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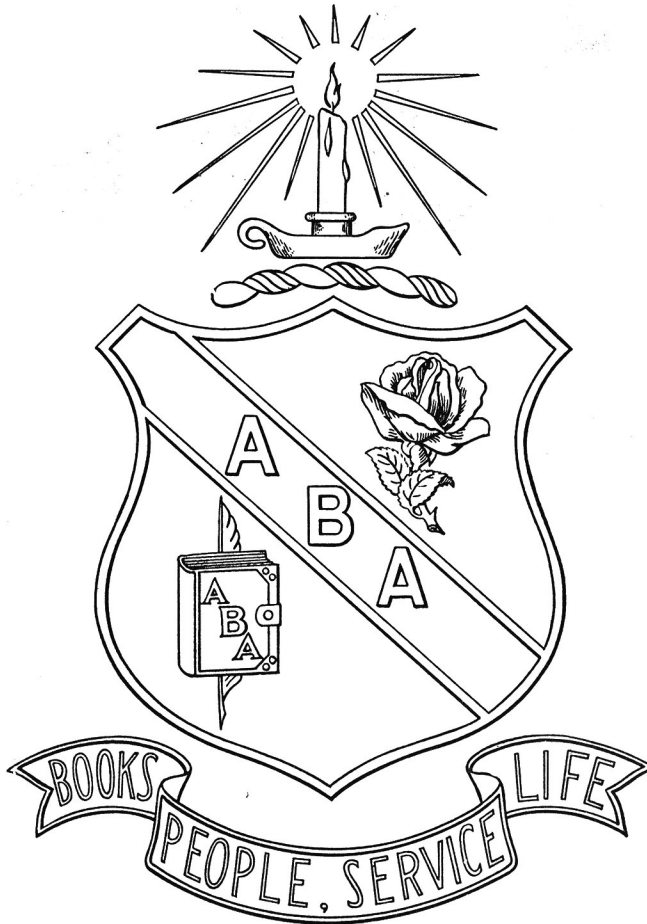
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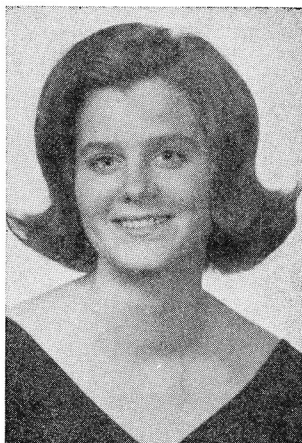
NUMBER 1



## DEDICATION

This issue is dedicated to Miss Eunice H. Speer, who took responsibility  
at a difficult time and kept us on the path

## OUR NATIONAL OFFICERS



President  
**LYNDA RUE**  
 (Alpha Chapter)  
 Northwestern State College of La.  
 Natchitoches, Louisiana

Twenty years and some three months ago I was born in Baltimore, Maryland. There I lived with my parents and grandparents until the bright age of three. From our home in Maryland we moved to the beautiful state of Louisiana to the fairly large city of Alexandria.

In Alexandria I was educated in a Catholic school. While in school I was always interested in the library. In my senior year I received the outstanding librarian award given to the member of the Library Club with the most hours of service to the library and the club. Also, while in high school I served as president of my sophomore, junior, and senior classes.

Now I am a senior at Northwestern State College and will graduate in two semesters. At Northwestern my most active interest has been Alpha Beta Alpha and Delta Zeta, a social sorority. At present, there is something else moving in and taking over the center of attraction in my life. That is my fiance from Phoenix, Arizona. After I am married, I plan to work as a librarian in Phoenix and to get my Master's Degree in Library Science. Then I can be a full-fledged librarian in qualifications as well as in spirit.

While in Louisiana, I have met and become friends with some of the greatest people in the South. When I say great, I mean in personality and in friendship. Four of these people have brought me in close contact with the library. They are my aunt, Mrs. Frances Pirkle,  
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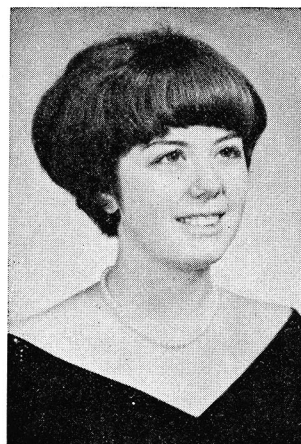


Vice-President  
**VIRGINIA HELPHINSTINE**  
 (Alpha Gamma Chapter)  
 Morehead State College  
 Morehead, Kentucky

I am a senior at Morehead State College, Morehead, Kentucky. I have a major in General Business with minors in Library Science and Latin.

