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Dr. Mobert R. Mertel, wirector of Libraries at Illinois State University at College and Research Section of ILA at the Normal since September 1959, died of a heart attack June 7, 1965. He is survived was a member of the Advisory Council of by his widow, Alta; two sons, Christopher the Graduate School of Library Science at and Douglas; and a daughter, Holly,

Dr. Hertel was born February 25, 1919, in Fairport, New York. Educated in the public schools of the state of New York, he received his AB degree in 1941 and a BSLS in 1946 from the State University College at Albany.

In 1947, Dr. Hertel received a MA in English from the Unversity of California at Los Angeles and graduated with a PhD in Library Science in 1958 from the University of Illinois.

Prior to assuming his position at Illinois State University, he was College Librarian at the State University College at Cortland, New York, from 1951 to 1959 and Assistant College Librarian from 1947 to 1951.

He was active in professional organizations at the national, state, and local those with whom he came in contact. levels serving as a member of the Subscription Books Committee of ALA from 1952 to 1954. He was a member of the ACRL Statistics Committee from 1956 to 1963 and the ALA Council in 1958-59.

At the state level, Dr. Hertel chaired the Librarians Section of the New York State University Librarian Conference in 1954 and the Conference in 1958-59. In Illinois, he was active in the IASL and

the ILA, serving as chairman of the time of his death. From 1962 to 1965 he the University of Illinois.

Helfserved the McLean County Library Association as its vice-president in 1964.

In addition, he was a member of the American Association of University Professors, Alpha Beta Alpha, Beta Phi Mu, Kappa Delta Kappa, Phi Delta Kappa, and Pi Gamma Mu, as well as a contributor to professional journals.

For those of us in Alpha Beta Alpha who knew Dr. Hertel, it may be said that we lost not only a friend, but a true personification of our motto "Books, People, Service and Life." He will be greatly missed by members of the University library staff, the University faculty and by his many friends in the profession. In his kinly and gentle way, Dr. Hertel gave more than a little of himself to

### HOMECOMING TEA

Following the annual homecoming parade October 23, Mu Chapter will entertain alumni, guests and members for a tea held in Milner Library. Here guest will be able to renew acquaintances as well as make new friendships.

## OFFICERS BRYANTJACKSON Smilnerfor mu-1

The man who is now responsible for seeing that things run smoothly at Milner Library is Bryant Jackson, Acting Director, Vice President

Bryant Jackson came to Illinois State University from California where he earn- Secretary-Treasurer ed his bachelor's degree in 1945 from the University of Redlands. In 1946 he acquired his teacher's certificate from the Sponsors University of California at Los Angèles (UCLA).

He taught high school until 1950 when he got his master's degree in Library Schence at the University of Southern California. For one year he was librarian at Kansas Wesleyan University in Salina, Kansas. He served as head of technical services from 1951-60 at the Kansas State College Library in Pittsburg.

June, 1960 as an assistant professor of Library Science.

He served as serial catalouguer until this June when he was appointed Associate Director. Shortly afterwards, Dr. Robert Hertel, director, died and Mr. Jackson was named acting director.

Since June, 1962, Mr. Jackson has been doing graduate work at the University of Illinois. He is a member of ALA, ILA. ABA, American Association of University Professors and Phi Delta Kappa.

We would like to extend a wlecome to the new members of the library staff. They are: Mr. Edward Evans, cataloging; Dr. Tze-Chung Li, cataloging; Mr. Richard P. Palmer, acquistions and reference: and Mrs. Patsy M. Walters, cataloging. Mrs. Walters was National President of Alpha Beta Alpha while doing her undergraduate work at Murrary State College, Murray, Kentucky.

Mr. Evans, Dr. Li, and Mr. Palmer were initiated as professionals members of Mu Chapter October 4.

President

Historian

Miss Eunice Speer Mrs. Dorothy Fagerburg

Carol Adloff

Bonnie Cullison Maureen B

Maureen Brady

Maralea Keefe



One of the largest pledge classes in the ten year history of Mu Chapter of Mr. Jackson joined the Milner staffin Alpha Beta Alpha was inducted October 4.

Twenty pledges, eighteen women and two men, took part in the solemn ceremony at Milner Library.

They are: Sherrill Anderson, Carolyn Ellis, Cam Fluegel, Gloria Golick, Mary Ellen Groezinger, Trudy Gwaltney, Christine Illgudas, Bette Janovsky, Rosie Maneke, Linda Merrick, Thyra Middlesworth, Karen Naden, Nancy Pein, Kathy Ragsdale, Toni Rake, Jo Rock, Christine Stransenback, David Swarm, Marilyn Wolf, and Roxy Limmerman.

In order to be initiated into Mu Chapter, the pledges must have a C average, pass a written test on the fraternity, serve on at least one committee, attend all meetings, and participate in the Christmas skit which will be presented on December 6.

After fulfilling these requirements, the pledges will be initiated as active members on February 7, 1966. With this number of pledges, we should really have an enlightening Christmas skit, and an eventful semester.

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DOOR TO ALPHA BETA ALPHA

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Meeting for the first time since the unexpected death this summer of Dr. Robert Hertel, the Mu Chapter of Alpha Beta Alpha decided all activities this year would be dedicated to the former Milner Library director.

The decision was announced September 26 at the annual social mixer and member recruitment meeting at Mrs. Dorothy Fagerburg's home. During his six years as director of Milner Library, Dr. Hertel associated himself closely with ABA and its members.

He was a familiar face at the traditional first meeting at Mrs. Fagerburg's house. Neither was it unusual for him to appear and speak to ABA on various facets of the Library and the field.

