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## EDITORIAL

Have you ever really noticed the only advertisement there is in any issue of *The Alphabet*? It is found on the back page of each issue and is headed "Official A B A Fraternity Insignia." Well, what about it?

Like all other organizations, we have our own official pin, but unlike the members of many of these other organizations, very few of us own pins and keys. I wonder why? Are we ashamed of our organization? Don't we have enough pride in our Fraternity to wear its pin gladly?

Here is our chance to fulfill one of the purposes of our organization, that of publicizing the profession of librarianship. What better way could we do it than by wearing an Alpha Beta Alpha pin? The pledge class of Gamma Chapter decided this semester to make outfits alike so they would be known on Indiana State University's campus. If they can do that, you can surely wear your pin!

So, now, turn quickly to the advertisement, select the pin or key that you want, and order it through your sponsor today. Let's all have our pins by the time we go home from school for the summer.

## EDITORIAL

**EDITOR'S NOTE:** As I was looking through the old editions of *The Alphabet*, I found the following letter from Marilyn Market, National President of Alpha Beta Alpha in 1955-56. It is even more applicable to the profession of librarianship today than it was when she wrote it.

Alpha Beta Alpha can be proud of its brief history. Its Chapters testify to a deep and urgent need for the recognition of a profession. But what of a "forward look"? What is to be our future, our destiny? What can we do to shape it? What responsibilities do we have for the year ahead? What have we learned from our failures and our successes in the past which will contribute to this "forward look"?

Ours is a profession where leadership is essential. Only through leadership will librarianship stand in equal rank with other professions. We must become a dynamic and vital part of everyday life if we are to fulfill the obligations and vows of our organization and responsibilities of our profession. We

must make use of every particle of intellect, personality, talent, even charm, which we have at our command to develop ourselves into community leaders. We must attract to our profession better people than ourselves.

All across the country, groups of interested, alert young people are being organized into library organizations. These groups represent a tremendous potential for service in and out of libraries if they are given direction. It is a delight to hear of such organizations, and to know that they are established with the purpose of recruiting young people into our ranks. . . . Their enthusiasm and interest in librarianship are recognized as a source for the future leadership of our profession. Our own organization can furnish tremendous stimulus and encouragement to all such groups.

We are proud of the fact that many new Chapters are being added to our Fraternity, for as we grow in numbers our leadership will grow in proportion.

Along with leadership, we should consider the question of whether our philosophy has kept pace with this fast-moving age — this atomic age in which we find ourselves. Changes in all our ways of thinking, in our attitudes toward life have taken place in the last decade — changes which have been reflected in the numbers and kinds of books. Censorship of materials and attempts to question our freedom to read what has been written are not unknown. Should we not be vitally concerned about such practices and should we not actively participate against them? "Democracy is a dangerous way of life, but it is ours." What are we doing to preserve it?

Our motto — **Books, People, Service, Life** — can be the foundation on which to build our program. Let us search our hearts and minds to find the answer to these problems.

### National Presidential Comments:

Well, this school year is drawing to a close and so is my term of office. I have enjoyed serving as your National President even though there were times that it was a big headache. I am not sure what I have done to help ABA, but I am sure that ABA has helped me. It has given me the responsibility and friendship that I have needed since I came to college.

I pray that the chapters have been

drawn closer together into one body instead of a group of separate bodies throughout the United States. As the years go on, we must always remember our Motto—Books, People, Service, Life. We must give our Lives to Serving People with Books.

As I dream of the future, I see a Chapter of Alpha Beta Alpha in every school in the United States that offers Library Science on the undergraduate level — and instead of ABA being a national organization, I see it as an international organization. I dream of being an ABA Chapter sponsor and of someday being National Executive Secretary.

James R. Hamilton  
President  
Alpha Beta Alpha

## NEWS FROM THE CHAPTERS

### ALPHA CHAPTER

Alpha Chapter elected officers for the new term are Mary Ann Ellzey, President; Charlotte Broussard, Vice-President; Shirley Roquemore, Corresponding Secretary; Susan Tanner, Treasurer; Christine Conine, Historian; Mary Ann Rabalais, Reporter; and Kay Gray, Parliamentarian. These will be installed at the Founder's Day Tea in May.

Plans are being made for the annual Spring Banquet, April 17. The guest speaker will be Mrs. Lucile Carnahan, retired Associate Professor of Library Science and former sponsor of Alpha Chapter. Her topic will be "Reflections".