I have always had a great interest in librarianship because I like to read. From reading, ideas of others are gained and personal ideas are stimulated. Reading brings satisfaction in many ways. Curiosity may be aroused; understanding of the world about us is sharpened; joy, mirth or solace may be experienced. A librarian has a challenging opportunity in advising and guiding young people concerning what to read and how to get the most out of what is read.

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Treasurer  
**JEAN HOHENSHILT**  
 (Kappa Chapter)  
 Millersville State College  
 Millersville, Pennsylvania

Born in Millerstown, a small community along the Juniata River in central Pennsylvania, I was reared in the beauty of nature. As a result I am outdoors minded, my hobbies being canoeing, ice skating, Kart racing and coin collecting. Besides gaining first hand experiences, I have enjoyed the vicarious experiences which I obtained through reading.

While attending East Juniata High School I became interested in Library Science; however it was not until I came to Millersville State College that I began to realize how broad the field of Library Science is. As a member of Alpha Beta Alpha I have been Corresponding Secretary. Being a Library Science major and Mathematics minor, I am interested in increasing the efficiency of the library by using data processing and computer systems.

I am looking forward to meeting you in my work as National Treasurer.

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### Spirit of ABA

According to our recent poll, the chapters which responded to the questionnaire chose the following members as best representing the Spirit of ABA. Hats off to you, blithe spirits!

Alpha Chapter: Lynda Rue,  
 Juanel Savage

Beta Chapter: Martha Peters,  
 Carol Bond

Gamma Chapter: Kenny Green,  
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## LIGHT ON THE SUBJECT

"It is better to light a candle than to curse the darkness" — Confucius

The following article written by a student at the State College of Iowa is reproduced by permission of **The Pentagon**, Spring, 1965. We hope that this fine article will encourage other students to submit contributions for publication.

### MATHEMATICS TEACHERS AND THE LIBRARY

Carolyn Kacena

Student, State College of Iowa

The combination of library science and mathematics has always struck others as strange, but I never thought much about it until I read the National Education Association report "The Secondary School Teacher and Library Services."

According to this 1958 publication, there are three groups of teachers when classified according to library use: the major users, the minor users, and the potential users. Mathematics teachers are prime examples of grade A non-users. Most of them feel libraries are nice, but there is no place for library use in mathematics courses. A specific breakdown of the figures given in the NEA survey shows mathematics teachers giving the following responses: Library use is

Essential—4.1

Important—15.7

Of limited importance—63.6

Unimportant—13.8

Don't know—2.8

In many cases, they complained about inadequate materials while at the same time the librarian might receive one title a year for suggested acquisition from the whole mathematics department. Most of the mathematics teachers didn't feel they knew the librarian well enough to judge her general competency or her knowledge of mathematics material.

A surprising reversal occurs when questioned about the use of professional materials. Minor users as a whole use the professional collections just as frequently as the major users. Unfortunately, no figures specifically on mathematics teachers are given. The assumption must be that they follow the general trend.

The crux of the problem seems to be the view that teaching mathematics is one and the same as assigning problems from the textbook and proving the answer in the key to be right. A very self-contained classroom results and one must admit that there is really no justification for library use in such a situation.

It is only when the teacher goes beyond the textbook and inspires his students to go deeper into the subject that libraries become necessary—even essential. Albert E. Meder, Jr., in discussing library use

in mathematics says, "The goals should be nothing less than the development of mathematical insight, power, and understanding to the fullest extent possible. . . . The only way to live in the mathematical world of today is to gain insight, power, and understanding as well as problem solving." The minimum along this line is the teacher's use of the library as a resource for models to be used in class and for renewal of his background.

A second problem is developing lines of communication between the two departments once the need for supplementary material is felt. While it is the librarian's responsibility to set up the basic collection for each department, she cannot be an expert in all fields. Any development beyond the essentials must have some initiation from the experts in the field — the teachers who assign the work and who know what their students need and want. No librarian will build up a mathematics collection without having some indication of future use. When the North Central Association set up library standards they listed approximate percentages of collections according to use and needs. Mathematics shares 10% of the collection with science, a department classified as a major user in the NEA report. These suggested norms are often rigidly followed. Unless mathematics teachers express their needs they will get the small end of the 10%. Those who complain about inadequate collections should look first at their teaching requirements and the requests for new materials they have made, and then complain if they have not been given the aid they requested.

