

Phi Beta Fraternity Formed On Campus

Gamma Chapter Is Established Monday

LED BY STRICKLER

Charter Is Presented By Dr. Goodrich White

Southwestern now has a chapter of Phi Beta Kappa, the highest ranking national honorary fraternity. Tennessee Gamma Chapter was installed here Monday evening at 5:30 in a secret ritual in the Director's Room. Dr. Charles E. Diehl, Dr. A. P. Kelso, Dr. M. I. MacQueen, and Shields McIlwaine, a Southwestern alumnus, were initiated into the fraternity as honorary members at the installation.

Dr. R. P. Strickler, president of the new chapter accepted the charter from Dr. Goodrich C. White of Emory University who installed the Southwestern chapter as a representative of the United Chapters of Phi Beta Kappa. The charter was granted to the twelve members of Southwestern's faculty who are already members of the fraternity and who are the charter members of Tennessee Gamma Chapter.

Alumni Banquet

After the initiations, the new honorary members joined the charter members and members of the Memphis Phi Beta Kappa alumni chapter in the annual alumni banquet which was served in Neely Hall.

The Southwestern faculty members who are charter members are: Dr. Peyton Nalle Rhodes, college president; A. Theodore Johnson, dean of the college; Dr. Strickler, who is a professor of Greek; Dr. Laura Robinson, professor of classical languages; Gordon D. Southard, assistant professor of Romance language; Benjamin A. Wooten, associate professor of physics; Richard B. Vowles, assistant professor of English; Thomas M. Lowry, associate professor of history and government; Dr. James L. A. Webb, professor of chemistry; David M. Amacker, professor of political science (now on leave of absence); Vernon Perdue Davis, music professor; and H. J. Bassett, professor-emeritus of Latin.

Three Others Invited

Beside the four initiated Monday night, three other Southwestern alumni were invited to membership in the fraternity. Dr. Samuel Monk, Dr. Harris Kirk, and Abe Fortas were unable to appear for initiation and will be inducted at a later date.

The Southwestern chapter is the third Phi Beta Kappa chapter in Tennessee. Alpha chapter is at Vanderbilt, and Beta at the University of the South, Sewanee.

Starr Is Campus Reporter For Commercial Appeal

Bob Starr, managing editor of *The Sou'wester*, has been appointed campus representative for the *Commercial Appeal*. He will handle most of the direct news stories going from Southwestern to the Memphis daily. He succeeds Harold Nance, who was campus reporter until his withdrawal from college.



Dr. Diehl

TAS Entertained By Talent Show

Sponsored By Chi Beta With Curtis Kent MC

Talented Southwesterners put on an old fashioned variety show for the visiting Junior Academy of Science members last Saturday in Hardie Auditorium. The show was sponsored by Chi Beta Phi and produced by Curtis Kent, who was also Master of Ceremonies.

"It was very thoughtful of the Chi Beta Phi members to arrange for this entertainment for us after our tough day, listening to lectures on science," said Dr. Frances Bottum, president of the Tennessee Academy. "It's never been done before, but I do hope it will become traditional."

The A O Pi "Rockets" did an engaging can-can.

Winners of the recent KD All Sing, the Zeta's and the ATO's, followed and repeated their winning numbers.

Hillbilly music was presented by Johnny Bryant and his Jasper Junction Boys — Paul Pritchett and Jack Doyle.

Presents Photographs And Paintings of Bridges

The Memphis Academy of Arts is presenting a photographic and water color exhibition of bridges that will last until Dec. 16. This exhibition is to commemorate the opening of the new fifteen million dollar Memphis and Arkansas Bridge.



College Serves As Host To Scientists

Meetings Held Friday And Saturday On Campus

The Tennessee Academy of Science and the Junior Academy held conventions on the campus last Friday and Saturday. It was the 59th annual meeting for the Senior Academy and the 8th for the Junior.

The Tennessee Academy of Science members convened Friday and met in two general sessions, one at 9:30 a.m. and the other at 1:30 p.m. The Junior Academy members came to the campus and met at 9 a.m. Saturday while the members of the Senior Academy separated for sectional meeting in the special sections of science.

