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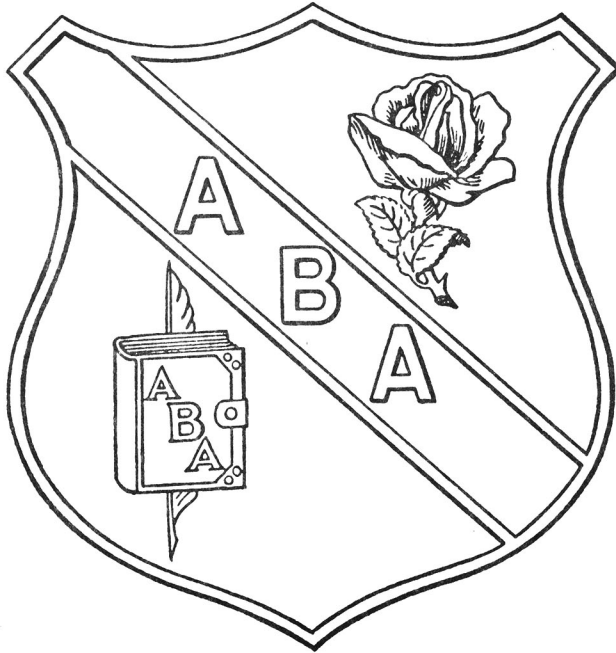
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Dedication

We gratefully dedicate this issue to all ABA members: student, professional, associate, alumni, contributing, sustaining, institutional; past, present, and future.

EXECUTIVE SECRETARY'S COLUMN

Greetings to all of you.

As of December 15, 1976, the national office had received membership lists and dues from 17 chapters of Alpha Beta Alpha.

The chapter news and the list of officers printed elsewhere in *The Alphabet* will indicate to you the chapters which have written to the national office within the last few months. We hope to hear soon from others, since the rolls seem to indicate 37 potentially active chapters.

In reply to the executive secretary's letter to chapters, one chapter indicated that Mu chapter officers should serve as an interim executive board and advisory council, one chapter indicated that officers should be elected as soon as possible. No other replies have been received. But it will soon be spring and time for elections in any case, so be thinking of possible candidates.

The national office has received petitions for membership from groups at Bowling Green State University, Bowling Green, Ohio, and at Baylor University, Waco, Texas. Alpha Theta Chapter has received an inquiry from Northeast Louisiana University at Monroe asking their help in organizing a chapter.

Conditions in the library here at Illinois State University have been somewhat hectic from time to time in the past few months. June 14 was the beginning date of a move to a new six-floor building, a move which integrated bound periodicals and three storage collections with the books from the old stacks, a move during which one building or the other was open for service at all scheduled times. We are thrilled to be in our new quarters, but are still working to get settled in.

Fraternally yours,
 Laura E. Gowdy
 Interim Executive Secretary

Financial Report

September 1, 1976-December 15, 1976	
Transferred from Jean Elliott,	
Past Executive Secretary	\$12,027.34
Income	896.50
Credit	12,923.84
Expenditures	-44.32
Balance as of	
December 15, 1976	\$12,879.52
Savings: \$10,000.00	
Checking: 2,879.52	

EUNICE SPEER REMEMBERED

—Valerie Wilford

ABA was indeed saddened at the news of the sudden death of Miss Eunice Speer on October 17 at her Normal home. Miss Speer was associate professor of information sciences at Illinois State University until

her retirement in 1974. She played a major role in the development of the library science program at ISU during her thirty-year tenure. Miss Speer was active throughout her career in a wide variety of professional organizations at the state and national level. She had served as executive secretary of Alpha Beta Alpha, as president of Illinois Association of School Librarians, was the recipient of the IASL Honor Award in 1975, and was currently serving on the IASL Nominations Committee. Eunice Speer lives in the memories of those of us whose lives were touched by her.

On one occasion, asking how I could possibly repay her for some professional kindness, her response was indicative of her approach to life. She said, "Oh, Valerie, you must not even try. Someday you'll be in a position where you can do something for one of your students; that will be payment enough. In that way, the chain grows, don't you see?" I have been continually amazed over the years to watch link after link after link added to Eunice's chain.

—Valerie Wilford
 I would like to remember Miss Speer as a dedicated teacher and librarian who always had time for everyone. Her contributions to the profession of librarianship will never be forgotten.

—Imogene Zachery
 Eunice's sense of humor, which apparently came from some deep, inexhaustible source, is the characteristic that comes most often to my memory.