A third facet of the problem involves the materials themselves. There are a few bibliographies available in mathematics but many times they prove to be rearrangements of previous lists. What is judged as good by one compiler is likely to be judged the same by the next one because of lack of competition. This may actually be an extension of the supply-and-demand situation of problem two. An endless cycle can be set up: No library materials because of no need shown in requests, no requests because nothing especially suitable has shown up in new publications, no new publications because of lack of demand, and so on **ad infinitum**. The place to break this chain must be in the mathematics departments.

It might take quite a revolution in the mathematics departments across the country to have a publisher risk the expense of a mathematics book, but it could be done.

Although the necessity to do more in teaching than solve problems has been proclaimed by the Dean of Rutgers University, how and why the library can and must be used can be shown more concretely. Returning to Mr. Meder, we find seven needs for libraries in mathematics.

(1) The teacher needs the library to bring his own understanding of mathematics up-to-date.

(3) The teacher needs the library to enable him to find supplemental materials with which to adapt his instruction to individual needs.

(3) The teacher needs the library to assign supplemental materials to the bright student who wants to know more.

(4) The teacher needs the library for reading material to assign to students to secure coverage of topics that for lack of time, or some other reason, cannot be covered in class.

(5) The teacher needs the library to enable him to kindle mathematical interests of able students by suggesting independent reading for their own enjoyment.

(6) The teacher needs the library to enable him to teach mathematics as part of the cultural heritage of mankind, not merely as a tool or a language.

(7) The teacher needs the library to stimulate original thinking, the research attitude, and the solving of problems.

Complementary suggestions come from Jack N. Sparks, Research Fellow at the University of Iowa and Kenneth L. Taylor, Librarian at West Leyden High School in Franklin Park, Illinois. They suggest using the mathematics library for:

(1) creating interest in mathematics through recreational activities such as mathematics clubs and/or daily problem board; (2) selecting projects for mathematics students in class and out which would lead into independent research; (3) using library materials to supplement texts for students in all classes to interest them in greater depth and to aid them in gaining the necessary insights; (4) providing materials for the gifted so that they might either go ahead of the class or enrich the

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## NEWS FROM THE CHAPTERS

### ALPHA CHAPTER Northwestern State College of La. Natchitoches, Louisiana

Alpha Chapter was very busy during the fall semester. A get-acquainted party was held on September 27 in the Library Science Room. The theme of the party was "Mother Goose," and the room was beautifully decorated with Mother Goose characters. Several nursery rhyme games were played. Pat Latura, one of the members, gave a brief talk on the history and purposes of the fraternity.

Approximately thirty members went on our annual field trip in October, visiting three libraries in Baton Rouge: the Dow Chemical Library, the Louisiana State University Library, and the Louisiana State Library.

Alpha Chapter is very happy to have Mrs. Dorothy Hanks as its new sponsor.

Alpha had its pledging and initiation on Monday, November 8. Dr. Marie Fletcher, Professor of English at Northwestern State College was the guest speaker for the evening and favored the group with a reading of Eudora Welty's "Why I Live at the P.O." The initiates who became new members were: Carol Allen, Winona Gallagher, Barbara Wallace, Claudette Wallace, and Wayne Willis. The new pledges were: Diane Anderson, Patricia Anderson, Phyllis Brown, Polly Carpenter, Nona Cobb, Gwen Ellison, Melba Greene, Martha Hagewood, Gene Holdman, Jonelle Kellogg, Susanna Kennedy, Marilyn Lena, Nelda McKee, Rebecca McKillips, Olivia McNeeley, Betty Martin, Gail Smith and Helen Sullivan.

ABA's Christmas Party was held in the home of Mrs. Lucille Daughdril. Juanell Savage entertained the members with a short skit, and Kathy Ashlock read a Christmas story with the help of David MacKenzie. Dana Hahn and Kay Sewell led in the singing of Christmas carols with a portable organ. The club is very proud of Lynda Rue who was elected National President of Alpha Beta Alpha.

### BETA CHAPTER Miss. State College for Women Columbus, Mississippi

A get-acquainted tea was held as a means of introducing library science faculty members and ABA members to each other. The chapter also found that a map showing the hometowns of each member proved to be a good "conversation opener."

Some members attended the state library convention and represented their chapter by serving on discussion panels.

Others gained experience in book orders while preparing for the Book Fair.

### DELTA CHAPTER University of Alabama Tuscaloosa, Alabama

The theme for the year is "Up the Alabama Library Science Staircase," the purpose being to spotlight various areas of librarianship. Dr. Louis Shores addressed the group on "Profession of Destiny," stressing the importance of both men and women librarians in the future of our country. Government or special librarianship was the topic for Dr. Robert Severance, of Maxwell AFB, Air University Library. Miss Nancy C. Gonce, of Alabama Public Libraries spoke on public libraries in Alabama. Delta held a recruitment day program. As a money-making project they find selling candy is successful.

