepare librarians for school library service. School librarians need a fairly specialized education — "a good general education; a knowledge of educational methods and philosophy; and a knowledge of librarianship which includes both a basic knowledge and specialization in the school field." They must have an education sim-

ilar to that of a teacher. State and city library supervisors and school administrators prefer graduates of undergraduate library programs because these persons "have a better recognition of the library's place in the school program, a better understanding of the teacher's problems and needs of the school curriculum, a broader knowledge of enrichment and educational development of young people." These specialized requirements are not met by "the liberal arts graduate who takes a fifth year at a graduate library school."⁵

¹Stanley L. West, "Apologia for an Undergraduate Program in Library Science," *Southeastern Librarian*, 8 (Fall, 1958), p. 105.

²Robert R. Douglas and Sarah R. Reed, "Library Education Today and Tomorrow," *ALA Bulletin*, 56 (April, 1962), p. 291.

³L. Dorothy Bevis, "Windows-Not Mirrors," *ALA Bulletin*, 57 (January, 1962), p. 50.

⁴Hattie M. Knight, "The Case for Library Science Courses in Teacher Education Institutions," *Teachers College Journal*, 31 (October, 1959), p. 5.

⁵Lauretta G. McCusker, "Patterns and Objectives of Undergraduate programs," *Undergraduate Library Education*, ed. by David K. Berninghausen, (Minneapolis, 1959), pp. 11-12.

CONGRATULATIONS!

Alpha Delta, within less than one year of existence, has established a most worthy scholarship of \$200 to be presented in the fall, 1964, to an outstanding high school graduate entering the library science program at the Oklahoma State University, Stillwater, Oklahoma. They are certainly to be commended in setting a fine example for other chapters to follow.

ALPHA BETA ALPHA FINANCIAL STATEMENT April 8, 1964

Balance on hand as of October 22, 1963	\$1603.53
Income to date	1473.00
Total cash on hand and income to date	\$3076.53
Expenditures to date	657.89
Balance on hand	\$2418.64

The following is an original tribute to Dr. Eugene P. Watson, submitted by Arthur Dew, a member of Alpha Chapter.

**A MEMOIR:
EUGENE P. WATSON**

To everything there is a season, and a time to every purpose under the heaven:

A time to be born, and a time to die; a time to plant, and a time to pluck up that which is planted;

A time to kill, and a time to heal; a time to break down, and a time to build up;

A time to weep, and a time to laugh; a time to mourn, and a time to dance;

A time to cast away stones, and a time to gather stones together; a time to embrace, and a time to refrain from embracing;

A time to get, and a time to lose; a time to keep, and time to cast away;

A time to rend, and a time to sew; a time to keep silence, and a time to speak;

A time to love, and a time to hate; a time of war, and a time of peace.

Ecclesiastes 3:1-8

Yes, I remember now. It was a short time back. It was February, the twenty-fifth, Nineteen-hundred Sixty-three. There was a pledging reception in the living room of Caddo Hall.

Oh, I can remember so well. I was there to pledge Alpha Chapter. It was a time to plant; yes, to become a part of Alpha, to be enriched by the enjoyment and enthusiasm of such a group.

It was a time to be born, and to develop new friendships, and new fellowship. He was there. It was in that room that I first met him.

He gave me inspiration. It was a time to build up; a time to gather stones together. To everything there is a reason.

And a time to every purpose under the heaven. Installation of new officers, in the rich setting of Navarro Hall. February twenty-six. Nineteen-hundred, sixty-four. I was being installed as vice-president. It was a time to laugh, a time to dance, and a time to get.

He. Again he was there. He smiled with satisfaction. Alpha was once more proving its need. It was a time to keep. We were at ease; he was there: To plant, to heal, to build up again, and a time to gather stones together.

To everything there is a season, and a time to every purpose under the heaven:

February, twenty plus two and seven. Still nineteen-hundred, sixty-four. It was a time to die; and a time to pluck up that which is planted. A time to kill, a time to break down. A time to weep, a time to mourn, and a time to cast away stones.

A time to lose, and a time to cast away. A time to rend; time to keep silence. A time to hate, a time of war.

But we, Alpha Chapter. We've been taught too well. He. Yes, he taught us well. To lead, to carry on, a time to be born, a time to plant.

It was he. It is he; a time to sew, and a time to speak. A time to love, and a time of peace. Forward, Alpha; a time to heal; and a time to build up.

INSTALLATION OF CHAPTERS

With the installation of two new chapters last fall, Alpha Beta Alpha is indeed proud to have increased the total number of chapters to twenty-nine. Alpha Delta and Alpha Epsilon, we welcome you! Following is an account of their installations.

Alpha Delta Chapter of Stillwater, Oklahoma, was officially launched on October 17, 1963, in

an impressive candlelight ceremony followed by a reception and formal banquet. The featured speaker inspiring the new chapter was the late Dr. Eugene Watson of Natchitoches, Louisiana.

Alpha Epsilon Chapter of Florence, Alabama, became a part of Alpha Beta Alpha on November 20, 1963, succeeding the Arrietty Library Science Club formed there in 1956. A tea attended by members, pledges, faculty, and the administration of Florence State College followed the installing ceremonies which were performed by Miss Elizabeth Gulley, president of the MSCW chapter.

**AUTOBIOGRAPHY OF
OUR TREASURER**

I was born and raised on a farm near Mackinaw, Illinois, and attended the Deer Creek Grade School and the Deer Creek-Mackinaw High School. After graduating from high school in 1961, I came to Illinois State where I am now a junior, majoring in English and minoring in Library Science.

During the past year, I have worked at Withers Public Library in Bloomington. Between working and attending school, I try to find time for my hobbies: reading, writing short stories and poetry, working cross-word puzzles, playing the piano, and motorcycling with my fiancee. My organization affiliations are, besides Alpha Beta Alpha, Sigma Tau Delta Honorary English Fraternity; Alpha Lambda Kappa Co-op; the Mackinaw Methodist Church, and Young Republicans.

Although I met quite a few of you last year when I was hobbling around on a cast at the national convention in Iowa, I am looking forward to meeting a lot more of you in my work as national treasurer during this school year.

Arlita Warrick

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