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Dear ABA Members:

We welcome you back this fall with a brief report on changes in Milner Library. Each year we are witnessing the impact of increased enrollments on our library facilities, and changes must be made to adjust our service to the sheer weight of numbers. A future large addition will be needed for student seating and study space.

New lighting has brightened the Reserve Rooms. Publisher's Exhibit is now the Teaching Materials Center with a size increase. The Bibliography Room provides a new book display. Books are charged to be returned on only two days each week. Freshmen are receiving televised library instruction. A new, illustrated Library Handbook was distributed at registration.

Robert R. Hertel
Director of Libraries

Hi-Lites of Homecoming

Homecoming will soon be here again. This year Alpha Beta Alpha has decided that it will not be represented in the parade. This does not mean that ABA will not welcome you back for Homecoming, for a coffee hour in your honor will be held in the Carnegie Room of Milner Library immediately following the parade. Those on the committee for the coffee hour are Judy Davis, Judy Veech, Carol White, and Mrs. Miriam Lanier. Each and everyone of you is invited to come.

While speaking of Homecoming, mention must be made of the activities of the day. The first big event is the parade which begins at 9:00 a.m. Following this many different organizations will have coffee hours. At 2:00 p.m. another big event of the day will occur, Illinois State Normal University meets Northern Illinois University on the gridiron. After the game, everyone can catch a few minutes sleep

and then prepare for the Homecoming Play "The Skin of Our Teeth" (Valerie Wilford has a lead) and the Homecoming Dance which will feature The Commanders, starring Dan Belloc. As the music of the last dance slowly fades into the night so will Homecoming of 1960.

Televised Library Lessons

This fall approximately 1400 freshmen have been receiving their introduction to Milner Library via closed circuit TV.

This new teaching technique will be the second wide-scale test of the University's \$30,000 campus hook-up.

As the result of a successful experiment conducted last February, Mrs. Dorothy S. Fagerburg, assistant librarian, will "meet" 180 students at a time by means of six television receivers in rooms on the second floor of Schroeder Hall. She will repeat the three-lesson unit eight times.

Last year's experiment was conducted with eight sections of English 101 students. A television attitude questionnaire and a pre- and post-library test were given in the hope of providing guidance for handling the incoming 46 sections of students.

OFFICERS OF ABA, MU CHAPTER
1960-61

- President - Sharon Phelps
- Vice-President - Carol White
- Secretary-Treasurer - Barbara Barrett
- Historian - Steven Johnson
- Sponsors - Mrs. Fagerburg and Miss Speer

Milner Mirror

A mirror can reflect many things. As I looked into the mirror, the first reflections I saw were those of the five new faculty members of Milner Library.

Miss Hazelle M. Anderson came to I.S.N.U. from Oak Park, Illinois public school system where her work with the development of the school library program has been outstanding. She is active in the Illinois Association of School Librarians and is on the board of the Illinois Reading Service. She is teaching courses in children's literature.

Miss Julia Bewsey is in the Catalog department with the special responsibility of processing books for the libraries of the laboratory schools. Her previous library experience was at the Indianapolis Public Library and the Eli Lilly and Company Library.

Mrs. Thelma Bird who came to us from Indiana State Teachers College has achieved a reputation as an expert in the teaching materials field and Milner Library was fortunate to secure her services in expanding and developing this program at I.S.N.U. The former Publishers Exhibit room, now called the Teaching Materials Center, is under Mrs. Bird's direction. Mrs. Bird, a professional member of ABA at Indiana, is affiliating with Mu Chapter.

Mr. Bryant H. Jackson, a Californian, joined the Milner staff in June and when he came, he brought with him, in addition to teaching and library experience in both California and Kansas, a brand new bride. Mr. Jackson is in the Catalog department and his special responsibility is the processing of documents.

Mr. William J. Nye has come to our campus from Central College, Fayette, Missouri and he occupies a new position on the Milner staff. He is in charge of special collections which means that archives of the university and treasures of the library will be made more available for student and faculty use. Mr. Nye is

already busy organizing this new area of work. We welcome him and all of the other new staff members.