### EPSILON CHAPTER Murray State College Murray, Kentucky

Reports were heard on trips abroad taken by several of the members. Close relationship between pledges and actives was stressed in the fall. A retaliation day for the benefit of the pledges was held. Pledges also began a scrapbook to be continued by future pledge classes.

A panel discussion was held on "Banned Books and Censorship."

### ZETA CHAPTER Concord College Athens, West Virginia

Added publicity was given to the Zeta Chapter as it made use of the College Center showcase for a display. A coke party was given for students who were eligible for membership.

### ETA CHAPTER Texas Woman's University Denton, Texas

An annual picnic in the fall welcomed freshman and transfer students to Eta Chapter. A book review of *No Heaven for Gunga Din* by Gunga Din highlighted one meeting.

A Christmas project is chosen each year. Past year's projects have included a donation to the Denton State School for Mentally Retarded, books for the demonstration school library, and improvements in our own Library Science Department.

### KAPPA CHAPTER Millersville State College Millersville, Pennsylvania

Dr. Richard Hess gave an informative talk on the slow learner and mentally retarded child in the library. At a later meeting Miss M. B. Wiese, who spent several months in Malaysia helping with

the library program there, was the speaker.

Students in Library Education took a field trip to Baltimore, Maryland to visit the Mt. Royal Elementary School, recipient of a Knapp Foundation Award.

### MU CHAPTER Illinois State University Normal, Illinois

All activities for the year were dedicated to the memory of Dr. Robert Hertel, late Director of Libraries at ISU.

Match the title and author was played as a get-acquainted game. Moneymaking project for the year is the annual Book Fair. As a special project, the officers and committee chairmen are making a handbook for future officers explaining their duties.

### XI CHAPTER State College of Iowa Cedar Falls, Iowa

Meetings had as their overall theme the phases of library work. A representative from the Placement Bureau spoke on the opportunities in librarianship in the schools. Another program used the staff for a panel discussion on Graduate School. The last of the series dealt with public libraries.

### OMICRON CHAPTER Florida A & M University Tallahassee, Florida

The sale of candy added funds to the treasury. ABA is publicized on campus through continual articles in the newspaper. A Student of the Month Program was also instigated to help create interest in the recruitment program.

### PI CHAPTER Our Lady of the Lake College San Antonio, Texas

Members sponsored a movie, "The Swan," as a fund raising project. The chapter also found a field trip to the home of Fritz and Emilie Toepperwein, a husband and wife author and illustrator of children's books, high on their list of entertaining meetings.

### SIGMA CHAPTER Western Michigan University Kalamazoo, Michigan

Program topics of interest to members dealt with a trip to Pompeii and the use of postcards as audio-visual aids; also the use of IBM machines in the library. The chapter participates in campus activities especially during Homecoming.

### UPSILON CHAPTER Shepherd College Shepherdstown, West Virginia

Meetings for the year were planned amid pleasant surroundings of

a picnic dinner. Members assisted the college library during their move into a new library building. They also served as ushers and guides during the formal dedication.

#### PHI CHAPTER

**Central Michigan University  
Mount Pleasant, Michigan**

CMU held a leadership conference which was attended by officers of the Chapter; guest speaker was a candidate for the U. S. Senate.

Phi chapter sponsored a paperback book drive for the Korean Orphanage Drive. Money was obtained by collecting used books and reselling them for 10c.

#### CHI CHAPTER

**North Texas State University  
Denton, Texas**

The rush party was centered around the theme "Autumn's Best Attraction." "Match the Call Number" was played as a get-acquainted game. For a Christmas program Chi Chapter entertained a dorm of the Denton State School. Games, presents, and refreshments were presented to the children.

#### PSI CHAPTER

**Southeast Missouri State College  
Cape Girardeau, Missouri**

Public relations were strengthened by chapter members when they had Mr. Rod Schwartz of the Missouri State Library as speaker at a dinner meeting. A paperback book sale was also held.

#### ALPHA ALPHA CHAPTER

**Madison College  
Harrisonburg, Virginia**

Members felt that there was a lack of contact between themselves and prospective members. Activities and games were especially designed to create a closer association among members.

#### ALPHA BETA CHAPTER

**Nicholls State College  
Thibodaux, Louisiana**

Money raising projects for the year included a candy sale and the sale of a dessert cookbook published by members.

