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NEW MEMBERS INITIATED

The first Alpha Beta Alpha meeting of the second semester was held on February 6, 1961. The highlight of this meeting was the initiation of eight students into Mu Chapter, who had pledged the first semester. They are:

- Sharon Thomas--Manito, Spanish, Junior
- Sandra Gaddis--Armington, Business, Junior
- Barbara Francis--Streator, Biology, Junior
- Judy Rockwell--Oak Park, English, Freshman
- Nancy England--Dahinda, Business, Junior
- Phyllis Martin--Lincoln, Elementary Junior
- Miriam Lanier--Cedar Falls, Iowa; Library Science, Unclass.
- Richard Brandelino--Joliet, Geography, Senior

OPEN-SHELF RESERVE SYSTEM INTRODUCED

This semester the students of Illinois State Normal University have seen a new system installed in the North Reserve Room of Milner Library. The open-shelf system of obtaining books has been put into operation this semester.

Beginning on the south wall of the North Reserve Room, books are shelved alphabetically by author in a clockwise direction. The end of the alphabet is found in the old stacks next to the counter.

In order to put this new system into operation, a turnstyle is used. When exiting, a student is checked to see that he or she has no reserve books with him other than those checked out.

This new system enables students to secure books in less time. This system also enables them to become  
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familiar with the books by actual observation of the contents of each book.

MU CHAPTER MEMBERS STUDENT TEACHING

This semester many of the members of Alpha Beta Alpha are doing their student teaching. They are:

CAROLYN WATSON is student teaching at MacArthur High School in Decatur in Social Science and Library.

MABRA HEBERT MARTIN is student teaching at U High in Library Science.

BARB BARRETT is student teaching at Fairchild Hall in Primary Deaf.

JUDY VEECH is student teaching at U High in Psychology.

ELSIE WILKIN is student teaching at U High in Library Science.

DICK BRANDELINO is student teaching at U High in Library Science.

EDITH KNACK is student teaching at U High in Library Science.

VALERIE WILFORD will be doing her student teaching the last nine weeks of this semester at East Peoria Community High School at East Peoria in Speech and Social Science.

THE WORLD OF BOOKS...

is the most remarkable creation of man. Nothing else that he builds ever lasts. Monuments fall; nations perish; civilizations grow old and die out; and, after an era of darkness, new races build others. But in the world of books are volumes that have seen this happen again and again, and yet live on, still young, still as fresh as the day they were written, still telling men's hearts of the hearts of men centuries dead. ---Clarence Day

## GREETINGS ALPHA BETA ALPHA NATIONAL HEADQUARTERS!

(The editors of the NEWSLETTER asked Miss Eunice Speer, who in November became National Executive Secretary of Alpha Beta Alpha, to comment on her reactions to receiving this position. ISNU is now National Headquarters for the Fraternity.)

It is satisfying to be able to send these greetings from the Illinois State Normal University Campus. It is thrilling to know that Mu Chapter has been selected to receive this high honor. It is wonderful to have a member of Mu Chapter participate so vitally in the professional activities of aspiring young librarians from Pennsylvania to California, from Michigan to Florida to Texas! As you know, Steve Johnson has been selected by Mu to be Alpha Beta Alpha's Treasurer in 1960-61. His business-like approach to, and his efficiency in, handling the monetary matters of the Fraternity will play an important part in the progress of Alpha Beta Alpha in this, the beginning of its second decade.

The task assigned to me by the editors of the NEWSLETTER is to relate how it feels to be Executive Secretary of Alpha Beta Alpha.

My first feeling was one of pride that Mu Chapter had, in the four short years since its installation, made such a reputation among the other Chapters of the Fraternity that it was selected to serve as headquarters for the Fraternity.

My second feeling was one of concern, lest the tasks attendant to being Executive Secretary might prove too great for me. The loyal support of Mu Chapter members and of Mrs. Fagerburg, the sponsor, have done much to lessen this concern. Dr. Hertel's interest in and enthusiasm for the Fraternity have made the Executive Secretary's work seem important and worth-while. The prompt response of the Executive Council to the duties placed upon them, the sage advice of Dr. Watson, the former Executive Secretary, and the ready communication from the officers of the twenty-four chapters made for a smoothly operating Fraternity.

