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You're Always Welcome Here



ALTHOUGH THE CALENDAR says that it is March and still should be winter time, the weather has been so mild this season that it doesn't take a great stretch of imagination to recall this summer-day perspective of Phi Kappa's attractive home on Army avenue. This view from the northwest shows how rightfully Alpha Chi Rho's home at Illinois deserves to be called one of the finest in Champaign-Urbana.

## Seven Men Leave Active Chapter

Seven men (three actives and four postulants) left the chapter at the end of the first semester.

T. C. "Bud" McKee, junior in the Journalism school from Chicago, along with Clark F. Palmer, senior who is also from Chicago, have entered Indiana university at Bloomington for the second semester, now in course.

Robert E. Hoffman, a sophomore in the chapter (also from Chicago) is now living at home at 4646 Beacon street and attending Chicago Tech.

The four postulants who have left the chapter are Robert Banker, Richard Locke Jr., John Peffers, and W. W. Bingaman.

All of these men, with the exception of Dick Locke, are now at their respective homes. Locke, a first-year student in law, is now enrolled in that department at DePaul university, Chicago.

## Apache Dance March 7

The Apache dance will be given in the chapter house on Saturday night, March 7. You are cordially urged to return for this gala social event, which promises to be one of the high spots in the chapter's 1930-31 social calendar.

The chapter house will be appropriately decorated for the occasion. A well-known campus band, the Illini Serenaders, will be there to furnish the tunes.

Buzz Marshall is the social chairman in charge of the dance. Buzz is being assisted by Dick Horton and Bill Stewart.

Will you be with us?

Carleton Johnson, one of last June's graduates, is now teaching in the Seymour Junior high school at Blue Island, Ill. Brother Johnson was active in music circles on the campus, being a member of the glee club, the band, and the choral society.

## Nine Postulants Become Brothers On February 28th

INITIATION CEREMONIES HELD  
ON SUNDAY AFTERNOON;  
BANQUET FOLLOWS

Nine postulants were formally initiated into active membership in Phi Kappa and Alpha Chi Rho on Saturday afternoon, February 28, 1931.

The initiation ceremonies of the afternoon, which unlike last year were held in the afternoon instead of the early hours of the morning, were followed by a formal banquet at the house in honor of the new members.

### The New Brothers

The new brothers are: Alan G. Arison, freshman in L. A. and S., from Evanston, Ill.

Donald Jackson, freshman in L. A. and S., from Aurora, Ill.

C. Jerome Nelson, freshman in Commerce, from Aurora, Ill.

W. Paul Buchanan, freshman in L. A. and S., from Peoria, Ill.

Robert A. Gopel, freshman in L. A. and S., from Ottawa, Ill.

Jack H. Rothgeb, freshman in L. A. and S., from Ottawa, Ill.

Thomas J. Newbill Jr., freshman in L. A. and S., from LaGrange, Ill.

R. Eugene Schooley, junior in Journalism, from Effingham, Ill.

Edward W. McGrade, freshman in L. A. and S. from Kansas City, Mo.

### All Are Active

These men are all active in campus extra-curricular work and promise to be good additions to Phi Kappa's roster. You will enjoy meeting them, the chapter feels sure, the next time you stop in at the chapter house for a visit.

One of the new men, Gene Schooley '32, is the brother of two other Alpha Chis, Herschel '22 and Frank '29. He is a junior news editor on The Daily Illini.

### MURPHY '28 ILL.

Ralph Murphy '28 has been ill lately, the report goes. We hope he is able to get back on the job soon again. Ralph is with the Joliet (Ill.) law firm of Barr & Barr.

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### HOUSE OFFICERS

Morgan Ochsenschlager - Epsilon  
Casey Ireland ----- Upsilon  
Paul B. Geiger ----- Iota-Sigma  
A. F. Reisner ----- Gamma  
Joseph Holty ----- Omicron  
Richard C. Horton ----- Iota

### Mail It Today!

Have you returned to the chapter your Who's Who questionnaire? If you have not already done so, please do it today—now. At this writing 108 alumni members of Phi Kappa have yet to fill in and mail us their questionnaires. This isn't a very good record, considering that the first questionnaires were mailed to every alumnus in May of 1929.

If you find one of those yellow slips enclosed with this issue of The Phi Kappa News, it means one of two things: It's either that you have never, since the first slip was mailed you in May, 1929, returned one filled in to the editor, or that you've moved or got a new job and we want to know more about it.

