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# The Alphabet

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WE DEDICATE THIS ISSUE TO  
ALPHA BETA ALPHA  
IN ITS TWENTIETH YEAR



OSU Student Union  
National Convention Site

**"HOWDY" — THE 'HI' WORD OF OSU  
OR  
NATIONAL CONVENTION 1970**

The ninth national convention of Alpha Beta Alpha was held at Oklahoma State University in Stillwater, Oklahoma, April 10-11, 1970 with Alpha Delta chapter as the host. The theme for the convention was "the Brave New World of Books, People, Service, Life." Registration and an informal reception were held in the Case Study Room in the beautiful multi-million dollar Student Union which also houses boutiques, a pastry shop, a jewelry store, a bowling alley, 81 guest rooms, a travel agency and many more "wonders" to the smaller college and university delegates at the convention.

After a meeting of the Executive Council, the First General Session, a luncheon in the Union, opened with President James Hamilton presiding. Dr. Roscoe Rouse, Head of the Library Education department, delivered a welcome to which Miss Elliott, National Executive Secretary, gave the response.

The Second General Session in the afternoon began with a roll call of the chapters and an introduction of the delegates. Fourteen chapters were in attendance, representing a wide area of the United States. James Hamilton then delivered his presidential report for 1969-70. The Executive Secretary's and Treasurer's reports followed (both are printed separately in this issue). Miss Elliott emphasized that the Executive Secretary's most important function is correspondence. The letters sent to the chapters each month should be read to all members to keep in touch with what National is doing. The chap-

ters in turn should not delay in approving and signing the forms when new chapters are petitioning for installation. Updating our membership lists is also very important. Let the Executive Secretary know if you have not received your engraved membership certificates. "Let National Know" should be the motto of all the chapters.

The Eugene P. Watson Memorial Scholarship Fund was also discussed at this session (Editor's note: please read the separate article concerning the Fund, as it is of great importance to all the chapters).

Much hard work and time were spent in and out of the official convention meetings concerning revisions in the National Constitution. The revisions, approved by the Executive Council, were then sent to all the chapters to be voted on.

The third general session was a Banquet held in the Union with Guest speaker, author Lewis Meyer, known chiefly for . . . *The Customer Is Always*. Mr. Meyer's quick wit kept the delegates laughing after the day's hard work, with his speech, "Conspiracy Against Humor".

Saturday's activities began with Small Group Meetings held in the Library. Three groups met and held open discussion on such topics as "The Future of ABA". The remainder of the morning, spent in the Fourth General Session, revolved again around National Constitution revisions.

The last business meeting, the Fifth General Session, was opened by James Hamilton. Mrs. Norma Barnes, East Central School Librarian in Tulsa was

the featured speaker. Nominees for Officers were presented afterwards. The final point of business was a motion that Executive Council select an appropriate gift in thanks to Alpha Delta Chapter for all the hard work and countless hours they spent in hosting the convention.

A Bon Voyage dinner began the necessity of saying "good-bye" to all the friends made through common interest and dedicated work in Alpha Beta Alpha. The opportunity and wonderful experience of meeting and working with fellow Library Science students from so many parts of the United States is one that will never be forgotten by those delegates fortunate enough to attend any National Convention.

**Alpha Beta Alpha  
FINANCIAL REPORT**

October 16, 1969 - April 9, 1970

Summary	
Balance on Oct. 15, 1969	\$6,715.80
Total Income	1,852.07
Total Credit	8,567.87
Total Expenditures	369.79
Balance at end of April 9, 1970	\$8,198.08

**PRESIDENT'S FAREWELL MESSAGE**

Dear Alpha Beta Alpha Members,

It is with sadness that my two terms as your National President draw to an end. I have truly enjoyed serving each of you; even though there were moments when I would have gladly given up my office. I question how much I have done for the betterment of Alpha Beta Alpha, but I know that it has certainly done much for me.

I enjoyed working and corresponding with you through your chapter. I pray that you will give your next national president the same cooperation that you have given me. It was a pleasure to meet many of you at our national convention in April.

I sadly take leave of my office, but I will not (I can not) say good-bye. I will say only, "Farewell!" for the summer. I do not wish to alienate myself from Alpha Beta Alpha because I am graduating; I am only changing my type of membership from an active student to an alumni membership.