Alpha Chapter has grown. New initiatives are as follows: Christi Conine, Gail Dooley, Gloria Kay Gray, Beverly Jean James, Sharon Kelley, Margaret McKay, Catherine Pelt, Mary Ann Rabalais, Shirley Roquemore, Pam Staten, and Susan Tanner. New pledges are: Mrs. Sharon Duty, Connie Pine, and Judy Rogers. This occasion took place on February 20, meeting. The members and sponsors, Mrs. Dorothy Hanks and Mrs. Fern Christensen, contributed to a busy semester of activities.

**GAMMA CHAPTER**  
Indiana State University  
Terre Haute, Indiana

Gamma Chapter has been very active on the Indiana State University campus during 1968 and 1969. The 1968 Gamma Chapter Alpha Beta Alpha Anniversary Banquet was held February 24th in the

Butterfly Room of the Terre Haute House. Eleven pledges were initiated and presented with certificates of membership by President Donna Groves and pledge trainer. Sara Porter. Gamma sponsor Miss Nelle McCalla shared with the chapter some of her travel experiences in Ireland, Scotland, and England, and showed slides of scenic tourist attractions which she had visited.

April 1968 proved to be a busy month for Gamma Chapter. Library Career Day was held Saturday, April 20 under the direction of Mr. Larry Cunningham of the I.S.U. Library Science Department. The program of the sixth annual career conference included a film, a symposium entitled "What's Happening," a luncheon and tours. Later in the month, on Friday, April 26th, the eighth National Alpha Beta Alpha Convention was held at Illinois State University. The theme of the convention was "Unity through Action." Gamma Chapter representatives journeying to Illinois State were Donna Groves, Janet Buchko, Rita McPheeters, Jim Hamilton, Larry Morris, and sponsor, Mr. Norman Clarke.

The last major ABA event of 1968 was the Founder's Day Tea, held May 19th in L.C. 8, during which the new officers for 1968-69 were installed. Leadership for Gamma Chapter fell into the hands of President, Jim Hamilton; Vice-President, Becky Huggins, Corresponding Secretary, Esther Turoci; Recording Secretary, Rita McPheeters; Treasurer, Margaret Orman; Pledge Trainer, Sue Inamasu; and Historian, Laura Fish.

As the second semester ended, two Alpha Beta Alpha members were recognized at the annual ISU Honors Day Convocation, when they were awarded the Helen Layman Dix Memorial Scholarships for students planning to become School Librarians in Indiana. Receiving the awards were Rita McPheeters and Jim Hamilton.

The 1968 Fall Semester began with a get-together picnic at Mr. Norman Clarke's home on September 15th, which many actives and library staff members attended. On the 22nd, a tea honoring the new faculty was held in the Reading Room of Dreiser Hall, during which three pledges were initiated. Rounding out the month's events was the chapter's participation in the annual Campus Club Fair, where members manned a table explaining the purposes of ABA and the profession of librarianship.

October proved to be equally hectic. October 12th found actives and alums

breakfasting early (7:30 a.m. to be exact), in the Tirey Union Faculty Dining Room at the annual Homecoming Breakfast. After the breakfast, the chapter officers, driven by Miss Nelle McCalla, enjoyed a convertible ride in the annual Homecoming Parade. Fifteen pledges were also taken during October's fall rush, and received their purple and white ribbons during ceremonies in the West Lounge. Afterward, Mr. Darold Rude spoke to the group of actives and new pledges on the "Automation of the I.S.U. Library."

November's highlight was Gamma's first major money-making scheme. November 13th found ABA members and pledges scurrying to sixteen dormitories to sell one hundred and two dozen donuts. About this time, the chapter was also proud to receive word that Gamma president, Jim Hamilton, had been elected to the national presidency of Alpha Beta Alpha.

The chapter Christmas party was held December 8th in the Art Gallery of the Fine Arts Building. In accordance with

a Gamma tradition, Christmas ornaments, beautifully designed and decorated by chapter members, were auctioned to the highest bidders.

February 8th found us again gathered at the Anniversary Banquet in the Butterfly Room of the Terre Haute House. During initiation ceremonies at the banquet, Gamma Chapter welcomed twelve new members under the direction of pledge trainer Larry Morris. Speaker Mr. Larry Cunningham of the Bank Public Relations and Marketing Association, Chicago, outlined the changing role of the librarian in service-oriented institutions. Mr. Cunningham returned to Terre Haute on March 8 to describe "The Library of the Twenty-first Century" during the 7th annual Library Career Day luncheon, sponsored by the Department of Library Science. ABA members conducted tours of the campus for the high school and college students attending the day-long session.