Dr. Frances Bottum, president of the Tennessee Academy, and co-sponsor of the Junior Academy was lavish in her praise of the way the meeting was conducted. She especially complimented the members of Chi Beta Phi, who, she said, did so much to make this convention one of the best ever.

Interesting exhibits were prepared by the members of Chi Beta Phi and displayed for the visiting scientists. Among these exhibits were a geiger counter, a stroboscope, a telescope, and a radar set.

Papers were read to the junior scientists by members of the junior group. Among the most well received of these were "The Modern Uses of Glass," and "Operation Atomic Fissions."

Attending the Junior Academy meeting were students from high schools all over Tennessee. Any high school science club whose members show particular interest in scientific work is eligible to send representatives.

Stylus Publication Deadline Extended

Joe Sumrall Is Editor Of Literary Magazine

The deadline for material for the Stylus publication has been set forward to this Saturday, Joe Sumrall, editor of the publication announces. This applies to work by members as well as that by those wishing to become members.

The club, campus organization for authors, will publish its mid-year magazine during January, Sumrall, also president of the club says.

At present a minimum of seven poems, three short stories, or three plays accepted for publication is the requirement for membership.



Southwestern Has Ten Seniors In Who's Who

Council Committee Picks Outstanding Students

Ten Southwestern students — five men and five women — have been selected for inclusion in *Who's Who Among Students in American Universities and Colleges*. Inclusion in that annual publication is thought of as one of the highest honors a student may win.

The ten were nominated by a committee of the Student Council. Their names were then sent to the editor of the student *Who's Who*, Mr. H. Pettus Randall, who formally accepted the list.

All ten selected are Seniors.

Irvine (Dusty) Anderson "Dusty" was president of his Freshman class. Last year he headed the United World Federalists. He spent a summer in a work-camp in Germany sponsored by the Congressional Christian Service Committee. He was a delegate to the NSA National Congress. Year before last he was business manager of the Lynx.

This year he is president of his fraternity, Alpha Tau Omega, the Honor Council, and the Pan-Hellenic Council; and vice-president of the Christian Union. "Dusty" is also a member of ODK, the national leadership fraternity.

Denby Brandon

Denby is now president of the Student Body. As a Freshman he won the Alpha Theta Phi award for highest scholastic average in his class. ODK presented him with its "outstanding Sophomore" award the next year, and tapped him for membership at the end of his Junior year.

During his third year he was very active in debate, acting as vice-president and later president of Tau Kappa Alpha, the forensic society and taking part in the Grand National Debate Tourney in which Southwestern placed third and Denby was named as "one of the outstanding debaters." He was a member of the team which earlier had placed first in the 1948 Southern Debate Tourney. In addition to his debate activities, he was Commissioner of Religious Activities.

As a Senior, Denby is vice-president of the Honor Council, and is reading for a degree with Honors in Philosophy.

Ann Brown

Ann was Secretary-Treasurer of both her Freshman and Sophomore classes. She is now president of her sorority, Kappa Delta, of which she had earlier been Pan-Hellenic representative and activities chairman. She is a member of Pi Intersorority, and is president of the Women's Pan-Hellenic Association. In 1948 she was Lady-in-Waiting in the April Foot Court. She is the Commissioner of Undergraduate Women, and is a Student Counselor to Freshman girls. She is one of the two members of Alpha Psi Omega, the dramatics society. Ann was taken into Torch Society.

Bill Brown

Bill Brown was chairman of the *Who's Who* committee last year, and chairman of the Hall of Fame Committee the same year. He was also on the Student Council as a Junior, and was president of his Junior class. In his fraternity, Kappa Alpha, he was corresponding secretary last year and is secretary this year.

He is now president of Omicron Delta Kappa, the leadership fraternity. Bill represents the Senior class on the Christian Union Cabinet. He is a member of the Stylus.

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The ten students who have been chosen to represent Southwestern in *Who's Who in American Colleges and Universities*, the annual publication are: below, far left, Bill Brown; below, left center, Wendell Phillips; below left, Curtis Kent; above far left, Irvine Anderson; above left, Ann Brown; below far right, Berta Radford; below right center, Judd Williford; below right, Mary Ann Ramsey; above far right, Jane McAtee; and above right, Denby Brandon.