Good luck next year, and may God bless each of you.

James R. Hamilton

ALPHA BETA ALPHA NATIONAL  
PRESIDENTIAL REPORT  
1968-69, 1969-70

In early November, 1968, I received a letter from Miss Coral E. Melson, our Past Executive Secretary, telling me that you had elected me as your National President and that Miss Jean A. Elliott had been selected as our new National Executive Secretary. My first two duties as National President were to write a letter to Miss Melson thanking her for her service to Alpha Beta Alpha on behalf of all the Alpha Beta Alpha Chapters and to write a letter to Miss Elliott welcoming her as our National Executive Secretary.

During 1968-69 Miss Sara Porter served as the editor of *The Alphabet* with Cindy Crane as her assistant. They prepared and mailed two issues, which I feel were both quite well done.

On April 18 and 19, 1969, I represented Alpha Beta Alpha National at a Regional Convention co-hosted by Gamma Chapter, Indiana State University, Terre Haute, Indiana, and Epsilon Chapter, Murray State University, Murray, Kentucky.

I thought my term of office was over until I received a letter from Miss Elliott in October, 1969, asking me to serve another year as National President. As soon as I received this letter, I appointed Miss Laura Fish of Gamma Chapter as editor of *The Alphabet* and Miss Connie Douglas as her assistant. They have completed and mailed one issue, and they have plans to publish a second issue before school is out.

My greatest concern this year has been working with Miss Elliott and Mrs. Marie D. Chaney of Oklahoma State University to plan the ninth national convention. We corresponded by letter and talked by telephone many times to finalize the plans before the deadline for the programs to go to the printer.

Miss Elliott, Mrs. Chaney, and my sponsor, Miss Elizabeth Weller, have been extremely helpful in planning the convention by answering my questions, giving advice, and working out the physical arrangements for the convention.

Also, I have been working on revising part of our national constitution—clarifying, updating, and adding to the constitution to allow Alpha Beta Alpha to be a more progressive organization.

Another project that received my attention was writing two articles about Alpha Beta Alpha for the *College Blue Book* and the *Bowker Annual*.

EXECUTIVE SECRETARY'S COLUMN

Happy Birthday — Alpha Beta Alpha — for this your twentieth year. You have had a short but full life and our best wishes for many more years of successful existence.

With the closing of the 1969-70 year the Executive Office takes this opportunity to thank each chapter for their part in making this another very successful year.

The ninth National Convention is now over but the pleasant times and friendships made in Stillwater have been permanently placed in our memories. We say "hats off" to Alpha Delta Chapter for being such a gracious host.

Alpha Beta Alpha has been busy this past year with the addition of nine chapters to our roll. Today we have forty-three chapters. Of these, three are inactive because of graduate programs, three are inactive because of financial or curriculum programs; thus leaving us a total of 37 chapters. The new chapters are: Alpha Lambda, installed on April 20, 1969, by the Executive Secretary; Alpha Mu, installed by Xi Chapter on May 17, 1969; Alpha Nu, installed by the Executive Secretary on May 18, 1969; Alpha Xi, installed by Mu Chapter on May 18, 1969; Alpha Omicron, installed on October 25, 1969, by the Executive Secretary; Alpha Pi, installed on April 4, 1970, by the Executive Secretary; Alpha Sigma, installed by Eta Chapter on March 20, 1970; Alpha Rho, installed on April 9, 1970, by Epsilon Chapter; and Alpha Tau, installed on April 25, 1970, by Dr. Nicholas G. Stevens, Rho Chapter. Alpha Upsilon will be installed soon at State College of Arkansas in Conway.

The library club at Wisconsin State University, Whitewater, is now working on their constitution and probably will be installed next year. The final votes for approval have been received for Jackson State College, Jackson, Mississippi, so they will be writing their constitution. Requests for information on starting a chapter have been received from South Carolina State College, Orangesburg; Western Illinois University, Macomb; and East Texas State University, Commerce.

Has your Chapter sent your contribution to the E. P. Watson Scholarship Fund this year to celebrate our birthday?