#### ALPHA GAMMA CHAPTER

**Morehead State College  
Morehead, Kentucky**

Programs for the year were: Studies of the correlations of the different subject fields with the use of the library (i.e. Science and the Library).

As a community project, members helped reorganize the library at Pinecrest Baptist Children's Home in Morehead. Funds were increased through bake sales and a paperback book sale. The chapter offered to compile a directory of school librarians of Eastern Kentucky.

## Intellectual Freedom

In these times of tension, there is a tendency on the part of many citizens to permit abrogations of their right to choose their own reading materials without undue intervention by political authorities, police courts, or even libraries. For this reason we are glad to publish the following communication from Mr. Leroy C. Merritt, editor of ALA's **Newsletter on Intellectual Freedom**.

"Today, practically everyone is concerned with censorship in one form or another, some with fighting all types of censorship while others are fighting for the right to censor materials considered obscene. Each year brings new organizations to fight the book burners or to protect the public from literature considered objectionable for varied reasons.

Among those putting up a vigorous fight for intellectual freedom is the American Library Association, long advocating the right of the individual to choose what he shall read.

Since 1940, the ALA Committee on Intellectual Freedom has tried to help booksellers, libraries, and librarians in their fight against attacks from various groups and organizations. Librarians wishing to keep informed will be interested in the **Newsletter on Intellectual Freedom** published bimonthly by the American Library Association at 48 Arlington Avenue, Kensington, California.

Address all correspondence concerning subscriptions (\$3.00 per year) to Subscription Department, American Library Association, 30 East Huron Street, Chicago 11, Illinois.

To this we might add our opinion that it might be a fine activity for ABA chapters to place a subscription to this fine publication in their own college libraries—in case it's not there already. The librarian will undoubtedly be happy to accept such a generous offer.

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## 1965 Convention

It has been over a year since the National Convention was held on the campus of Texas Women's University with Eta Chapter as host. To those who were able to attend, the convention proved to be a most enlightening experience. Delegates were privileged to hear Mrs. Florinell Morton, Director, Graduate Library School, Louisiana State University, who spoke on "Challenges of Librarianship," and Mr. Travis E. Tyler, Coordinator of Young Adult Services, Dallas Public Library, who spoke on the topic "Libraries Unlimited."

The main business of the convention was the revision of the

Constitution. Members have since voted to accept the constitutional changes which were proposed at that time. As everybody now knows, these changes involved combining the Constitution and the By-Laws into one instrument; subdivision of paragraphs to make for easier location of information; and clarification of certain sections.

On behalf of **The Alphabet**, we would like to thank Eta Chapter and TWU Library School for being helpful and gracious hosts.

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## Executive Secretary

**The Alphabet** wishes to extend congratulations on behalf of the membership of Alpha Beta Alpha to Miss Carol E. Melson, new Executive Secretary of Alpha Beta Alpha. Miss Melson is Director of Library Education at Millersville State College, Millersville, Pennsylvania. She takes over as Executive Secretary from Miss Eunice H. Speer.

We know that Miss Melson has her hands full trying to get the fraternity affairs in order and learning the various duties that go with this big new job. When we asked her for a picture, she said, "The best picture of me would be taken at my desk every Sunday and Saturday, trying to catch up."

We are sure that all chapter officers will wish to do everything possible to help Miss Melson get settled in the new job. Perhaps we'll all take a resolve to make our reports promptly and to take care of our chapter business in a businesslike way.

And to you, Miss Melson, we wish the best of success.

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## Book Chatter

It has always seemed to us that any library fraternity should be eternally concerned with books. Not only because we like the way they look or feel but because of the ideas and useful knowledge they contain. Of course, we are all aware of the usefulness of films, filmstrips, tapes, phonorecords, overhead projectors and the like. And we'd all like to have more of them. But books are basic, not just historically, but also in this utilitarian present.

And so it has seemed to us that a questionnaire about books would remind us all what our profession is all about. There seems no anomaly so monstrous as an illiterate librarian. We were warmed to find that many chapters responded and we are sure many readers will be interested in the results. Here they are:

1. All-time most popular book (overwhelmingly): **Gone With the Wind** by Margaret Mitchell. Other  
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## Watson Scholarship Fund

At the convention in Denton, Alpha Chater was given the responsibility for setting up a committee to administer the Eugene P. Watson Memorial Scholarship Fund.

The committee was made up of the President and the Executive Secretary of Alpha Beta Alpha, the President of the Bank in which the fund is deposited, a member of Dr. Watson's family, the Librarian of the Northwestern State College Library, and another member of Alpha Chapter who will serve as chairman.