—Dr. Joe W. Kraus
 We'll remember Eunice most for her loving smile, pearl combs in her hair, and all the fun and laughs we had since we've returned to share her work at Illinois State.

—Sharon and Steve Johnson
 —Always cheerful, interested and concerned with the daily experiences of her students, co-workers, friends, and acquaintances. —A rare individual who made everyone feel VERY IMPORTANT, one whose problems or happinesses—no matter how trivial—deserved her attentive ear. Teaching and challenging young people to think, to grow, and to develop was her life. She gave of herself freely and joyously.

—Carolyna Harper
 Despite an overburden of singlehandedly administering and teaching a university library science curriculum, Eunice Speer still had a genuine concern for the individual welfare of each student. Indeed throughout her life, I'm sure that she never met a stranger.

—Eloise Cline
 Eunice Speer was my instructor—and my cheerleader. She encouraged me through the maze of reference titles and convinced me that I, too, could conquer cataloging. Years later at an IASL spring conference, it was Eunice who proudly introduced me to her friends with the remark "She's one of ours." And so, too, was Eunice one of "ours." ABA will miss her warmth, and so will I.

—Ann Montgomery

I knew Miss Speer through my roommate Ben. He always had a very special place in his heart for her, and upon meeting her for only seconds, so do I. If the two of us had to describe her in one word, it would definitely be LOVING.

—David Kandziorski (pledge)
 Even in death, Miss Eunice Speer did not forget the members of ABA. With her departure she left behind a printing press, fonts, and many, many loving memories.

—With loving thanks, Mu Chapter

CHAPTER NEWS

The following include news items sent in by chapters as well as information taken from the 1975-76 annual reports.

Alpha
 Northwestern State University of
 Louisiana
 Natchitoches, LA 71457

Beta
 Mississippi University for Women
 Columbus, MS 39701

Gamma
 Indiana State University
 Terre Haute, IN 47809

Delta
 University of Alabama
 University, AL 35486

Epsilon
 Murray State University
 Murray, KY 42071

Miss Carol Veitch, from Pittsburg University, is the new staff member in the Library Science Department at Murray State. Miss Veitch is also serving as the Alpha Beta Alpha sponsor.

—Pat Bryan, Secretary

Zeta
 Concord College
 Athens, WV 24712

During 1975/76 two pledging ceremonies were held and nine students were pledged, five of whom were later initiated. At both of these meetings sponsor Virginia Fanning presented a program on the history and purpose of ABA.

—Annual Report 75/76

Eta
 Texas Woman's University
 Denton, TX 76204

Eta chapter scheduled their annual book and gift sale for November 15 and 16. All gifts for this major money-making project are made by ABA members. This year to supplement our funds we will be conducting two book sales/autographing parties: one in February in conjunction with the Teen Age Library Association Conference and the

other in March in conjunction with the Children's Book Publishing Workshop (Library Science Dept., TWU).

In February, TWU will be hosting the Teen Age Library Association Conference. ABA will actively participate in the arrangements and the events. Our annual spring banquet will be incorporated into the banquet for TALA.

—Eta Chapter

Lambda
Louisiana State University
Baton Rouge, LA 70800

Mu
Illinois State University
Normal, IL 61761

Mu Chapter is having an exciting and productive year. Some of our activities include a pledge picnic, Homecoming coffee, informative speakers after our business meetings, and a Christmas party.

Mu was also honored to welcome a new faculty member: Dr. Steven Johnson is a distinguished alumni of ABA. While he attended ISU, Dr. Johnson was president of Mu chapter, *Alphabet* editor, and ABA national treasurer.

This year has not been the easiest for us. We lost two dear supporters: Col. Edward Wones passed on in September, and our beloved Miss Eunice Speer died quite unexpectedly on October 17. Their passing leaves a void in our hearts and we'll miss them tremendously.

—Laura Hyzy, Secretary

Omicron
Florida A & M University
Tallahassee, FL 32301

Rho
Kutztown State College
Kutztown, PA 19530

Upsilon
Shepherd College
Shepherdstown, WV 25443

Although Upsilon was completely inactive 1975-76, a committee is working to plan some activities for this year.

—note from Jean Elliott

Psi
Southeast Missouri State University
Cape Girardeau, MO 63701

On October 5 we welcomed seven new pledges into Alpha Beta Alpha.

First semester Psi chapter has planned two service projects. One is giving tours through Kent Library, showing new students where materials are. The other ser-

Home, a rehabilitative home for young men. Plans are under way for our Christmas banquet in December.