I looked into the mirror again to see if any reflections appeared. This time the reflections of four student teachers who belong to Alpha Beta Alpha were smiling at me with expressions of joy on their faces.

Pat Douglas is student teaching at University High School in Library Science.

Mabra Hebert Martin is student teaching at University High School in English.

Carol White is student teaching at University High School in Library Science and Shorthand.

Elsie Wilken is student teaching at University High School in Geography.

Mirrors tell a lot and this time I saw three faculty members looking at me with the "I want to tell you something" look.

Miss Beryl Galaway attended ALA convention when it met with the Canadian Library Association in Montreal in June.

Miss Laurel Grotzinger is just learning how to play chess and is looking for someone who either knows or doesn't know how to play chess. She loves to read mystery and horror stories.

Miss Clara Guthrie has a collection of Copenhagen Christmas plates. She also loves music, cooking, and bird watching.

This time as I looked into the mirror I saw the two nominees for the national chapter of Alpha Beta Alpha.

Miss Eunice Speer is the nominee for the office of the National Executive Secretary of Alpha Beta Alpha.

Steve Johnson is the nominee for the office of National Treasurer of Alpha Beta Alpha.

The last time I looked into the mirror I saw the smiling face of the

former Miss Cecilia Peikert.

ALUMNI RUMORS

Miss Peikert and Mr. James Bunney were united in marriage on August 26, 1960. The former Miss Peikert is the Director of the University Museum. She has been on the faculty since 1945 and became a member of Alpha Beta Alpha in 1959. Mr. Bunney works with the telephone company with headquarters in Peoria. Congratulations!

MRS. FAGERBURG'S TRIP WILL BE PROGRAM FOR THE MARCH 6 MEETING

Mrs. Fagerburg, ABA Sponsor, spent the summer with her family touring Europe. They left Normal June 9 and visited fourteen countries. Her special project on this exciting vacation was to visit famous national libraries such as British Museum, Bibliotheque Nationale and The Swiss National Library. We know that her class next semester will receive rich rewards from her trip and she will share her experiences with Mu Chapter at the March 6 meeting when she will talk about "Highlights of a European trip".

OFFICIAL PINS NOW AVAILABLE

Official ABA Fraternity pins, made by the Balfour Company, are now available. The pins are priced from \$6 to \$10, and may be ordered from any of the Mu Chapter officers.

Illustrations of the pins, and a complete list of prices, are available in The Alphabet for December 1959.

MILNER STAFF ATTENDS MEETINGS

On Homecoming Weekend, October 29-30, Miss Speer and Miss Anderson will attend the Conference on Undergraduate Library Education, which will be held at Iowa State Teachers College in Cedar Falls, Iowa.

On the same weekend, Dr. Hertel will be at the joint meeting of the Illinois Library Association and the Illinois Association of School Librarians at St. Louis.

This meeting is being held in connection with the Missouri Library Association.

Bob Abbott was back at ISNU for the Illinois Reading Conference. He is still working with the mentally retarded program in Springfield. He is making plans to begin graduate work in Library Science.

Delores Keerns Brooks (Mrs. Charles Brooks) is in the library at the Bloomington Junior High School. She says that her one-year-old and her job keep her really busy.

Eleanor Eastwood is beginning her third year at East Peoria Community High School. She is teaching English and Library Orientation.

Barbara Graham is enjoying her first year at East Peoria Community High School, as Assistant Librarian and Civics teacher. At the moment she is involved in plans for a new library.

Mrs. Opal Leddy spent a week on the ISNU campus this summer visiting friends. Her work at Monticello is proving most interesting and challenging.

Miss Ruby Martz, formerly on the faculty at ISNU, stopped enroute to and from Norman, Oklahoma. She sends her greetings.

It was fun having Pat Ringer at our fall get acquainted meeting at the Fagerburgs'.

Virginia Sanborn wrote that she has a new place of residence in Dundee.