Best wishes to each chapter for continued success in the 1970-71 year.

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

DR. E. P. WATSON MEMORIAL  
SCHOLARSHIP FUND

Dr. Eugene Payne Watson, founder of Alpha Beta Alpha, died on February 29, 1964. On March 31, 1964, \$50.00, representing gifts sent to Alpha Chapter in his memory was deposited in a local Natchitoches, Louisiana bank. This was the beginning of the E. P. Watson Memorial Scholarship Fund.

There is no way to measure the great loss suffered by Alpha Beta Alpha on the passing of Dr. Watson that day. It is safe to say that if there had not been a Dr. Watson there probably would not be an organization named Alpha Beta Alpha.

As the idea for an organization devoted to encouraging the work of librarianship was started on a very small scale, the scholarship established in the founder's name also began this way. As the chapters grew in number the scholarship fund did not follow that progress.

At the Alpha Beta Alpha National Convention in Denton, Texas, in the spring of 1965, a committee was set up to assume the responsibility of the Fund.

The committee includes the President and the Executive Secretary of Alpha Beta Alpha, the president of the institution where the money is deposited, a member of the Watson family, the librarian at Northwestern State College, and a member of Alpha Chapter. The membership of the present committee is:

Mr. James R. Hamilton, Gamma, President of Alpha Beta Alpha  
Miss Jean A. Elliott, Upsilon, Executive Secretary of Alpha Beta Alpha  
Mr. J. Edgerton Pierson, President of First Federal Savings & Loan Association, Natchitoches, Louisiana  
Mr. Arthur Watson, Attorney at law & brother of the late Dr. Watson, Natchitoches, Louisiana  
Mr. Donald MacKenzie, Alpha, Librarian, Northwestern State College  
Mrs. Lucille T. Carnahan, Alpha, retired professor of library education. Chairman of the committee.

On May 5, 1966, the committee transferred the Fund, \$481.00, to the First Federal Savings & Loan Association, Natchitoches, Louisiana, where it drew 4 3/4 percent interest. Last July 9, 1969 the Fund, \$901.10, was changed to a 90 Day Deposit account with the First Federal so that it would draw 5 percent interest.

When the interest was recorded on January 8, 1970, there was a total of \$923.63 in the Fund. There had not been a contribution added through the last of March 1970.

Checks should be made out to Alpha Beta Alpha, E. P. Watson Memorial Scholarship Fund, and mailed to Mrs. Lucille T. Carnahan, Chairman, E. P. Watson Memorial Scholarship Fund, Cloutierville, Louisiana 71416.

Chapter	Total Contribution	Date of Last Deposit
Alpha	\$211.00	July, 1968
Beta	100.00	April, 1966
Gamma	75.00	July, 1969
Delta		
Epsilon	25.00	May, 1967
Zeta	20.00	March, 1967
Eta	25.00	August, 1965
Theta		
Iota		
Kappa	20.00	August, 1965
Lambda	10.00	July, 1967
Mu	127.00	July, 1968
Nu		
Xi		
Omicron		
Pi		
Rho	25.00	August, 1965
Sigma		
Tau		
Upsilon	10.00	June, 1967
Phi		
Chi		
Psi		
Omega	25.00	July, 1966
Alpha Alpha		
Alpha Beta	100.00	March, 1968
Alpha Gamma		
Alpha Delta	15.00	March, 1968
Alpha Epsilon		
Alpha Zeta		
Alpha Eta		
Alpha Theta	10.00	February, 1968
<b>Total \$798.00</b>		

The Chapter contributions are now on a 90 Day Deposit in the First Federal Savings and Loan Association, Natchitoches, Louisiana. To date \$125.63 has been paid in interest making a total of \$923.63 on deposit at First Federal.

#### Meet Your Executive Secretary: MISS JEAN ELLIOTT

Those of us who attended the 1970 National Convention in Stillwater had the opportunity to meet in person Alpha Beta Alpha's VIP, Miss Elliott, whose ever-present pep and enthusiasm, not to mention hard work plus "overtime" showed us that we have an Exec who's really on the ball. Unknown to Miss Elliott, the ABA "Underground" did a little snooping and discovered she is indeed a VIP in many activities. Understandably, we'd like to do a little bragging about her since she won't!