By means of these Who's Whos we have been able to keep an efficient, strictly up-to-date check upon our alumni address files. And, more important to you, we have been able to tell you about brothers whom you haven't seen since you left the campus and the chapter to make your million and raise your brood. Will you mail yours today?

### WALDEN ADDRESSES OHIO STATE COUNCIL

In the same manner that he addressed the Interfraternity council on the Illinois campus in November, W. M. "Curley" Walden, national secretary of the Fraternity, talked to the Ohio State council of fraternity presidents. This group gave a banquet in "Curley's" honor, and the president, alumnus adviser, and local alumni-club president of each fraternity attended. It proved to be a large and enthusiastic meeting.

## Soph's Leader



**WILLIAM H. STEWART**, second-year active in the chapter whose home is in Aurora, Illinois, was the Old Line party's successful candidate for the sophomore presidency.

### Stewart Selected Sophomore Prexy

William H. Stewart, sophomore active from Aurora, Illinois, who is known better to his Old Line constituency as "Bill," is the new president of the University's sophomore class.

The Old Line party on the campus, although many say that politics at Illinois aren't what they used to be, has been having some good innings lately, and Bill was one of its most successful candidates.

Bill, besides being a good politician, is a good student, and is able to boast of acquiring the commendable scholastic average of 3.37. He is also a member of the University's famed concert band and was chairman of decorations for the Sophomore cotillion, one of the big all-University social events of the year.

### UP FOR BAR EXAM

Philip L. Turner, graduated from the University College of Law, is keeping the midnight oil burning these days as he studies for the State Bar examination, which he plans to take on March 17.

## Plan to Attend Next Convention Held in Chicago

### HANSSEN '16 ANNOUNCES EDGE- WATER BEACH HOTEL AS HEADQUARTERS

Plan now to spend your next vacation in Chicago.

Stan L. Hanssen '16, appointed at the last national convention of the Fraternity (Ithaca, New York, last September) to be chairman of the 1931 conclave, has just announced that convention headquarters will be at the Edgewater Beach hotel, on Chicago's north side lake shore.

Dates for the gathering are September 2, 3, 4, and 5.

### They Talk About Chicago

If there is any one city in the United States that is talked about more today than Chicago is, the editors haven't heard about it. Chicago has been famed for a hundred years, first as a city that everybody said couldn't succeed on the muddy banks of the Chicago river, and then as a city that did succeed and made that same river run backward just to prove it.

Chicago's name went around the world when Mrs. O'Leary's cow kicked over Mrs. O'Leary's lantern and started a fire that nearly destroyed the entire city. Chicago's name made the trip around again when thousand of visitors to the Columbian exposition of '93 (the World's fair) took back home tales of the great city.

### See the Other Side

Today, headline hunters can tell you all about Big Bill Thompson and Al Capone. But persons interested in more important things can tell you that Chicago is one of the most beautiful, most hospitable cities in the world. And it will give Alpha Chi Rho's four mid-western chapters a real opportunity to manage and be hosts at the 1931 convention. Phi Kappa is looking forward to it.

Plan now to spend your vacation in the Windy City during the week of September 1 to 5. Whether you plan to hitch-hike, ride a Pullman, or tour in the family car, Chicago is easy to reach and within traveling distance of every brother.

Many of our alumni live in Chicagoland, while many more, we are sure, are in easy traveling distance.

Let's have Phi Kappa represented by a large delegation!

## Smoking Legal, After 39 Years, On 'Uni' Campus

**BUT ONLY IN ONE ROOM OF  
OLD GYM, SAYS PRES.  
CHASE**

Now for the first time campus smoking is "legal."

Stringent, generally obeyed, backed by 39 years' tradition, the University ruling of "No smoking on the campus or in campus buildings" has been one of the University's great bulwarks of conservatism.

Strides forward in science, in athletics, in learning have in recent years made the nearly 40-year-old "No smoking" sign seem a bit antiquated.