A third feeling was one of bewilderment. So much to do, so short a time in which to do it. How should one proceed to get a convention planned, records maintained, and policies decided? Much help, a step at a time, and persistence are seemingly bringing the desired end into view.

But relating one's feelings concerning such an important undertaking could go on and on! Suffice it to say that one of the greatest joys comes from working so closely with young people all over the United States. Becoming acquainted with them via mail and telephone, getting to know them better from repeated written communications, anticipating personal contacts at Millersville, sharing in some small way to influence them in their chosen profession of librarianship are exciting and humbling experiences. I constantly hope that my work as Executive Secretary of Alpha Beta Alpha will reflect honor and glory on "The Noblest of Professions" and that during my service in this office Alpha Beta Alpha's motto, "Books, People, Service, Life" can inspire more young people in more and more chapters!!

We are looking forward to seeing many of you at our banquet in May and if any of you can join us at Millersville State College, Millersville, Pennsylvania on April 28 and 29 we will be most happy to welcome you there. Best wishes to you from Mu Chapter -- host to Alpha Beta Alpha Headquarters!

Fraternally,

*Eunice H. Speer*

JOURNEY TO STATE LIBRARY

On February 25 a group of Alpha Beta Alpha members journeyed to Springfield to the Illinois State Library. These members were accompanied by Mrs. Dorothy Fagerburg, Miss Laurel Grotzinger and Miss Barbara Simon.

The group of students left at 7:30 a.m. and returned about 2:00 p.m. While there, they were told of the many services rendered by the library. Not only does the library send books to schools throughout the state but it also helps hospitals and state institutions. The students were taken on a tour of the five levels of the library where they encountered thousands of books.

LET'S BE PROFESSIONAL MINDED!

Librarianship is a way of life. It is up to us -- the librarians of tomorrow-- to guide others into this way of living. We should urge others to become librarians.

How can we do this? As members of Alpha Beta Alpha, the National Library Science Fraternity, we can work through our organization to promote librarianship.

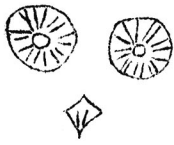
We can talk to our friends about the profession. We can tell them that it is not too soon to think about their future nor too late to change their minds. We can tell them of the many job opportunities open to them in the library field -- that no matter what their hobby or interest may be, there is a good chance that they can adapt it to library service. The most important people to reach in this way are the college students that are undecided about a career, and the high school students who are looking around for a career. --Ann Mathews, Alpha Chapter.

OFFICERS OF MU CHAPTER  
Alpha Beta Alpha  
1960-61

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

ATTENTION A B A MEMBERS!

BE SURE to attend the April meeting of Alpha Beta Alpha, when we will elect the officers for 1961-62... President, vice-president, secretary-treasurer, historian, and 2 delegates to the National ABA Convention in late April. We'll expect to see you!



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AS AN OWL --  
FLY TO THE  
LIBRARY

SPRING PLANS

The April meeting will feature a talk by Miss Shea on Children's Poetry; election of officers will also take place. The may 20th meeting will be the Founder's Day Banquet and installation of officers for the coming year. The National Alpha Beta Alpha convention will take place in Millersville, Pennsylvania on April 28 and 29. Several students from Mu Chapter are planning to attend.

HIGHLIGHTS OF EUROPEAN TRIP

At the March meeting, held at the home of Dr. Hertel, names of nominees for offices were presented and the program for the meeting featured Mrs. Dorothy Fagerburg, sponsor, as she told about her European trip and the libraries she had visited during her tour.

The editors of the NEWSLETTER would appreciate it greatly if anyone who has news of interest to the chapter would forward it to them; if you know of a member or alumnus who is not receiving the NEWSLETTER, please bring this to our attention. --The editors.