Shelia Anderson Tinsley (Mrs. Ron Tinsley) sent an announcement of the birth of their son Robby on September 1, 1960. They like Flint, Michigan, very much, but miss their friends in this area. They are hoping we all can see the baby when they come down for the holidays.

Gladys Warren, as reported by Miss Speer who saw her at Fairbury this summer, is the Librarian at Catlin, Illinois. She was excited about her new position.

GET-ACQUAINTED MEETING

The first meeting of the year was held in the home of Mrs. Fagerburg. This was the "get-acquainted" meeting to start off the year.

New students interested in library science and ABA were invited to the meeting. (There was also a "get-acquainted" open-house held in the Library Classroom during Orientation Week.)

Mr. James Boula, from the State Office of Public Instruction, spoke at the first meeting and showed slides on "School Libraries in Illinois."

OCTOBER MEETING

The Faculty Lounge in Hovey Hall was the setting for the October meeting. Initiation and pledging ceremonies highlighted this meeting.

Five professional members were initiated into Mu Chapter; nine students took part in the pledging ceremony.

New Initiates-Professional

Miss Taimi Ranta Mr. Bryant Jackson
Mr. William Nye Miss Julia Bewsy
Miss Hazelle Anderson

Nine New Pledges This Semester

Nine students are now pledged to Alpha Beta Alpha. They are:

Sharon Thomas--Manito, Spanish, Junior
Sandra Gaddis--Armington, Business,
Junior
Barbara Francis--Streator, Biology,
Junior
Moira Higgins--Rochester, Business,
Sophomore
Judy Rockwell--Oak Park, English,
Freshman
Nancy England--Dahinda, Business,
Junior
Phyllis Martin--Lincoln, Elem, Junior
Laura Randolph, Atlanta, English,
Freshman
Miriam Lanier--Cedar Falls, Iowa,
Libr. Science, Uncl.

MEMBERS OF ABA ACTIVE ON CAMPUS

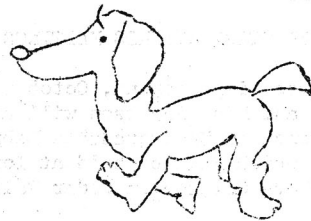
ABA is proud to have on its membership roll a group of leaders in campus activities.

Donna Bessant is President of Women's League, and was vice-president of Mu Chapter last year.

Valerie Wilford and Barbara Barrett are active in Theta Alpha Phi, dramatics fraternity. Valerie, last year's president of Mu Chapter of ABA, is president of Theta this year. Barbara is secretary-treasurer of both Mu Chapter and Theta.

Judy Veech is now assistant Editor of the Vidette, and is active in ABA, including working on the Mu Chapter Newsletter.

Among H.R.'s in the dorms, are Sharon Phelps, Mu Chapter's President, Donna Bessant, Anna Marie Bazik, Elsie Wilkins, and Barb Francis. Carolyn Watson is keygirl at Fell Hall.



Pick up your feet and
join the march to the library.

SPECIAL MEMBERSHIPS IN ALPHA BETA ALPHA NOW AVAILABLE!

Special memberships in Alpha Beta Alpha include Alumni Life Membership, and 5-Year Alumni Membership. All alumni of Mu Chapter are eligible for one of these special membership plans.

The fee for Alumni Life membership in ABA is \$15; for a 5-year Alumni Membership, \$5; contributing and sustaining memberships are available for non-alumni interested in librarianship.

If you are interested in one of these special plans, and if you would like to register under one of these special memberships, please fill in the registration blank below and send to: Barbara Barrett, Treasurer; Mu Chapter of Alpha Beta Alpha; Library Science Office; Milner Library; I.S.N.U.; Normal. Make checks and money orders payable to "Mu Chapter of Alpha Beta Alpha."

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Date _____

I desire Alumni LIFE Membership in Alpha Beta Alpha.
5-YEAR Alumni

A check money order is enclosed for \$ _____. Year graduated: _____

MISS
Name MRS.
MR. _____

(If you are a married woman, include your given names, your maiden name underscored, your husband's given name in parenthesis, and your surname)

Professional Address _____

Home Address _____
