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Dear ABA member:

Mu chapter has been quite busy this semester. We have had the most active pledge class ever and are now in the process of revising the chapter's constitution. We hope you will enjoy reading about these and our other activities.

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1968 - 1969 Officers

- President Mary Manz
- Vice-President Tina Natale
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- Pledge Recruitment and Training Linda Hoskins
Phil Ringenburg
- Social Karen K. Kaiser
Joyce Rients

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MEETINGS, 1968 - 1969

September

The year began with our annual get acquainted tea held on September 22. Many of the old and new members came. Several students interested in joining

were also present at the tea.

At this time, Col. Edward M. Wones presented his fourth annual Hannah Pearson Wones memorial scholarship. This year's recipient was Susan Hagensee, a junior from Elmhurst, Ill. majoring in English with a minor in Library Science.

October

The October meeting was held on October 4. Four students were initiated at this time. They were:

- Carol Allen
- Monita Carlile
- Cheryl Goltz
- Linda Little

Four new professional members were also initiated. They were:

- Dianne S. Delong (Mrs.)
- Elinor Ebeling (Mrs.)
- Carolyna V. Harper
- Eleanor Matthews
- Katherine Shaw (Mrs.)

This semester we had one of the largest groups ever to pledge ABA. They have also been the hardest working group. Pledges are:

- Kris Bicknell (Mrs.)
- Ginny Blackley
- Violette Brooks
- Cindy Catt
- Karen Cronholm
- Marcia Donat
- Bob Enzweiler
- Laura Garrett (Mrs.)
- Carolyn Glabe
- Mary Harms
- Linda Hogren
- Denise Kennedy

OUR STUDENT TEACHERS

Changes, Cont'd.

The libraries in Illinois are presently connected into it are: University of Illinois, Southern Illinois University, Chicago Public Library, and Illinois State University.

As all ABA members are well aware, the library is now in the process of changing its classification system from Dewey to Library of Congress. This was started in November of 1966 when all new books were classified with a Library of Congress number. In September of 1968, the staff began changing the old books. They started with the biographies and are still in that phase. Currently, the work is being done by three full time and three student employees. This staff is headed by Miss Eleanor Matthews. The work will continue for at least four more years according to Miss Matthews.

In Alpha Beta Alpha

This year ABA has made a change in its pledging program. In past years, pledges had to pass a pledge test and attend all meetings of ABA. This year pledges must earn points. These points are earned by being on committees, attending certain ABA events, and collecting the names of various ABA members. The pledges elected officers at their first pledge meeting. The President, Mary Harms, is in charge of keeping the total number of points each pledge has received. The secretary, Violette Brooks, takes the minutes at each pledge meeting. The two ABA members in charge of the pledges are Linda Hoskins and Phil Ringenberg.

A committee to revise the Mu Chapter constitution was organized in November. Copies of the revision were handed out at the December meeting. Changes were made that would help solve future problems of an expanding organization. The Chapter will vote on the constitutional changes at the February meeting.

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First Semester, 1st Nine Weeks:

- Eugenia Malone; Decatur, Illinois;
- Kathy Novotny; Wheaton, Illinois; Longfellow School, Grade 2.
- Mary Jane Olson; Decatur, Illinois. William Harris School, Grade 1.
- Phil Ringenberg; Canton, Illinois. Canton High School; Library Science and English.
- Ann Schaus; Harvey, Illinois; Thornton Township High School; Speech and Library Science.
- Melvin Vineyard; Wheaton, Illinois; Wheaton Central H.S.; Library Science and Political Science.
- Ann Wierman; Springfield, Illinois; Laketown School, Grade 4.

First Semester, 2nd Nine Weeks:

- Linda Hoskins; East Peoria, Illinois Elementary.
- Carol Little; Monticello, Illinois; Elementary.
- Virginia Runge; Monticello, Illinois Elementary.
- Sarah Shade; Revis High School; Oak Lawn, Illinois; Library Science and English.

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ALUMNI PERSONALS

Edna Booze, class of 1964, is an adult book reviewer for the Booklist. She began work in her new position at ALA headquarters in Chicago, on December 1. Her first reviews will be in the January 1 issue. She held a previous position in the New Bedford, Mass. Public Library.

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Mrs. Christa Jo Altier Even, a 1964 graduate, has been in Europe with her husband, Robert, since June. During the summer he was a tour guide for an Art History tour group from Northern Illinois University. Mr. Even had a sabbatical for the first semester so they remained in Europe and traveled for this term.

Mrs. Janet Kopriva Uden is living in Birmingham, England. She is going to be teaching Reference at the College of Commerce in that city. She will have the title of Lecturer in Librarianship. She and her husband, Peter, are planning a trip to the States this summer.

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Mrs. Arlita Warrick Austin is the librarian at Fond du Lac Public Library in East Peoria. They seem to be having exciting library activities from reports of staff and users!

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Valerie Wilford has just moved into a new library. It is really a lovely place with red carpeting, a beautiful fireplace, and walnut paneling set off by antique brick. A-V areas and classrooms radiate from the reading room.

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Colette Primmer Stark and her husband, Charles, brought their vocal music students to the Madrigal dinner. The students were excited and the Starks were, too. Charles was one of the singers while he was a student at ISU.

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Sandy and Ray Rebeck brought music students to the Madrigal dinner on December 9. This was their first time back since they were in school. Ray sang with the singers at the first Madrigal Dinner Concert to be presented at ISU.

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Mrs. Barbara Francis Altum is in a new school library at Thornton Fractional Township High School. The library which she is developing is attractive and is used extensively. Barbara

is thinking seriously about starting for her Master's Degree in Library Science as soon as her husband finishes his.

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Mr. Tom Wise is having a delightful year at Everygreen Park High School library. They are working with an individual study curriculum and Tom says it does make greater use of the library.

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Miss Virginia Sanborn lost her father last year and has been recuperating from a heart ailment. She is getting her health back and we hope she will be visiting us soon.

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Mrs. Sharon Matthews Abrams will be joining her husband in Iceland soon. He is in the Navy and is stationed there.

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Barbara Koschel is serving as the librarian of Princeville Community High School in Princeville, Illinois.

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Beverly Monical is teaching English at a Junior High School in Pana, Illinois. She is also a Junior High librarian.

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Anthony Rake is a librarian at Wauconda High School in Wauconda, Illinois.

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Miss Eleanor Welch's sister has been in the hospital. We hope she will be out for the holiday.

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Valarie Pichman is a librarian in District 118, Palos Park Elementary School.

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Mrs. Judy Reinacher Sherrell is a second grade teacher at Rock Cut School, Loves Park, Illinois.

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Cheryl Welch is a librarian at Porta High School in Petersburg, Illinois.

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Donna Wrench is now a librarian at Pana High School.

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Doris Neill McCall was a Madrigal Dinner guest, December 9. She is enjoying her first year of work and has already interested one of her students in coming to ISU for a major in Library Science.

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FACULTY MEMBERS

Miss Ruby Hundley will be teaching on our campus next semester.

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Miss Ruth Zimmerman will be teaching Library Materials for Children while Miss Hazelle Anderson is on sabbatical leave touring in the Orient and searching for children's books for our collection.

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Congratulations to Miss Wilma Cramer who was married to Ronald E. Stevenson in Springfield on December 7, 1968.

A WISH FROM ABA

ABA hopes that all of you have had a very merry Christmas. We hope this new year will bring each of you much happiness. We also hope that many of you will be able to come to visit us throughout the year.

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I'd like to thank Carol Little for taking the office of Historian while I was student teaching.

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