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THE NATIONAL CONVENTION

By D. S. Cornell, Senior Delegate

Phi Kappa Chapter was represented at the National Convention by Brother Smith and myself. Brothers Frank and Charles Clark, who had intended to be present, were unable to go.

Thursday, February 22nd, Brother Smith and I arrived in Syracuse. That evening we went to the University Club to attend a smoker given by the Phi Epsilon men. Friday morning we attended the first convention session. After luncheon at the Business Men's Club, we attempted to navigate the campus with but partial success. Brothers Hanssen, Blohm, and Smith danced at the Fraternity Ball given Friday night. They reported a glorious time and bore out optimistic statements we had heard regarding the beauty of Syracuse "co-eds". The convention went into sessions again on Saturday morning. In the evening we attended the Fraternity banquet. Brother Smith spoke on "The Fraternity and its New Men". The acceptance of the Phi Kappa Charter was my duty to perform. Eventually Phi Kappa was called upon as a whole to give an exhibition of musical talent. You who know the delegates can imagine the results. It is only fair to state that we were the least musical of any delegation.

Sunday we left for Phi Theta and did the town, the campus, and the Chapter house there during the day. The campus has a right to the title of the most beautiful in the country.

We started for the wilds of Champaign in the afternoon, finding it very hard to break away from Phi Epsilon and Phi Theta. We feel deeply indebted to the generous hospitality of our eastern hosts.

DANCES AND PARTIES

It is necessary to call attention to a mistake in dance dates as printed in the last issue of the Lalax. On March 30th, instead of as announced, the Chapter will hold a supper dance at the Country Club. We expressly invite any Brothers in the vicinity who can do so, to come. All arrangements have been made for the rather unique supper dance—unique in contrast to the dinner dances so common now at this campus. This being our best dance of the year, we would be very glad to see as many of the older men attend as possible. The occasion will be formal.

At least one more dance besides the one in this month will be given this year. The date is May 12th.

The Lalax was last printed in the first part of November. Since then we have had several social affairs. The men who stayed at the Chapter house Thanksgiving gave a bridge tea in the afternoon of that day. Eight of our men attended the Junior Promenade. They were Brothers Ferguson, Charles Clark, Owen, Randall, Teare, Frank Leggett, Blohm, Logan Smith. A dance was given by the Chapter at the Masonic Temple on the night of December 12th. With the exception that few of our gradutae men were present, it was a success. Several of the men returning early from Christmas vacation gave a miniature card party and dance on the evening of New Years Day. Attention might be called to the fact that Donald Cornell actually attended, and with a lady. Brothers Frank Clark, Bodenschatz, and Sanderson attended the Sophomore Cotillion on January fifth. Six men from the Chapter were present at the Military Ball on February 23rd. They were Brothers Dickson, Meals, Cole, Bodenschatz, Dayton, and Postulant Hayward.

STAG GATHERINGS

On November 18, during Homecoming week, the Chapter gave a smoker in honor of the visiting graduate brothers. At an open meeting of all the Brothers, Brother Behr presiding, the by-laws of the Phi Kappa Association were accepted. Graduates present were Brothers Andrews, Behr, Lundin, Kennedy, Clayton, Owen, and Peterson.

In accordance with our custom in past years, we gave a Christmas dinner to a number of children from the twin cities on the night of December 19. Brother Black and Brother Sanderson managed the occasion. After the dinner Brother Dayton, disguised as Saint Nicholas, distributed some inexpensive presents. Brother Dayton was very well satisfied when one small boy announced his intention of becoming a farmer.

Before semester examinations the Chapter held a farewell party for Brother George Blohm and Brother Frank Leggitt. The freshmen presented a playlet entitled "Bertha's Salvation". The cast and synopsis is given below.

BERTHA'S SALVATION

A sketch in three acts.

Author, R. W. LILLEY

Authorizer, W. G. RICE

CAST OF CHARACTERS

Conster	- - - - -	Chritton
Bertha V. Nation	- - - - -	Christ
Stag Nation	- - - - -	Fox
Phyllis	- - - - -	Copes
Willy B. Reeve	- - - - -	Rice
Hopkins	- - - - -	Smith
V. V. RePublique	- - - - -	Lilley

SYNOPSIS

Bertha is a fair, demure maiden, who is saving her love for the one gallant knight whom she confidently expects to some day appear. However, she is being sought by the villain, a bad, bold, unscrupulous devil, who, it is rumored, eats corn off the cob, wears soft collars to dances, and steadfastly refuses to join the Chem Club. With the brawn of Hercules and the brain of a jelly fish, Phyllis has so far interposed his protection between RePublique and his (Phyllis') charge. Truly, Phyllis is a worthy servant. But the untiring vigilance of Phyllis is being gradually surmounted by the villain, through the connivance of Bertha's dissolute brother, and the

safety of the damsel rests with Reeve, who, we trust, will be able to extricate her from her precarious predicaments.

Those who saw the playlet can say that Reeve did all that was expected and Bertha's salvation was accomplished.

INITIATION AND POSTULANTS

At our initiation of February 17, seven men were taken into the Fraternity. These men were: Robert Christ, '20, Chicago; Ernest Chritton, '20, Chicago; Philip Fox, '20, Wheaton; Robert Lilley, '20, Aurora; Warner Rice, '20, Aurora; Howard Smith, '20, Kansas City, Missouri; Raymond Ward, '19, Bement. The initiation banquet was given the day following. Speeches were made by Brothers Charles Clark, Howard Smith, Cornell, Owen, Cole and Harris.