As set up at the convention the committee members were:

Miss Julie Rankin, Omega, President of Alpha Beta Alpha

Miss Eunice Speer, Mu, Executive Secretary

Mr. Edgerton Pierson, President, City Bank & Trust Co., Natchitoches, La.

Mr. Arthur Watson, Attorney at Law, Natchitoches, La.

Mr. Donald MacKenzie, Librarian, NSC Library (Alpha)

Mrs. Lucille T. Carnahan, Chairman of the Committee (Alpha)

Since that time, of course, the President and Executive Secretary have changed, but the rest of the committee remains.

It was suggested at the informal meeting that each chapter might be interested in making plans for an annual contribution to the fund so that it will soon build up sufficiently to begin giving a scholarship. The following chapters have already contributed the sum indicated and the money has been deposited in the special fund.

Alpha .....	\$131.00
Gamma .....	25.00
Eta .....	25.00
Kappa .....	20.00
Mu .....	105.00
Rho .....	25.00
Alpha Beta .....	50.00

Total amount in the

Special Fund ..... \$381.00

Anyone wishing to mail checks to the fund will please make them out to Alpha Beta Alpha, E. P. Watson Memorial Scholarship Fund and mail them to:

Mrs. Lucille T. Carnahan  
Cloutierville, Louisiana

We want to urge all chapters to consider seriously making a contribution to this fund each Spring in honor of the man who founded our fraternity.

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### BOOK CHATTER

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books receiving recognition were: **Profiles in Courage** by John F. Kennedy; **Another Country** by James Baldwin; **The Agony and the Ecstasy** by Irving Stone; and **Exodus** by Leon Uris.

2. Funniest book title: **Up the**

**Down Staircase** by Bel Kaufman. Others mentioned (and we think they're pretty good) were: **Where Did You Go? Out. What Did You Do?** **Nothing** by Robert Paul Smith; **Oh Dad, Poor Dad, Mama's Hung You in the Closet and I'm Feeling So Bad**, by Arthur L. Kopit; **Snake Has All The Lines** by Jean Kerr; **Rain Makes Applesauce** by Julian Scheer, and **Please Don't Eat the Daisies** by Jean Kerr.

3. Book I would recommend for a male reader (this ought to be good since it undoubtedly represents a female view of the male reader): **Catcher in the Rye** by Jerome David Salinger; other books which were represented are: Herman Melville's **Moby Dick**; Robert J. Donovan's **PT 109**; Charles Nordhoff and James Normal Hall, **Mutiny on the Bounty**; **Advise and Consent** by Allen Drury; **Kon-Tiki** by Thor Heyerdahl; **The Caine Mutiny** by Herman Wouk; **The Spy Who Came in from the Cold** by John Le Carre; **Questions Boys Ask** by David Armstrong (Holy Batfish, who put this in!)

4. Book I would recommend for a female reader (have your own way, girls). Margaret Mitchell's **Gone With the Wind** was an easy winner, with Louisa May Alcott's **Little Women** next and Jane Austen's **Pride and Prejudice** sharing honorable mention with **Rebecca** by Daphne du Maurier, **A Tree Grows in Brooklyn** and **Joy in the Morning** by Betty Smith and **Questions Girls Ask** by Marjorie Vetter and Laura Vitray (someone is really pulling our leg). Come now girls, no **Spaniard in the Works**?

5. Since so many of our members are planning to be school librarians, we asked our members to tell us which illustrator of children's books they'd like to have paint their portraits. Result? Robert McCloskey the winner with **Kate Greenaway** a close second. Other illustrators who were mentioned are: Marguerite de Angeli, Tasha Tudor, Sergio Rizzato, Garth Williams, Joan Walsh Anglund, Lynd Ward, and Dr. Seuss (at least one chapter has a good sense of humor!)

6. What is your favorite movie made from a book? The answers gave the edge to **Catcher in the Rye**, with **Ethan Frome** and **Gone With the Wind** being also mentioned along with **The Scarlet Letter**, **The Fountainhead**, and **Hawaii**.

7. When asked to name the "book you wish you had written," our members responded as follows: First choice was **Gone With the Wind**. Tied for second place were **Up the Down Staircase** and **To Kill a Mockingbird**. Other books mentioned were **Happiness is a Warm Puppy**, **Jane Eyre**, **Snake Has All The Lines**, and **The Sound and the Fury**.

## MATHEMATICS TEACHER

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regular assignments; (5) providing for professional growth and (6) providing helpful procedures for the improvement of instruction.