Next semester also has much in store. Initiation of our pledges will take place on March 8. We will hold the election of officers for the 1977-78 school year on April 12. We are also already planning our annual picnic and installation of new officers.

Alpha Alpha
Madison College
Harrisonburg, VA 22801

Our chapter participated in many student activities during the year, as well as holding a special get-acquainted night for new students interested in ABA. During 1975/76 Alpha Alpha purchased several books for the Library Science Department of Madison College.

—Annual Report 75/76

Alpha Beta
Nicholls State University
Thibodaux, LA 70301

Alpha Gamma
Morehead State University
Morehead, KY 40351

Under the direction of Faye Belcher and Opal LeMaster for the second year, our chapter is making busy plans for this year. We want to raise our membership and club awareness.

The members will be doing cataloging for a beginning church library on campus, helping with story hour at the public library, and entertaining the patients at the nursing home.

The club and other library science students have visited four libraries in nearby Lexington. We will be having guest speakers and local field trips, plus our annual spring banquet.

—Ardith R. Justice

Alpha Delta
Oklahoma State University
Stillwater, OK 74074

Alpha Delta is busily preparing for the annual Christmas bookfair. Proceeds finance the chapter's yearly scholarship fund.

Leigh Ann Travis of Lawton, Oklahoma, was this year's winner of the Alpha Delta chapter's \$200 scholarship.

Our next main event is the February banquet and formal initiation. We have high hopes for a good year in 1977.

—Robyn Bowman, President

Alpha Epsilon
University of North Alabama
Florence, AL 35630

In October and November, Alpha Epsilon held its annual fund-raising drive. The money will be used to purchase books for the Florence Public Library. Other projects include volunteer work at the Florence Public

Library and the purchase of a book case for the library science lab at UNA. This case will hold rare and autographed books now contained in the lab collection. Members are also donating books and magazines to update the book cart in the pediatrics ward of the Eliza Coffee Memorial Hospital in Florence. Alpha Epsilon is looking forward to an active and rewarding year in Alpha Beta Alpha.

Alpha Zeta
Shippensburg State College
Shippensburg, PA 17257

Alpha Eta
East Carolina University
Greenville, NC 27834

Alpha Theta
Louisiana Tech University
Ruston, LA 71270

Thirteen were pledged to Alpha Theta chapter in October. Karla Robbins, vice-president and program chairman, has the group all excited over the November meeting. This will be an Italian meal, prepared by the students, with appropriate decorations. Special speaker will be Mrs. Nowlan Nichols, head of the Tech Rome program. Theme for the year is "Travel with Books." Various outstanding speakers have been secured for the programs.

—Hermione Driskell,
Sponsor

Alpha Iota
Glassboro State College
Glassboro, NJ 08028

Alpha Kappa
Central State University
Edmond, OK 73034

Alpha Lambda
Edinboro State College
Edinboro, PA 16412

Alpha Mu
Northwest Missouri State College
Maryville, MO 64468

Alpha Nu
Radford College
Radford, VA 24142

Alpha Nu started the year with an ice cream social to welcome new students. Later Mrs. Jean Heath spoke to us about storytelling. She told us a few of the books to help us with storytelling and demonstrated several techniques.

With the library's aid, Alpha Nu also recently purchased twelve umbrellas which are loaned out through the reserve desk for overnight use. Since this information was published in the college paper, the un-

brellas have circulated often.

We also paid part of the way for some of our members to attend the meeting of the Virginia Educational Media Association in Alexandria and to visit the Library of Congress.

—Beverly Wood, Historian

Alpha Xi
Eastern Illinois University
Charleston, IL 61920

Alpha Omicron
West Virginia Wesleyan College
Buckhannon, WV 26201

Alpha Pi
Mansfield State College
Mansfield, PA 16933

Alpha Rho
Austin Peay State University
Clarksville, TN 37040

Alpha Sigma
Sam Houston State University
Huntsville, TX 77340

Alpha Tau
Slippery Rock State College
Slippery Rock, PA 16057

Last year was busy for Alpha Tau.

Our biggest project was the selling of T-shirts. We are continuing to sell them this year. The inscription on the front of each shirt is "I'm a librarian—check me out tonight." The shirts were sold at the PSLA Conference held in Hershey last April and at the PLA Conference held in Pittsburgh this September. Besides selling T-shirts at the conferences, we attended some of the meetings and enjoyed listening to the speakers.

