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## HOMECOMING GLIMPSES

On the weekend of October 24-26 alumni returning to the ISNU campus for the annual Homecoming were confronted with some major changes in the general layout. First of all, Old Main no longer stands at the north end of the square, having been removed and replaced with a maze of sidewalks, flower beds and the stone for the memorial to the old pioneer. Especially noteworthy at the south end of the campus was the new Centennial building which is nearing completion. Other major points of interest were the new additions to the library and Dunn-Barton Halls.

Getting the Homecoming weekend off to a good start was the annual Homecoming play entitled "Holiday for Lovers" by Ronald Alexander, and presented by the University Theatre. It ran for three consecutive nights and was well received by everyone.

Late Friday night the residence halls and off-campus house decorations were judged. Dunn-Barton was awarded first prize; Fell Hall, second prize; and Walker Hall, third prize. Lights burned late as last minute preparations were made for the parade and the floats were assembled. Or as in the case of Alpha Beta Alpha the lights resumed burning early Saturday morning as the float was assembled at the home of Mrs. Fagerburg, Alpha Beta Alpha sponsor.

Saturday morning saw the campus buzzing with students and alumni as the weather turned cold, windy, and drizzly. At 9:00 the parade began and was escorted through Normal to the football field. Earlier in the week the student body elected a queen and court to reign over the Homecoming. The queen was Judy Darby. One of the first floats in the parade was that of Alpha Beta Alpha. It featured a book "Great Expectations" and was good even though it wasn't the best.

The weather didn't seem to bother the fans as the Normal Redbirds swept a victory from the Northern Huskies by a score of 33-18. It was a good game for the alumni to come back and see. Preceding the game the queen and her court were presented to the alumni, and at the halftime the marching band of Northern and the ISNU men's and women's marching bands presented an exhibition.

Throughout the entire weekend there were various breakfasts, teas, and banquets presented by the campus organizations for their alumni members. In the Carnegie Room of Milner Library on Saturday forenoon, Alpha Beta Alpha held a tea for the returning old members. Coffee and cookies were served by the library staff.

Highlighting the Homecoming festivities was the Homecoming Dance held Saturday evening in McCormick Gymnasium. The theme was "Homecoming 101", with music furnished by the band of Frankie Masters.

## HOMECOMING COFFEE HOUR

The Alpha Beta Alpha coffee hour was held October 25, immediately after the homecoming parade. This social event took place in the Carnegie Room of Milner Library. Alumni, present members, and guests attended the coffee hour. Miss Welch, head of Milner Library, assisted the organization by serving the coffee. The coffee hour committee consisted of Lou Ann Ahlden and Rosemarie Razim as co-chairmen assisted by Delores Keerns and Sandy Rebeck.

## Dr. Lancour Speaks

Dr. Lancour, head of the University of Illinois Library School, was guest speaker at the October 6th meeting of Alpha Beta Alpha. Many professional members as well as initiates and pledges were present for this interesting meet-

ing held in the Faculty Lounge of the Administration Building. Dr. Lancour gave us pertinent facts concerning abundant opportunities in librarianship. He also inspired us with the many aspects of a life of service the profession affords.

Three new members were welcomed into the organization: Heidi Mullejans, Sharon Schleeter, and Mr. A. H. Bailey.

New pledges of the chapter are:  
Lindia Albin            John Martin  
Donna Bessant        Beverly Martin  
Pat Gleason            Sandy Rebuck  
Joan Harmer            Deanna Schroeder  
Opal Leddy

Following the business meeting delicious refreshments were served by Miss Speer and Mrs. Fagerburg. The table was beautifully appointed in our chosen colors of purple and white.

#### SMILE AWHILE

"I visit my friends occasionally," remarked Hazlitt bitterly, "just to look over my library."

Two passengers were overheard in a literary discussion on the Brooklyn express.

"Whatcher favorite reading?"

"Popeye, Superman, and Flash Gordon."

"Howcha like O. Henry?"

"Naw, the nuts get in my teeth."

When Jean Baptiste Rousseau wrote his ode "To Posterity," Voltaire, doubtful of its quality, remarked, "This poem will not reach its destination."

"Why don't you buy a dictionary?" asked the man whose friend repeatedly consulted him as to the spelling of certain words.

"What would I do with a dictionary?" was the reply. "If I can't spell the words, I couldn't find 'em, and if I can spell 'em, I don't need one."

#### OPEN HOUSE

During Orientation Week this fall Alpha Beta Alpha held an open house in the library classroom. Punch and cookies were served to those members and visitors stopping in to chat. Miss Welch and Mrs. Fagerburg were on hand to answer questions for the visitors. The scrapbooks from the past five years were displayed to give the guests an idea of the organization's activities. Barbara Noonan, Barbara Graham and Valerie Wilford were in charge of the plans for the affair.

#### MILNER'S MIRROR

Miss Helen Dooley, who is in charge of the Publisher's Exhibit Room, spent two months this summer in Denmark, Norway, Sweden, and Finland. Why don't you stop in and ask her about her trip sometime. I am sure she would be glad to tell you about it. In fact you might even see the lovely sweater she brought back with her.

Miss Margaret Lawrence, who can be found either in the Cataloguing Room or the Reference Room, has two special interests. She not only has an extensive collection of Beethoven, but also a collection of Willa Cather books. Miss Lawrence has first editions of all the Cather books that have been written since 1920. Miss Lawrence told us that although she enjoyed these collections, she isn't the kind of collector who goes without food so that she can purchase another rare edition. She receives an enormous amount of pleasure from browsing through book stores, looking for these rare editions.

Miss Clara Guthrie, whom you can find behind the desk in the Reference Room, also has a large collection of records. Miss Guthrie's collection however does not follow one particular theme, but rather includes many composers from different periods. A great many hours of

relaxation are received from a new T.V. set recently purchased by Miss Guthrie. Cooking is another of Miss Guthrie's varied interests, and one of her specialties is "torts". ~~Minutemen~~ I bet they're good!

One of the things that Miss Lucile Crosby who runs the two reserve rooms, likes to do is to read books written in French. Miss Crosby also enjoys her new Hi-Fi set a great deal and she has recently purchased the Beethoven Symphonies. Miss Crosby expressed an interest in traveling, although she said it is difficult to find the time to do all the traveling one would like to. Future plans include a trip to New York over the Christmas holidays. Don't we wish we were going with her!

Mrs. Dorothy Fagerburg, who joined the Milner Library teaching staff in February, 1957, was born in Texas and grew up in Los Angeles, California. Her education was received from colleges and universities near her home. At Occidental College she received a bachelor's degree in English with a thesis relating to library work. Prior to receiving her master's degree she had secured a library science degree from the University of Southern California. Since her marriage Bloomington has been her home. Mrs. Fagerburg dislikes rain but she likes people, schools, and living so near to the City of Chicago with its many cultural opportunities. She is a person with many hobbies. Her family and beautiful home are her main interests. She loves to garden and fish with her husband and her nine year old son Teddy who is in the fourth grade at Metcalf School. She collects books about fine books, book collecting and books about social manners and early etiquette. In addition to being a home maker, Mrs. Fagerburg has worked in the book department of a large department store, has edited books for McKnight and McKnight, Bloomington Publishers, and is now teaching courses in librarian-

ship at I. S. N. U. We are "mighty" happy to have you with us Mrs. Fagerburg!