Gamma chapter members are now looking forward to the Regional ABA Convention to be held a ISU on April 18th and 19th. The theme of this year's convention is "Librarianship in the 21st Century." With the help of the spring pledges under pledge trainer Vicki Funk, Gamma Chapter is working hard to make the convention both a successful and enjoyable event for all Alpha Beta Alpha members.

## DELTA CHAPTER University of Alabama University, Alabama

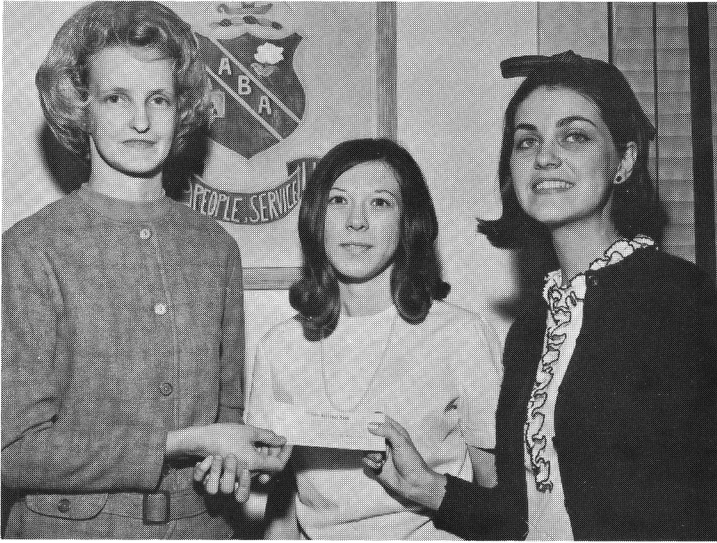
Delta Chapter of Alpha Beta Alpha was installed on January 10, 1953. Delta Chapter holds meetings on the first Thursday of each month at 4:00 p.m. ABA pink punch is always served. Our programs for the year have a central theme, and each member is given a year-book containing the membership list and programs for the year. Our traditional activities are: Get Acquainted Party in September; Christmas program; Recruitment Day for school library assistants; Founder's Day celebration.

The officers of Delta Chapter this year are as follows: President—Suellen H. Reed; Vice President—Susan Lusk; Secretary—Mary Bashinsky; Treasurer—Judy Nichols; and Reporter—Lenora Elliott.

Our programs for the year are:

- September 26—Get Acquainted Party  
Mrs. Bobbie Carter, ABA member and Partlow School Librarian will speak
- October 10 —Initiation and Pledging  
Mrs. Ruth Waldrop, State Libraries Consultant will speak
- October 24 —Visit to Partlow School Library
- November 21 —Mrs. Lynn Comas, Office of Student Development
- December 5 —Miss Caroline Liles, Assistant Professor of Physical Education
- February 6—Mrs. Luther E. Lee, Air University Library, Maxwell AFB, President of Special Library Association (and Film Challenge of Change)
- March 6 —Initiation and Pledging
- April 3 —Election of officers
- May 1 —Founders' Day Celebration

Delta's largest project this year has been a candy sale held in the fall. A profit of \$53.70 was made to which was added from our treasury enough to donate \$100.00 to Partlow School Library. The check was presented to Mrs. Bobbie Carter, Librarian. (See picture, above.) As a follow up, plans are being made to



### DELTA CHAPTER, UNIVERSITY OF ALABAMA,

Delta Chapter of Alpha Beta Alpha, Library Science professional fraternity at the University of Alabama, has raised \$100 selling candy for the library at Partlow State School and Hospital. Presenting the check to Mrs. Bobbie Carter (left), Partlow Librarian, are Miss Susan Lusk, Birmingham, Alabama, and Mrs. Suellen H. Reed, of LaFayette, Alabama, vice-president and president respectively of the fraternity.

spend some Saturdays at Partlow Library helping the Librarian out with such things as mending, cataloging, etc. (Partlow is an institution for mentally retarded children.)

Under the past president, Mary Kate Meredith, the Pledge Manual was updated and the Partlow project was begun. The President's notebook left by Miss Meredith (now Mrs. Don Foster) has been a great help to the new officers.