Many other similar suggestions have been made for the enrichment of programs for the gifted students. The need for such programs and the usefulness of the library have been seen by many teachers. A little consideration for the interested average student who might even need the extra readings to fully comprehend what was given in the textbook, and the slightly below average student who should use his training right away in some project to show its practical use should be given. In the latter case, practical outside models would be especially helpful, especially in the trade or craft for which the student is training.

The tradition of problem solving is very strong, and I am as familiar as anyone with the problems of limited time and maximum number of new concepts to present. In fact, as a mathematics student, I'd probably groan loudly at the thought of doing a mathematics project or extra study on my own on top of the assigned problems. After all, I've been taught by the problem solving method and "what was good enough for me, is good enough for my students". I am also aware of the few choices of good materials from the librarian's point of view. But if a cry was raised for more and better mathematics libraries for the total range of student abilities, a step would be taken in the right direction toward the more creative mathematics the modern age requires.

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## Historic Library

One of the most interesting and extensive private libraries of the South is discussed in Charles S. Gallien's "Melrose: a Southern Cultural and Literary Center," an M.A. thesis completed in January, 1966 at Northwestern State College. Mr. Gallien has included a complete list of the Louisiana books in the Melrose library. The Melrose library, once a rich resource center for scholars and writers, has been closed to the public for a number of years.

### FINANCIAL REPORT, 1964-65

Cash Balance at Beginning of Fiscal year .....	\$2,867.36
Income during year .....	2,136.50
Total Income .....	\$5,003.86
Expenditures for Fiscal Year .....	2,450.61
Balance at close of Fiscal Year .....	\$2,553.25

**LINDA RUE**

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who introduced me to the library and the field of librarianship; Mrs. Yvonne Carter, who was my first library science teacher at Northwestern; Mrs. Dorothy Hanks who has put the finishing touches (so far) on my study of books and the library; and Mr. Don MacKenzie, Head of our Library Science Department, who kept me in line. It is possible that even without these people I would have stayed with the library science program since I have always taken an active interest in the library. However, I feel that these people led me to a higher understanding and appreciation of the field of librarianship.

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**SPIRIT OF ABA**

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Sally Grant, Jean Harris,  
Sandy Stone, Judy Blackford  
Delta Chapter: Jean Trice,  
Beverly Calhoun  
Epsilon Chapter: Joyce Binford,  
Zane Grant  
Zeta Chapter: Jerilynn Stover,  
Judy Rule  
Eta Chapter: Gloria Stodghill,  
Cynthia Plum  
Kappa Chapter: Pam Markhoff,  
Pam Hersh  
Mu Chapter: Carol Adloff,  
Maureen Brady  
Omicron Chapter: Rutha Whyte,  
Erma Davis  
Pi Chapter: Karen Dale Loos,  
Carol Meiser  
Sigma Chapter: Pat Connors,  
Gloria Sirrine  
Phi Chapter: Pamela Hoover,  
Catherine Wilson  
Chi Chapter: Barbara (Bubbles)  
Lankford, Jo Ann Taylor  
Psi Chapter: Nancy Hendryx,  
Nancy Miner  
Alpha Alpha Chapter: Carolyn  
Davis, Forest Palmer  
Alpha Gamma Chapter: Virginia  
Helphinstine, Michal Waller

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**1967 Convention**

All members, and especially chapter officers and sponsors, are reminded that planning will soon have to be made for the 1967 Convention. Assuming that the date will be Spring, 1967, the Executive Council must receive invitations before September 20, 1966. If any group would like to play host to the national Alpha Beta Alpha Convention next Spring, please communicate with Miss Coral E. Melson at Millersville State College, Millersville, Pennsylvania. We know there is pleasure as well as work in hosting a convention. To quote our new Executive Secretary describing the 1961 Convention at Millersville State College, "It was a delightful occasion for Kappa Chapter. Miss Speer and Dr. Watson, founder of the fraternity, were

both here. We enjoyed meeting them and the chapter members, sponsors, and guests who attended. The Millersville students had more fun than anyone, I am sure, because they helped to plan for the occasion."

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**VIRGINIA HELPHINSTINE**

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Being of service to mankind is my main goal in life. I feel I can attain this goal by being a librarian. To me there is nothing more rewarding than finding the right book for the right child.

I feel that by being a member of Alpha Gamma Chapter of Alpha Beta Alpha I have become familiar with some of the responsibilities a librarian must assume.