Miss Elliott received her AB degree from Shepherd College and her MSLS from Syracuse University. She holds nine professional memberships including: ALA; American Association of School Librarians; Association of College and Research Librarians; West Virginia Library Association; Tri-State ACRL; ABA; AAUP; AAUW; and the Cumberland Valley Library Association. She is listed in *Who's Who in Library Science* (1966), *Who's Who Among American Women* (1968-69) and the *Dictionary of International Biography* (1969). She has served on six different committees for various associations and held chairmanships on three of them. Between 1966 and 1969 she has been elected an officer of seven organizations.

In her "spare" time Miss Elliott has been involved in several community and social groups, including: the Salvation Army Auxiliary; Alpha Sigma Tau Sorority; Jefferson County Historical Society; and the Shepherd College Alumni Association.

Last but not least, we find that Miss Elliott is the author of "Eastern Panhandle of W. Va. — All Hail to thee", to be found in *West Virginia Libraries*, V. 21, No. 2, June, 1968.

Miss Elliott has given countless hours of service to Alpha Beta Alpha since assuming her duties as National Executive Secretary in 1968. Even though many Alpha Beta Alpha members may never meet her, we can be proud and grateful that we have such a talented and devoted central figure in our fraternity!

#### ALPHA Northwestern State College of Louisiana Natchitoches, Louisiana

Alpha Chapter, in keeping with the general theme "Media Power," had its welcome social on October 13, 1969. The background and activities of Alpha Beta Alpha were presented for the benefit of students interested in ABA, for pledges and for members.

The October meeting was entitled "Power of Ghosts — Halloween." Dr. Tom Hennigan, director of pledging and initiation, informed the group on media education at Northwestern State College. To get the feel of the season, members listened to a spine-chilling tale, "Party Games" told by Robin Creighton.

Alpha Chapter hosted the regional Media Specialists Conference on campus on November 7. At the November 14 meeting, Nancy Wise, an NSC coed, entertained the group with her guitar and a bagful of songs including her original "Mr. Push-Me, Pull Me." November 24 was the date for the Louisiana Teacher's Association Convention in Monroe. The chapter was especially interested in the joint session of the Louisiana Audio-Visual Association and the Louisiana Association of School Librarians. At this meeting, Dr. Tom Paul Southerland, Dean of the School of Education of Northwestern was recognized as the individual in Louisiana, outside of the field of library science, who has contributed the most to the field of library science in the state.

The annual Christmas party was held on December 15. Gifts were presented to the chapter sponsors, Mrs. Dorothy Hanks and Mrs. Fern Christensen with



ABA's "Candid Camera" caught this picture of Miss Elliott, National Executive Secretary.

deep appreciation for their service to the fraternity.

Initiation, pledging, and election of new officers was held on March 16 in the campus TV studio where Mr. Tommy Whitehead, Education Media, spoke to the group on "The Power of Video Tape."

Two members, Irene Morgel and Edith Bush, represented Alpha Chapter at the Louisiana Library Association Convention in Lafayette on March 20-21. At the convention, emphasis was placed on the "Power of professional organizations."

Three members and Mrs. Hanks attended the National ABA Convention in Stillwater, Oklahoma. They were: Mary Ann Ellzey, a member of the Executive Council of the convention; Mary Ann Rabalais, Official Delegate; and Sara Beth Tanner, Alternate Delegate.

ABA's 20th anniversary was celebrated at the banquet on April 20th in the Student Union. Mrs. Lucille Carnahan, guest speaker, shared her memories of ABA in its early years.

Alpha Chapter's fund raising campaign was a voluntary sale of French Acadian cook books. Tables were set up at the Regional Media Conference on November 7 and in the Student Union around Christmas time. The chapter donated to the Dr. Eugene P. Watson Scholarship Fund and at the banquet presented a check to the Scharlie E. Russell Library on campus.

Alpha Chapter would like to thank Alpha Delta Chapter for hosting a successful convention. From the delegates' enthusiastic reports, it was evident that they benefited from their trip to Stillwater, Oklahoma.