Besides Copes, who could not be initiated at this time because of the minimum hour ruling, there are three new postulants: Raymond Sontag, '20, Chicago; Morris Hayward, '19, Peoria; E. F. Andren, '20, Gary, Indiana.

GRADUATE NEWS

Brother Beifuss of the Graduate Chapter submits a report of the meeting at Champaign last fall:—

"The annual meeting of the Graduate Chapter was held during the Illinois Homecoming period. Brothers Andrews, Brotherton, Behr, Beifuss, Clayton, L. H. Harris, Kennedy, C. N. Owen, and Peterson were present. The resident seniors were asked to attend.

"Revisions were made in the by-laws.

"Financial standing November 15, 1916.

Dues collected.....	\$39.00
Rebate on stationery.....	.50
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Total.....	\$39.50
Amount Expended.....	\$ 9.25
Cash on hand.....	\$30.25
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Total.....	\$39.50

"It was decided to compile an enlarged budget for the next meeting. The Lalax appropriation was increased to ten dollars. A house committee of Brothers Kennedy, Harris, and Leggett was appointed. The secretary-treasurer was instructed to investigate the partial defraying of Convention delegates' expense by the Chapter. Brothers Blohm and

Hanssen were elected Convention delegates with Brother Linder as alternate. Election of officers was as follows:

President	- - - -	H. R. Peterson
Secretary-treasurer	- -	E. L. Beifuss
Resident	- - - -	L. H. Harris

"Dues become payable May first. Including the Garnet and White and the National tax they are three dollars. It saves postage, time, and worry if dues are paid on time."

Brother Charles Coultas, '17, was married on February 19th to Miss Ethel Garst of Gerard, Illinois. Brother Coultas and his wife will live on a farm near Plainview, Illinois.

Brother Frank Leggitt, '17, has completed his requirements for a B. S. degree and has gone into business for himself on a dairy farm near Harvard, Illinois.

Brother Kennedy of the faculty has been elected to Pi Tau Sigma.

Brother Cobley, '17, and his wife have moved from Michigan to Blue Island, Illinois.

Brother Andrews, who is teaching in the Morton High School in Chicago, visited the Chapter house Lincoln's birthday.

Brother Blohm, '17, is taking graduate work at Yale University and is living at the Phi Delta Chapter House.

Brother Hanssen was in Chicago recently while on an inspection trip for the National Fire Insurance Company of Boston.

Brother Larson, '19, will be in Florida for the remainder of the winter.

Brother Fred Leggitt, '18, who is assistant secretary of the University Y. M. C. A. has been elected to the board of directors of that institution.

Brother Stephens, '18, is working for the Public Service Corporation at Mattoon, Illinois.

Brother Linder, '16, of the Pittsburg Plate Glass Company, has been transferred to Tarentum, Pennsylvania.

Brother Dorschler, '17, is working in Chicago for the evaluation department of the Illinois Central Railroad.

Brother Lundin, '15, made a short stay at the Chapter house between semesters.

CHAPTER NOTES

Brother Dickson is running for the secretaryship of the Student Union. Brother Dickson has also been pledged to Scabbard and Blade recently.

The two highest averages in the house last semester were those of Brothers Rice, 95.8, and Frank Clark, 93.7.

Several weeks before the examinations, Brother Reed was taken down with pneumonia. His recovery was rapid, however.

A few days after Brother Reed was taken sick, Brothers Lilley and Frank Clark went to the hospital with tonsillitis and la grippe.

While we are discussing sickness, we will add also that Brother Torrence developed the measles on March second. The Chapter house quarantine, which operated for half a day, was raised by the doctor on condition that we keep Torrence isolated in one room of the house. Since then Brother Owen has also acquired measles. Some of the Brothers are suggesting fumigation of the house.

Brother Black has been elected manager of the Phi Kappa baseball team.

Brother Howard Smith has been chosen as one of the two freshmen in the University for the Daily Illini staff and is making good.

Guests at the Chapter house since the Fall were Mr. and Mrs. Fox of Wheaton, Mr. and Mrs. Reed and daughter of Sterling Mr. and Mrs. Eastabrook of Aurora, Mr. and Mrs. Vane of Toledo, Illinois, Mr. and Mrs. Christ of Chicago, Mr. Torrence of Chester, Mr. Coultas of Virden, and Mr. Chritton of Chicago.

Brother Gantz has been doing work all season as captain of the track squad. Brother Gantz is a long distance and relay man.

Brothers Charles Clark and Owen have been initiated into Theta Tau.

Brother Barnes is out for managership of the Inter-scholastic Circus.

Postulant Copes succeeded in making the freshman Ag basket ball team.

Brother Charles Clark is again in the University orchestra.

Brother Rice has become a member of the Choral Society.

Brother Bluhm is now president of the Chemical Society and has engineered a very successful banquet and smoker. Brother Frank Clark is the treasurer of this club.

Brother Christ is still out for the 100 and 220 yard dash in Freshman Varsity track.

Brothers Bodenschatz and Howard Smith made preliminary tryouts for Mask and Bauble.

Brothers Cole and Frank Clark are on the Sophomore swimming team.

The Brothers of the third floor presented to the Chapter a floor lamp, which improves very much the appearance of the parlors.

Brother Randall is regular pianist for the Agricultural Glee Club, which has given concerts in several nearby towns lately.

Brother Dayton has a slight attack of la grippe and is in the hospital at present.

Brother Randall has been elected to office of Phi Kappa corresponding secretary and Brother Owen has been re-elected to office of recorder.

Brother Owen has been nominated a member of the senior memorial committee for 1918.

Brother Teare has been elected to Tau Kappa Alpha.

The Chapter has purchased a three months old Boston bull dog. His pedigreed name is Duffy the Second.