Mrs. Reed, President of Delta chapter won the Ruth Corr scholarship given each year to a student at the University of Alabama studying School librarianship; Miss Beverly White won an Alpha Delta Kappa scholarship which she will apply to graduate work at the University; Lenora Elliott has been initiated into the Phi Alpha Theta, history honorary, and Kappa Delta Pi, education honorary; Miss LaRon Blanton has been tapped by Mortar Board; Mary Rushing has been awarded a scholarship by Alpha Delta Kappa, Alpha Sigma and Epsilon chapters; Gledra Donohoo has received a traineeship in Special Education; and Mrs. Rosalind Apodaca has received a fellowship toward getting her doctoral degree under the NDEA fellowship for higher education program.

Two Delta members, Betty Talley and Carol Feltman, helped to preview a film recently, "The Rise and Fall of the Bird-watcher" in cooperation with the Office of Student Development, Student Life Committee. This film has since been shown to the general public in Tuscaloosa, Alabama, which is the city surrounding University, Alabama.

The new pledges of Delta Chapter are: Nelda LaRon Blanton, Susan Buerger, Carla Cook, Gledra Donahoo, Sara Echols, Martha Fran Forehand, Eleanor Harry, Mary Ann Howell, Rebecca J. McElroy, Peggy L. Morgan, Mary Rushing, Susan A. Smith, Bucilla Stephenson, and Mary Fran Tindell.

### ZETA CHAPTER Concord College Athens, West Virginia

Zeta Chapter started its fall activities with a coke party for members of the library science classes to introduce them to Alpha Beta Alpha.

The November meeting was a talk given by the librarian of the Bookmobile for this area. He discussed the services it makes available to both the college and

the communities in this section. He also presented a proposal of an activity in which the members of Zeta Chapter could assist in the work of the Bookmobile.

The program for December was given by a Korean student. She made a comparison of Christmas in Korea with the celebration in this country.

A project of a travel board which was started last spring is now near completion. This board will be placed in the student center, and will aid students to find rides or riders for weekends and holiday trips.

The new pledges for this year were: Milton Mays, Phyllis Akers, Sarah Fleshman, Julia Jones, Judith Kincaid, Helen Lynch, Patricia Pennington, Rose Sinicrope, and Frieda Toler.

Zeta's president for this year, Carol Purser, has received the honor of being included in "Who's Who in American Colleges and Universities."

### OMICRON CHAPTER Florida A.F.M. University Tallahassee, Florida

The Omicron Chapter is getting its share of the campus limelight this year by sponsoring story hours in the Library Service Department's Materials Center on Saturday mornings. The stories are told bi-monthly and all interested parties can attend. The chapter also conducted a special Christmas story hour in the pediatrics ward of the University Hospital and added to the delight of the children by presenting them with Christmas gifts. The members of the Omicron Chapter joined other campus organizations in gathering and presenting baskets of food for the needy at Thanksgivingtime.

Many congratulations have been in order for the members of Omicron Chapter. Loretta Pompey, Mildred Sanders, Gwendolyn Walker, Gloria McGlockton, Darcy Washington, Bonnie Poole, and Maurine Thomas received compliments for making the honor roll during the past quarter. Also in line for congratulations were Darcy Washington, Gloria McGlockton, and Bonnie Poole for the engagement rings that tinkled and sparkled on their fingers. Three of our members have also been contacted for jobs in other states immediately upon graduation.

With a beautiful ceremony in the Student Union's Palm Room, the Omicron

Chapter initiated and welcomed six new members into their fold. They were Gwendolyn Walker, Jonette McIatel, Bessie Gautier, Loretta Pompey, Mildred Sanders, Alice Swilley, and Jaraleen Webster.

Funds are being raised by selling midnight snacks in the dormitories after curfew.

#### **RHO CHAPTER** Kutztown State College Kutztown, Pennsylvania

Rho Chapter has begun a period of revision in the 1968-1969 college year. Such practices as a central file of members' names and addresses, a frequent newsletter, field trip privileges, and a pledge education program are being established. It is hoped that this will make the fraternity a more select group and encourage library education students to join.

In addition to the revision project, Rho Chapter is holding its monthly meetings and projects. Every September a picnic is held which gives the members a chance to talk to the new freshmen who are the little brothers and sisters with whom they corresponded the previous summer. Each year in conjunction with Book Week, a dinner and pledging ceremony are held. The main speaker at this event was Ruth Moore, children's author. In December Rho Chapter had the fun of decorating the brand new library for Christmas. The chapter hosted two library conferences, one for high school students, and is now making plans to host a joint meeting with Kappa Chapter, Millersville State College and the chapter at Glassboro State College. A trip to Washington D.C. to visit the Library of Congress and the Government Printing Office is also planned for the spring.