## BETA

Mississippi State College for Women  
Columbus, Mississippi

Beta Chapter of Alpha Beta Alpha held its Spring Banquet on May 7 at the J&H Restaurant, with approximately twenty-five members in attendance. Special guests were the director of the new Fant Memorial Library at MSCW and his wife, Dr. & Mrs. David L. Paine.

Three members of Beta Chapter attended the National Convention in Stillwater, Oklahoma. They were: Linda Ward, President of Beta Chapter; Sally Sorrels, Vice-President; and Linda Lowry.

Beta Chapter has presented to the Library Science Department a new olive green carpet and pad. It is an attractive addition to our study area.

Plans for the 1970 Book Fair are being formulated, and the new committee chairmen have been appointed. The Fair is set for December, and it is expected that it will be as great a success as the 1969 Book Fair.

## GAMMA

Indiana State University  
Terre Haute, Indiana

Gamma Chapter has been very busy this year. Many things that happened were not planned but added much to a year's memories.

The year started with a Homecoming Breakfast for which actives and pledges rose before dawn to honor the alumni that had returned. After breakfast, the officers rushed off to ride in the homecoming parade. Later in the month, actives and pledges honored the new faculty at a tea.

Early in November actives and pledges sold 144 dozen donuts in the residence halls for a money-making project. At a December Christmas party sponsored by the pledges, homemade ornaments were auctioned off. The twenty dollar profit was donated to a local charity.

Early in February, actives and pledges met in the Terre Haute House for our Anniversary Banquet. We were entertained by Mr. Uahinui, a complex manager on campus, who gave a slide presentation on Hawaii. Nine pledges were initiated at the banquet.

April was the busiest month for Gamma. Early in the month James Hamilton, Vicki Funk, Laura Fish, Ruth Beckman, Connie Douglas, and Jill Stodgel, with our sponsor, Miss Elizabeth Weller, ventured to Stillwater, Oklahoma for the National Convention. All was against us, and we soon learned that togetherness is seven people in a four passenger car, flat tires and all!

Soon after National four of our actives participated in Quiz Bowl, an all-campus event. Though defeated, we knew we would have won had they asked us where to find the answer!

Our second money-making event of the year was a car wash which found actives and pledges busy trying to keep up with a constant flow of cars. The last event of the year was the May 3rd Founder's Day Tea during which the seniors were honored by the pledges. James Hamilton was awarded a National Merit Award for his many services as President of Alpha Beta Alpha.

## EPSILON

Murray State University  
Murray, Kentucky

Epsilon Chapter, Murray State University, has a program meeting once a month in addition to a monthly business meeting. Program meetings include speakers, such as Dr. C. S. Lowry, retired social science professor, a Christmas party at the home of Mrs. Edna Darnell, initiation of new members, installation of officers, and a Founder's Day banquet.

On Thursday evening, April 9, the Epsilon chapter of Alpha Beta Alpha installed the Alpha Rho chapter at Austin Peay State University, Clarksville, Tennessee. Those participating in the installation from the Epsilon chapter were Linda Hay, Patsy Pittman, and Dale Guthrie. Also, two alumni Epsilon members, Rick Cruse and Charlie Lewis, participated. The group initiated 44 members at 6:00 p.m. in the Student Union Building. Later a banquet was held in the school's cafeteria.

The Epsilon chapter of Alpha Beta Alpha also was proud to initiate 15 new members in January.

Three alumni members of Epsilon chapter are now working on Master's Degrees. They are Rick Cruse and Charlie Lewis at Peabody University and Bonnie Goodman at Murray State University.

The chapter sponsored a field trip to Memphis, Tennessee on May 1, 1970. The trip, for Library Science students, included such points of interest as the Memphis Museum, the Memphis Public Library, and other attractions in Memphis.

Miss Linda Hay, a member of Epsilon chapter, entered and was selected first runner up in the Miss Murray State University contest. Contestants were judged on poise, personality, beauty, and talent.

## ZETA CHAPTER

Concord College  
Athens, West Virginia

Zeta Chapter of Alpha Beta Alpha participated in the Freshman orientation at Concord College. They acted as guides for tours of the library. Since the activity was successful they plan to assist with the 1970 orientation program.