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**ALPHABET**

What with all the changes in Alpha Beta Alpha at the national level and the difficulties of communication and action by a group of overloaded individuals, there has been a lack of regularity in the publication of **The Alphabet**. For record we wish to note that Volume XIV, No. 1 was the Fall issue of 1963, Volume XIV, No. 2 was the Spring issue of 1964. Volume XV, No. 1, Fall, 1964 was the only issue published in this volume. And the present issue, which we are numbering Volume XVI, No. 1, Fall, 1965 will be the only issue of this volume. It is our hope, but not our promise, that the regular semi-annual routine can be reestablished in the future.

**ici on Parle . . .**

Edmund Wilson's devastating account in the May 21, 1966 issue of **The New Yorker** of his experiences in the Bibliotheque Nationale in Paris makes consoling reading for librarians who think they are "stuck fast in yesterday." He describes the librarians as "old frustraters," who intimidate the patrons and are so tied to tradition as to maintain catalogues filled with cards "still being written out in an old-fashioned early - nineteenth - century hand."

Something to shoot at, eh girls?

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**Have You Read This?**

One of the most amusing tongue-in-cheek comments on the present rather baffling worship of mechanized gadgets is R. J. Heathorn's "Learn With Books" which appeared in **Punch**, May 9, 1962. To convey the flavor of this delightful short piece, we quote a few excerpts:

"A new aid to rapid — almost magical — learning has made its appearance. Indications are that it catches on all the electronic gadgets will be so much junk.

"The new device is known as Built-in Orderly Organized Knowledge. The makers generally call it by its initials, BOOK."

You can read the entire piece in the aforementioned issue of **Punch**. It was also reproduced in the March 25, 1963 issue of **Antiquarian Bookman**. Read it and we believe you'll have a new perspective on being a bookman.

**IF -- with Apologies to Rudyard Kipling**

If you can keep your head when all about you  
Are grabbing books and leaving none for you;  
If you can trust yourself with selection tools around you,  
But remember to use your good judgment too.  
If you can read and not be tired of reading,  
Or appreciate old collections, Ninevah among the first,  
Or meet the challenges automation is bringing,  
And yet not look too bookish nor act too versed,  
If you can dream — and make those dreams into posters;  
If you can budget and make the standards your aim,  
If you can help both teachers and their students,  
Then throughout the school will spread your fame.  
If you can bear to see the instruction you've given  
Forgotten within a few weeks time,  
Or watch the materials be scattered and strewn,  
Yet smile as you put them back in line.  
If you're familiar with all materials at your service,  
And can use these books to help others help themselves,  
If you can find all the questions asked in reference,  
And catalogue everything on the shelves;  
If you can fill each fleeting minute  
With sixty seconds worth of work — well done,  
Yours is the library and everything that's in it,  
And what is more — YOU will be a librarian, my friend!

by Bonnie Cullison  
Maralea Keefe  
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## New Chapters

While complete details are not available at this time, we are definitely going to be able to welcome two new chapters into ABA in the near future. The word from Miss Melson, our new Executive Secretary, is that Alpha Eta Chapter will be installed at East Carolina State College, Greeneville, North Carolina and Alpha Theta Chapter at Louisiana Polytechnic Institute, Ruston, Louisiana.

In this connection, we want to extend our warmest greetings to these new chapters. In a recent questionnaire, we asked Alpha Beta Alpha members to tell us what they liked best about membership in the fraternity. According to the respon-

ses, most members felt that the fellowship and companionship experienced through Alpha Beta Alpha were among the chief merits. Another feature which many members liked was the opportunity to learn more about the field of Library Science through informative programs. The bond of common interest shared by all makes for the enjoyment of one's membership in Alpha Beta Alpha. It is well that the chapters have not forgotten the purpose of our fraternity and we are glad to welcome others to join us.

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### BOOKS

Don't judge a book by its cover.  
Books give not wisdom where was

none before.

A good book is your best friend.  
If we encounter a man of rare intellect, we

Should ask him what books he reads. — R. W. Emerson

“I would never read a book if it were possible for me to talk half an hour with the man who wrote it.”  
—Woodrow Wilson

“Many readers judge the power of a book by the shock it gives their feelings — as some savage tribes determine the power of muskets by their recoil; that being considered best which fairly prostrates the purchaser.”

— Henry Wadsworth Longfellow

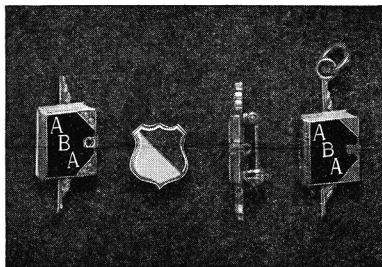
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