#### **UPSILON CHAPTER** Shepherd College Shepherdstown, West Virginia

Upsilon Chapter started the Spring semester with the initiation of six new members in February.

A "Get Acquainted" coke party was the theme for the March meeting and the official opening of the pledge season. Twenty-one pledges participated in the formal pledge ceremony in April.

Upsilon Chapter plans to visit the Library of Congress in April and partici-

pate in the inauguration of our new college president.

Founders Day will be celebrated with a display in the display case in the front lobby of the Library, honoring the contributions made by Alpha Beta Alpha to the library profession.

Upsilon Chapter will conclude this very successful year with a social event in May.

#### **ALPHA BETA CHAPTER** Nicholls State College Thibodaux, Louisiana

Thursday, March 13, at 7:30 p.m., Alpha Beta Chapter had its Spring Pledging and Initiation Ceremonies. Those pledged were:

Mrs. Barbara Henry  
Mrs. Dorothy Beary  
Miss Laurie Hay  
Miss Judy Judge  
Those initiated were:  
Miss Nelle Templet  
Miss Marie Theriot

Following the pledging and initiation, ABA had its annual Spring Banquet. There were 98 persons present for this event and this was double the number we had present for our banquet last year. Our speaker was Mrs. Florrinnell F. Morton, Director of the Library School, Louisiana State University, Baton Rouge, Louisiana.

#### **ALPHA EPSILON CHAPTER** Florence State University Florence, Alabama

Alpha Epsilon has recently elected the new officers for 1969-1970. They are:  
President—Marsha Stevenson  
Vice-president—Mrs. Alveta Lynch  
Secretary—Roberta Haraway  
Treasurer—Sharon Johnson.  
The new officers will be installed in the May meeting.

The Alpha Epsilon Chapter will have a banquet the 24th of April. The guest speaker is Dr. Matthew Hall who will talk on "The Role of Librarians in Education."

The club's fund raising project is selling candy. By the candy sale, the club gets money to pay for the club's yearly activities.

#### **ALPHA BETA ALPHA** Chapter Letter 1968-69 No. 5, March, 1969

Dear Alpha Beta Alpha Members:

National has fallen behind in its correspondence and messages to the Chapters this past month mainly due to circumstances beyond its control — a limit of 24 hours in a day.

National has tried to keep to a schedule even though we were late in starting the 1968-1969 year but I believe we will continue to be late with our election of officers for next year. Does your chapter have qualified members for the positions of National President or Vice-President? If you do, let National know about them. The last report from Editor Sara states that The Alphabet has gone to press and all of us are anxiously awaiting its arrival.

What is your Chapter planning to do for National Library Week (April 20 - 27, 1969)? The Library Club of Edinboro State College plans to start their week by becoming our newest Chapter on April 20th.

National has sent membership certificates and cards to the chapters for this year's members only. By looking through last year's record we were unable to determine the number of certificates needed for last year's new members that had not been sent. We hope each Chapter Treasurer will review their records and let us know which of their members did not receive certificates (student, alumni, professional).

The only regional meeting to be held this spring according to National's information is District No. 2 at Terre Haute, Indiana on April 18 - 19, 1969.

Miss Fannie Schmitt, Sponsor of Alpha Epsilon Chapter, Florence State University, Florence, Alabama, has consented to represent Alpha Beta Alpha at the inauguration of Dr. Kermit Johnson as the new president of Alabama College, Montevallo, Alabama on March 25, 1969.

National has been informed that Miss Marilyn Miller, Sponsor of Sigma Chapter, was seriously injured in a recent automobile accident. Her injuries will require a period of several months for recuperation. National extends to her a speedy and complete recovery.

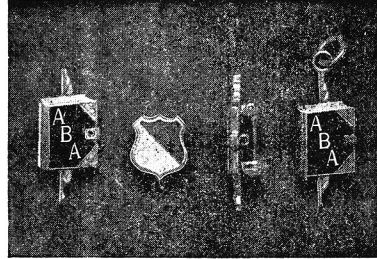
Fraternally,  
Jean A. Elliott  
National Executive Secretary  
Alpha Beta Alpha

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