The first meeting for the present school year was a coke party for fourteen prospective members. From this group ten members became pledges, and at the beginning of the second semester eight of the pledges became active members.

Members of Alpha Beta Alpha decorated the college library for Christmas. Following an afternoon of decorating, the members relaxed in the Staff Room with refreshments.

The travel board project, which was placed in the Student Center, has been a very popular and useful project this year.

## ETA

Texas Women's University  
Denton, Texas

Eta chapter of ABA has had a few special events of interest this year. At one of our meetings, a panel of four librarians, representing professionally a

range from the special library to the public library, led a discussion on censorship.

In initiating our new members, the pledges put on a skit. Afterwards, the faculty and members stayed for refreshments and a talk session.

During March, four of our officers traveled to Sam Houston State University to help initiate the new Alpha Sigma chapter into ABA.

In April, Mr. Turner at the SMU library came to talk to our members on rare books and book auctions.

#### LAMBDA

Louisiana State University  
Baton Rouge, Louisiana

Lambda chapter at Louisiana State University was privileged to hear Miss Sallie Farrell, state librarian of Louisiana, as its guest speaker at the annual spring banquet held on April 23, 1970, at the L.S.U. Student Union. On the same occasion, Miss Gail Cassagne, chapter vice-president for 1969-70, gave a report on her recent trip to the Alpha Beta Alpha national convention at Oklahoma State University where she was the Lambda chapter delegate.

Mrs. Lois H. LeBlanc, a graduate of the L.S.U. Library School, librarian at the Louisiana Women's Penitentiary library and an Alpha Beta Alpha alumna, spoke to the chapter at the March 24 meeting. At the same meeting new officers for the 1970-71 school year were elected.

#### MU

Illinois State University  
Normal, Illinois

Mu Chapter at Illinois State University, Normal, Illinois, has had a very active year. Members and pledges sold apples during the Homecoming parade and met afterward with alumni at the annual Homecoming Coffee Hour. This year's Hannah Pearson Wones Scholarship was awarded to Miss DeEtta Perkins, a Library Science major. During another fall meeting, Mrs. Harold Born spoke on the Junior Great Books program in the Bloomington-Normal area.

Winter meant the enjoyable presentation of the annual Pledge Class Christmas Skit in which future Mu Chapter members used their ingenuity to poke fun at the library science faculty and their fellow students. Chapter members also enjoyed an ice skating outing and a party at Shakey's Pizza Parlor. At other meetings a movie on libraries, "The Hottest Spot in Town," was shown. Mr. Meisek spoke on bookmobiles, and members visited Sheridan School to see its new Materials Center.

On May 23 at the annual Founders' Day Banquet, special recognition was

given to Mrs. Dorothy S. Fagerburg, retiring sponsor, who had given Mu Chapter and Alpha Beta Alpha many years of dedicated service.

#### XI

University of Northern Iowa  
Cedar Falls, Iowa

Xi chapter of Alpha Beta Alpha at the University of Northern Iowa has had an active year. Early in the season, the fraternity sponsored a tea for anyone interested in its purpose. A bake sale, the chapter's annual money-making event, went over very well in October. The money was used for a trip to Chicago that the fraternity sponsored. This trip included visits to Oak Park High School, Reavis High School, the University of Chicago Lab School, Baker and Taylor, and the Newberry Library. In December the chapter's annual Christmas party was held.

Events this spring have included such programs as student teaching seminars and discussions. Nine new initiates were welcomed into the fellowship in March. Coming up is the Founder's Day picnic which will be celebrated for the first time in three years in a rainless spirit. (We are being very positive about not letting it rain this year!) The year has been a busy one for all and Xi chapter wants to wish all a happy summer vacation!

#### RHO

Kutztown State College  
Kutztown, Pennsylvania

In the spring semester of the college year the recruitment committee of Rho Chapter swings into action. The committee of twelve students breaks down into teams of two or three and along with an advisor goes out to a high school which has requested our recruitment program.

By giving an informal talk, presenting slides of Kutztown State College, and conducting a question and answer period we try to interest prospective new students in Kutztown's library program and Alpha Beta Alpha.