### Grants Council Petition

Recently the ruling was rescinded in part by an executive order of President Harry Woodburn Chase, said to be himself an inveterate smoker. Answering a petition of the student council that requested permission for students to smoke in the Old Gym annex, scene of big social functions like the Junior prom, Sophomore cotillion, Freshman frolic, he gave his consent. His statement in part:

"While the policy of not permitting smoking in University buildings has been a regulation of the Board of Trustees since 1891, I believe, I find that this restriction has been waived in certain given cases. It was the practice of the University some years ago, I find, to permit students to hold smokers in the Gymnasium annex, for instance. This was especially true in the years before the Illinois Union had a building and when the students had no place of their own for such gatherings.

### Rumor More Smoking

"In view of these precedents it seems to me that the request of the Student council is a very proper one and may be granted. . . ."

Although there has been no suggestion of official sanction, nevertheless it is reported from time to time that both students and faculty members are smoking more openly, both on the campus and in buildings.

David W. Dorman '30 and Mrs. Dorman (formerly Virginia Hall, Gamma Phi Beta at Illinois) are the proud parents of a baby son, Douglas Hall Dorman, born January 21 in Dundee, Ill. The family is now at home at 439 West Chicago street,

## A Building to Boast About



**ILLINI CAN WELL BE PROUD** of the University's impressive library. An artist's rendering of its dignified, Georgian front, facing the east, shows the unusual length of its main reading-room which extends the entire length of the second floor. Flanking the library on the left (and south) in the new Commerce building.

### Let's Find Him!

Phi Kappa is proud that only one alumni member of the chapter remains on our list of "lost" brothers. He is Brother Howard William Cobley '17, who attended the University College of Agriculture for the two years 1913-1915. However, Phi Kappa is not proud that this brother, because we have been unable to locate his present whereabouts, is not receiving his copy of The Phi Kappa News.

We urge you to look through the C's in your local phone book, especially you Minneapolis and St. Paul brothers. He may live in your city. His last address, in Minneapolis, was 3845 Stevens avenue south.

### SWEET '27 AND WIFE AT HOME IN URBANA

John E. Sweet '27 was married on December 22 last to Miss Cra B. French of Chicago. The wedding ceremony was performed in the Buena Memorial church, Sheridan road and Broadway, Chicago. John is a member of the University's architecture faculty and has his office at 201 Architecture building. He and Mrs. Sweet are making their home in Urbana at 408 South Goodwin.

### Vacancies Filled In Three Offices

Three new officers for the chapter have been elected to fill the vacancies left when T. C. McKee '31, C. F. Palmer '31, and R. E. Hoffman '33 withdrew from the University and left the chapter.

Joseph Holty, a sophomore in the College of Engineering whose home city is Aurora, Ill., has been elected Omicron to succeed Palmer.

Edward L. Barker, sophomore in the College of L. A. and S., who also hails from Aurora, takes the place of McKee as Phi Kappa's house manager.

Arnold Reisner, sophomore with Chicago for his home city, is the new Gamma in place of Hoffman.

The other officers of Phi Kappa remain as before. Morgan Ochenschlager, junior from Aurora, is Epsilon; Casey Ireland, Peoria junior, is Upsilon; Paul Geiger, Cissna Park, Ill., senior, is Iota-Sigma; Richard Horton, Tolono junior, is Iota; and King Lantz, Shelbyville junior, is editor of The News.

Harold Ruggles '23 represents the Sanborn Map Co., 676 St. Clair street, Chicago. Brother Ruggles was married in 1928 to Mary Speakman and they have their home in one of Chicago's west-side suburbs, Oak Park, at 504 North East street.

## Brothers Mourn Untimely Death Of Bro. Bassford

**VICE-PRESIDENT OF FRATERNITY DIES IN NEW YORK OF HEART FAILURE**

Fraternity men everywhere have been mourning the untimely death of Brother Charles Hobby Bassford, late vice-president of the Fraternity.

Brother Bassford, active in fraternal work inside and outside his own brotherhood, was chairman of the public information committee of the Interfraternity conference. One of his last official acts was to attend a meeting of the Conference's Executive committee where he announced completion of his report of the Conference's last meeting.

His sudden death on the morning of December 19 at 2 Rector street, New York, which was attributed to heart failure, was announced to all the chapters by telegrams from W. M. Walden, national secretary. Funeral services were held the following Sunday in Grace church at Nutley, N. J. Phi Kappa sent a wreath as its expression of sympathy to the family.

Brother Bassford, who has left a widow and a daughter, was a lawyer by profession. At the last convention of the Fraternity he was nominated for the presidency, but declined.