In December of last year, we held a puppet show for the children of the community. Because of the number of children who wanted to attend, we held a morning and an afternoon performance. This year we plan to hold a puppet show on December 4 and another in the spring.

Activities this year have included selling cupcakes at the Homecoming hoedown and going on a hayride.

—Alpha Tau

Alpha Upsilon
University of Central Arkansas
Conway, AR 72032

Even though we had a small membership, we had a series of interesting programs. Phyllis Burkette, White County librarian and a recent graduate of UCA and of the University of Denver School of Librarianship, talked about her library school experiences and her administrative responsibilities as a county librarian. She also discussed the requirements for entrance into library school.

At another meeting, Opal Walters, head

cataloger at UCA, explained the Ohio College Library Center Network and demonstrated the operation and use of the computer terminals.

Jenny Treat, 1975-76 president of Alpha Upsilon, represented Alpha Beta Alpha in the inauguration of Dr. Jefferson Farris as the sixth president of UCA.

Social activities during the year included a Christmas party and a potluck supper.

—Karen Howton, President

Alpha Phi
Jackson State University
Jackson, MS 39217

Alpha Chi
University of Wisconsin Whitewater
Whitewater, WI 53190

The annual spring book drive was held during the last few weeks of the school year. Alpha Chi collected books that were donated to a state institution.

—Annual report 75/76

Alpha Psi
Western Illinois University
Macomb, IL 61455

Alpha Omega
South Carolina State College
Orangeburg, SC 29117

The year's activities for Alpha Omega chapter include a dance in Dukes Gymnasium and a car wash. An annual program for the entertainment of the public, initiated during the fall of 1973, will be continued under the title "Mr. and Miss Mass Media." To celebrate its fourth anniversary, the fraternity entertained the Library Service Department with a Christmas holiday party. This year's agenda will climax with a field trip and the Founder's Day celebration in May.

Fulfilling its main objective to encourage good scholarship, Alpha Omega initiated fourteen new members during 1975-76.

—Ruby Chapman, Reporter

ABA HISTORY

Several year ago, a short essay on the history of Alpha Beta Alpha was compiled. Following is Part I of a serialized and edited version of that essay. While it is factual and historic, we at Mu chapter hope it will be a pleasurable reading experience too.

—Dave Kandziorski

On October 30, 1945, twenty-two library science students and eight members of the college library staff held a banquet in the private dining room of the Student Center at Northwestern State College of Louisiana. The guest speaker for the occasion was Miss Nora Beust, Specialist in School Libraries.

Accompanying her were Miss Sue Hefley, Louisiana State Supervisor of School Libraries, and Miss Mary W. Harris, Assistant Librarian of the Louisiana State Library. Miss Beust spoke on "The Rewards of Librarianship." At the conclusion of the formal program, the group decided to organize a library science club on the campus, with a view toward the eventual development of a national fraternity. Dorothy Mae Moses was chosen as chairman and Agnes Clark as secretary of a temporary committee of the whole to prepare for the actual organization of the club.

On January 10, 1946, the group of students and librarians adopted a constitution and formally organized the Northwestern State College Library Club. Azoline Stevens was elected its first president and Mrs. Lucille Carnahan was chosen as sponsor.

While Frances Smith served as president in 1947-48, the name of the club was changed to Scharlie E. Russell Library Club, honoring the recently retired college librarian. During this year the club started publishing "Library Science Newsletter" for the alumni; the newsletter was issued semi-annually until 1952. The first annual award given to the most outstanding senior graduating in library science was made this year also.

Bernice Jackson Evans was president during the following school session. In October the members seriously discussed the advisability of founding a national fraternity, but decided that the time had not yet arrived for such action.

In 1950 the group had been thinking constantly about the establishment of the long-dreamed-of fraternity, and in the spring a decision was made to go forward with the plans. On May 3, 1950, in the drawing room of Varnado Hall, Northwestern State College of Louisiana, it was voted to found a national undergraduate library science fraternity and proceed to adopt a constitution which had previously been drawn up in preparation for the occasion. Thus was born Alpha Beta Alpha (Amerikaniki Bibliofylaken Athelphotes—American Librarians' Brotherhood), the world's first undergraduate library science fraternity.

Immediately after the organization of Alpha Beta Alpha was completed, the Scharlie E. Russell Library Club, of Northwestern State College of Louisiana, petitioned to be admitted as Alpha Chapter. Mrs. Lucille T. Carnahan became the first chapter sponsor. Patsy Eason was the first chapter vice-president.

... To be continued.

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