#### UPSILON

Shepherd College  
Shepherdstown, West Virginia

Upsilon Chapter of Alpha Beta Alpha had a Christmas tea on December 14 for members and library personnel. The fall semester pledges had a small skit for entertainment. On March 19 a program was held for all area librarians about Bro-dart supplies. Mr. George Montag gave a brief description of Bro-dart's services.

Miss Jean Elliott, Cheryl Carter, and Sharon McBride attended the National Convention at Stillwater.

#### PSI

Southeast Missouri State College  
Cape Girardeau, Missouri

At the March meeting, Psi Chapter initiated nine pledges into active membership. May, 1970, marked the tenth anniversary of Psi Chapter at Southeast Missouri State College. To celebrate, Psi Chapter held a dinner at Ramada Inn, May 17. Alumni and faculty members were invited.

ALPHA ALPHA  
Madison College  
Harrisonburg, Virginia

Alpha Alpha chapter has had a busy and rewarding year. Among the memories are: our guest speaker, Mrs. Eleanor Parslow, who spoke to us concerning the rewarding life of an elementary school librarian; the arrival of our ABA pins; and the many meetings which we held in the library classroom.

This year as our club project we contributed to the library by decorating some of its bulletin boards and the Christmas tree. Our Christmas "get-together" for all the members at Alumnae Hall was one of the major highlights of 1969.

Also, this year we had the largest new pledge class ever before in the history of our chapter. As their pledge project they made each member of the chapter an Alpha Beta Alpha crest to be displayed proudly on her dormitory door. The initiation meeting was held in the home of Mrs. Zula Mason, who is the Director of Teaching Materials at Madison College.

Unfortunately, we do have one regret concerning our chapter in the new year. We will lose our sponsor, Mr. Forrest C. Palmer, who is the Head of the Department of Library Science at Madison. Hopefully, we will be able to recruit a new sponsor soon.

At this time, the Alpha Alpha Chapter of Alpha Beta Alpha would like to wish all her sister chapters a happy and prosperous new year!

ALPHA BETA  
Nicholls State College  
Thibodaux, Louisiana

In October, ABA members went on a field trip to Baton Rouge, Louisiana where visits were made to the State Library, Esso Library and the State Department of Education Library. Also in October, our fall pledging and initiations were held.

In December, we had our traditional cake and candy sale for the purpose of buying things for the library science department. We also had a Christmas luncheon meeting. The January meeting featured members telling of some of the interesting books they had read during the holidays. Other meetings of the year

concerned reports of an institute, opportunities in the library field, discussion of a materials center, and the climax of the year, the annual banquet held on March 13. Miss Sue Hefley, former supervisor of school libraries in Louisiana was banquet speaker. Many librarians and students came to the affair. Six new initiates and three new pledges were welcomed into the chapter in the spring ceremony.

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

In November and December the Alpha Epsilon Chapter of Alpha Beta Alpha held its annual fund-raising drive which was a candy sale. The money was used to purchase supplies to process the paperback books which members of the chapter contributed at the Christmas meeting to be presented to the pediatrics ward of the Eliza Coffee Memorial Hospital in Florence. This project was begun last year with the purchase of a book truck and the giving of about one hundred books to the hospital.

In honor of National Library Week in April, the chapter held its annual banquet in the student Union Building at Florence State University. The speaker for the banquet was Dr. Turner Allen, the Dean of the University, who spoke on the history of nursery rhymes. Many local librarians as well as students taking library science courses attended.

At our March meeting the election of new officers for next year was held. These were initiated at the May meeting along with new members and alumni.

**ALPHA ETA**  
East Carolina University  
Greenville, North Carolina

Alpha Eta chapter held its Founder's Day Banquet on May 12, 1970. At that time, the Outstanding Member Awards were announced. Steve Howell and James Hurdle were the recipients. During the semester twenty-four new members were welcomed into the chapter and officers for the coming year were elected.

**ALPHA XI**  
Eastern Illinois University  
Charleston, Illinois

Alpha Xi would like to say hello to all the other chapters. After a first year, we are ready to crow about a really big year.

Our chapter was installed in May of 1969 by Mu chapter. Forty-seven members and four professional members were initiated at that time. The day was ended with a banquet.