The March meeting was for several years set aside as the time when Dr. and Mrs. Hertel would personally be hosts at their home for the ABA members. With these and other reasons in mind, the decision to dedicate this year's activities to him was made.

Bonnie Cullison of Belvidere, vicepresident, outlined the program for the year, which will center around the theme "A Door in the Wall." Topics at the month-If you can bear to see the instruction ly meetings will concentrate on the oppcrtunities available in such areas as special libraries, graduate schools, elementary school libraries, and public libraries.

Some of the speakers who have been scheduled to discuss their fields with the chapter are Mrs. Elwood Egelston, State Farm Insurance Librarian; Dr. Harold Goldstein of the University of Illinois Graduate School of Library Science; and Miss Ruth Zimmerman, Metcalf Elementary School Librarian. The traditional Founder's Day luncheon will feature Mr. de Lafayette Reid, Deputy State Librarian.

To conclude the meeting, Bonnie Cullison read the following poem paraphrased

from Rudyard Kipling's "If", by Maralea Keefe, Carol Adloff, and herself.

- If you can keep your head when all about ycu
- Are grabbing books and leaving none for you;
- If you can trust yourself with selection tools around you,
- But remember to use your good judgment too:
- If you can read and not be tired by reading,
- Or appreciate old collections, Ninevah among the first,
- Or meet the challenges automation is bringing,
- And yet not look too bookish nor act too versed.
- If you can dream -- and make those dreams into posters;
- If you can budget and make the standards your aim,
- If you can help both teachers and their students,
- Then throughout the school will spread your fame.
- you've given
- Forgotten within a few weeks time,
- Or watch the materials be scattered and strewn,
- Yet smile as you put them back in line.
- If you're familiar with all materials at your service,
- And can use these books to help others help themselves,
- If you can find all the questions asked in reference,
- And catalogue everything on the shelves:
- If you can fill each fleeting minute
- With sixty seconds worth of work--well done,

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### Door to Alpha Beta Alpha (cont'd)

Yours is the library and everything that's in it.

And-what is more-YOU will be a librarian, my friend!

Mrs. Fagerburg served punch, coffee, cake, and hors d'oeuvres to the guests.

Colette Primmer became the bride of Charles Stark August 15 in the Mahomet First Baptist Church. Mr. and Mrs. Stark are living at Cardinal Court in Normal.

Roseann Warnick is planning a November 6 wedding to Charles L. Fisher Jr. The ceremony will be held in the Central Christian Church in Decatur, Illinois.

Peggy Ong became Mrs. Jesse Field in June. The couple have made their home in Pennsylvania.

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First nine weeks of this semester Diane Isenberg is doing her practice teaching at Lincoln High School in Lincoln, Illinois.

Penny Moshonas will graduate after completing her student teaching at Reavis High School in Oak Lawn, Illinois.

I wish to thank all those who contributed to the Newsletter.

Maralea Keefe

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ALBUM

Colette Stark is teaching fourth grade at Oakdale School in Normal.

Working as an assistant librarian in the Stephen Decatur and McArthur High Schools in Decatur, Illinois, is Roseann Warnick.

Pat Olmstead is teaching English and serving as librarian at Bishop MacNamara High School in Kankakee.

Arlita Austin is head librarian at Normal Public Library.

Judy Vittitoe is teaching English and is assistant librarian at Eisenhower High School, Blue Island, Illinois.

Janis Rolls is teaching at Emerson School in Harvey, Illinois.

Frances Boucher is located at Webster Elementary School in Granite City.

Lynann Mains is teaching at Mendota Elementary School in Mendota, Illinois.

Teaching first grade in Falatine is Lynne Davidson.

Gladys Waren, a 1958 graduate of ISNU, was married to John Boyer this past summer. Mrs. Boyer was formerly the librarian at Catlin High School, Catlin, Illinois. Mr. and Mrs. Boyer are making their home in Sierra Vista, Arizona.

Ellen Mayfield is assistant librarian and part time English teacher at Sterling High School, Sterling, Illinois. IMPORTANT CHANGES

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A new national constitution for Alpha Beta Alpha, revised during the national convention last May, will be voted on by Mu Chapter at its November meeting.

Six members of the chapter attended the convention May 8-9 at Texas Women's University in Denton. The proposed constitution was presented to Mu Chapter for examination at the October meeting.

Among the more important changes is the incorporation of the constitution and the by-laws as one document. The project was undertaken to modernize sections of the constitution and to delete obsolete parts. Dues also were **raised** from \$2.00 to \$3.00 a year.

Mu Chapter delegates attending the convention were Miss Eunice Speer, Carol Adloff, Bonnie Cullison, Maureen Brady, Maralea Keefe, and Judy Walley.

While attending the convention, the delegates heard several prominent speakers, including Travis Tyler, director of the Dallas Public Libraries, and Florrinell Morton, director of Library Scienc at Louisiana State University and past president of the American Library Association.

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### A Special Note to Members of the Class of '65

This is your invitation to become an Alumni member of ABA. As a member you will recieve the <u>NEWSLETTER</u> and the <u>ALPHABET</u> and will keep in touch with the fraternity activities, your school, and your profession.

\$5.00 for Five-year Membership

\$15.00 for Life Membership (ALPHABET for 25 years)

(By paying an additional \$10.00 at the end of your Five-year membership, you can convert it to a Life Membership.)

Send check made payable to Mu Chapter, Alpha Beta Alpha, to: Milner Library 116, Illinois State University, Normal Illinois 61761.