## BARNES IS YEAR'S FIRST SUBSCRIBER

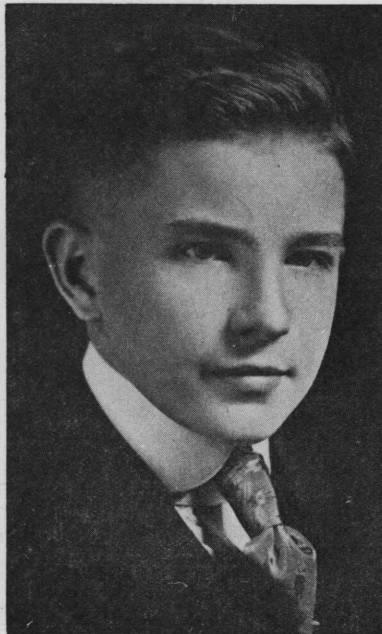
Clifton E. Barnes '19 has the distinction of being Phi Kappa's first alumnus to subscribe for The News for the new year 1931.

"Please use the attached check to pay my subscription to The Phi Kappa News and note my new address," Cliff writes. And then says at our expense, "Answer my question: Has the Illinois basketball team been taking lessons from last year's football team, or is it the same gang?"

Our sincere thanks, Cliff, for the letter and for the check! (Cliff's new address is 5353 College avenue, Indianapolis. He has been contract representative for the American Appraisal Co. of Milwaukee.)

Frank R. Schunk '28 was a visitor on the campus during the last fortnight and was present at the chapter house during the annual paddle presentation.

## Know Him?



**THIS IS—** who? Reproduction a year ago this past January in The News of the chapter group for 1922 was received so favorably by former grads (especially '22ers!) that we have been encouraged to bring to light some more secrets from the chapter's archives. Here's a handsome chap whose name we haven't been able to discover. Who'll write the first letter identifying him?

## Basketball Team Wins 2, Loses 2

Phi Kappa's intramural basketball team has so far broken even, having won two and lost two of its division games.

The chapter team defeated the Anubis five in the first encounter and were granted a forfeit from the Alpha Deltas. Defeats were suffered at the hands of the Phi Gam and Kappa Theta Sigma fives.

Chapter members who have been upholding the honor of Phi Kappa on the court this year are: Ochsen-schlager and Green, forwards; Holtz and Barker, guards; and Horton, center.

Bob Dell '29 was a recent visitor at the chapter house. Bob dropped into town to do some business with The Illio and left with a contract to do some art work for the annual.

## Benefactor Plan Eliminates Dues, Ends Your Worry

**YOU PAY ONCE AND FOR ALL TO PERPETUATE YOUR NAME AND LOYALTY**

It cost old Rameses II a king's ransom and then some to perpetuate his name. As a loyal Alpha Chi Rho you can perpetuate yours without even getting out of your chair—and for only \$75.

The Fraternity's Benefactor Plan for all graduates and non-actives enables you to pay your dues for life to the national fraternity, to pay one dollar a year for life to your graduate chapter, and to have the satisfaction of knowing that you are contributing forever toward the maintenance and development of Alpha Chi Rho.

### No Worry—No More Dues

Another advantage of the Benefactor plan lies in that it allows you to subscribe to our national journal, The Garnet and White, for only \$15—\$10 less than the regular rate.

Think of it! The slate wiped clean—no more solicitations for dues—no more dues—no more worry—no more bother. Instead you have a perpetual memorial to your name and a testimony of your loyalty to the Fraternity. You can pride yourself that after you are gone your dues will go on in perpetuity in your good name for the good of the Fraternity.

### Here Is How to Do It

This is how to do it: you pay (1) \$75 in cash in one instalment; or (2) you pay \$18 per year for five years; or (3) you pay \$10 per year for ten years. For a life subscription to The Garnet and White you add \$15 to your first payment. That's all there is to it.

Phi Kappa already has four alumni Benefactors. These loyal Alpha Chis are Stan Hanssen '16, Ben Smith '20, Rex Thompson '26, and Fritz Klinkmann '27. We should have many more among our 200 alumni. Phi Kappa stands 15th in the chapter rating—only 7th from the foot of the list.

Let's boost our rating and prove our loyalty for Alpha Chi Rho too! Complete information will be sent to you if you address Wilbur M. Walden, National Executive Secretary of Alpha Chi Rho at 15 East Twenty-Sixth street, New York City. Why not write today?