The ending of the regular school year didn't stop activities, because enough of our members went to summer school to hold a picnic in July. Our guests included the Library Director and a "new" returning faculty member.

Returning to school for the fall, Alpha Beta Alpha started its activities again. A pledge class was taken in the Fall. We kept them busy planning a Halloween party. All of us "kids at heart" dressed up as story book characters. Wilbur and Charlotte from *Charlotte's Web* were even there.

Christmas brought another party. The tradition of the library organization is to decorate Booth Library's tree. The tree is decorated with homemade ornaments. To help support activities our members held a bake sale in the library. Persons studying really had a treat. During winter quarter we again took a pledge class.

Spring quarter brought the close of the first year and Alpha Xi's are looking forward to a second great year.

**ALPHA RHO**  
Austin Peay State University  
Clarksville, Tennessee

Well, we finally made it! Alpha Rho chapter was installed on April 9, 1970 by Epsilon Chapter from Murray State University, Murray, Kentucky. A banquet was held after the installation.

We had a busy year before our installation. Some of our activities included a homemade ice cream supper, a car wash, two bake sales, a club dinner at Christmas, and a float in the homecoming parade. We didn't win anything, but better luck next year! At the present time we have 43 members, so we think we have a good start.

For National Library Week the chapter sponsored a Poetry Reading which was a big success. Another such hour is being planned but it will also include drama, short stories, humor and poetry. In May a potluck picnic was held and all enjoyed spending the day outside having fun.

Although we were not able to attend the National Convention in Oklahoma this year, Alpha Rho Chapter is looking forward to sending one or more representatives next year.

**ALPHA SIGMA**  
Sam Houston State University  
Huntsville, Texas

Alpha Sigma Chapter at Sam Houston State University, Huntsville, Texas, was recently installed into Alpha Beta Alpha

by Eta Chapter of Texas Women's University. The impressive ceremony took place on March 20, 1970, in the staff lounge of the University Library. Thirty-eight candidates were installed for active membership, and thirty-seven alumni members were added. We are indeed proud to be the newest chapter of Alpha Beta Alpha.

The annual spring banquet was held May 7, 1970, in the dining room of the Lowman Student Center on campus. Guest speaker for the evening was Dr. James J. Hagerty, Director of the History Department at Sam Houston. Dr. Hagerty, a specialist in Russian affairs, was formerly with the Central Intelligence Agency in Washington, D.C.

Alpha Sigma Chapter is looking forward to its first full year as a member of Alpha Beta Alpha. The coming year should prove to be a busy one, since the state convention of the Teen-Age Library Association of Texas is planned for the Sam Houston campus in February, 1971.

**ALPHA UPSILON**  
State College of Arkansas  
Conway, Arkansas

Greetings to all Alpha Beta Alpha members from the newly formed Alpha Upsilon chapter! State College of Arkansas Library Science Department started organizational proceedings in the fall semester of 1968 and on May 16, 1970, we were officially installed.

Most of our time thus far has been spent in corresponding with national headquarters and drawing up a constitution and by-laws. Our advisors are Miss Gladys Sachse and Mrs. Charles Powers. We are now in the process of launching our first project, a newsletter containing information on present and former library science students and chapter happenings.

Very interesting programs have been presented at our meetings. Miss Hilda Avila, an instructor in Spanish and French, gave a highly entertaining talk on Venezuelan schools, libraries, and publications. An interesting talk on state institutional libraries was given by Miss Eunice Shinn from the Arkansas Library Commission. Professor of History and Director of Oral History Research, Dr. Waddy Moore presented a program on the "hows" and "whys" of oral history. Several library staff members, with Mr. Lee Spencer, head librarian, as moderator, presented a panel discussion on the Arkansas Library Convention.

Alpha Upsilon is eagerly looking forward to the new school year as an official member of Alpha Beta Alpha.



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Pres.—Mary Ann Rabalais  
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 Katherine Nettles  
 Carolyn Raines  
 Sara Beth Tanner  
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 Joan Gates  
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 Melinda Landrem  
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 Donna Cook  
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 Treas.—Beth Snider  
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 Sandy Malcolm  
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 Nancy Norman  
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 Joe Sobert  
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Viola Johnson  
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