Electric Trolley Replaces Old Number 9

Southwestern Is On New Route From Town

The old Number 9 Glenview-Faxon busline was replaced last Sunday by a new electric trolley line, the Number 6 Lamar-Faxon.

A new route to downtown Memphis will be followed on the Number 6. Instead of going downtown on Second Street and returning on Third as the Number 9 has been doing this year, the Number 6 will stay on Main Street while headed toward Southwestern as well as away from it.

Overhead power lines have been completed for almost a year, and electric coaches have been available for several months, the Memphis Street Railway Company declares. Delay in installing the new electric coachlines was caused by the need for electric power sub-stations which had to be erected by the Memphis Power Commission.

Coaches for the Number 6 will not be brand-new, having been used before on different routes in the city. However, the Memphis Street Railway Company asserts that they are clean and in good running order.

Players Close 'Lost Horizon'

Unusual 'Potpourri' To Be Presented In January

The Southwestern Players closed a three day run of James Hilton's *Lost Horizon* Friday night, December 2. The play, which has never been presented professionally, was well received, and audiences were generous with their applause.

The performances were directed by Raymond S. Hill, assistant professor of speech and dramatics. Mr. Hill complimented the cast upon a fine performance, but expressed dismay at the small turnout for the performances. Only 250 persons attended the three performances.

Potpourri Next

The Players are going ahead with plans for the *Players' Potpourri*, which will be presented in January. This presentation will be a departure from customary dramatic productions in that it will consist of one one-act play, one two-act play, and several black out skits.

Readings for parts in the *Potpourri* began this week. Mr. Hill will be in his office in the Speech Building to hear all persons wishing to try out.



Osborn Named New Sou'wester Editor



Louise Osborn

Bob Starr Appointed Managing Editor

MAKE NEW STAFF

Millen Darnell To Be Business Manager

Louise Osborn was appointed editor of *The Sou'wester* for the remainder of the school year by the Publications Board at a special meeting held December 1 in the Director's Room. Millen Darnell was named to manager the business of the publication. Immediately after her appointment Louise named Bob Starr managing editor.

The *Sou'wester* had been without an editor since Harold Nance withdrew from school last week and without a business manager since Bill Rawlins resigned several weeks ago. Louise and Bob edited the December 1 issue.

Outstanding Student

Louise is a senior, an English major, and the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Z. T. Osborn of Cotton Plant, Arkansas. She has been associated with *The Sou'wester* for two years, working as a reporter, news editor, and managing editor. She has been president of the Independent Women, and she is secretary of Torch and vice president of Alpha Theta Phi. She was a student counselor for two years, assisting with the orientation of new students. In both her freshman and sophomore years she was named outstanding student by Alpha Theta Phi.

Millen is a Memphian, the son of Mrs. W. M. Darnell, 1621 Vinton. He is vice president of the men's Pan-Hellenic organization, president of Kappa Alpha and a letterman in track. He was on the *Sou'wester* staff two years ago.

Another Arkansan

Bob attends Southwestern from Pine Bluff, Arkansas. He is majoring in Romance languages and is the son of Mrs. Thelma Starr, formerly of Pine Bluff, now of Memphis. He has worked on the *Sou'wester* staff as a reporter, feature writer, and copy editor. He is a member of the Players, SABA, and a pledge of Pi Kappa Alpha. He is a representative to the men's intramural board, and campus reporter for the *Commercial Appeal*. He is married and lives in the Trailer Village with his wife, Norma, and three months old son.

Alpha Theta Phi Revises Rules

Scholars Make Room For Sophs; Offices Elective

Sophomores will be among those tapped for membership in Alpha Theta Phi, the honorary scholastic fraternity, next semester for the first time in the history of Southwestern.

This is one result of the revision of the fraternity's constitution, which was ratified at a meeting held last Monday.

Another new clause calls for the election of officers by the membership instead of for their appointment by scholastic ranking.

Steindorff Chosen By Honor Society

Picked For Activities And Scholarship

Dottie Steindorff was invited to membership in Torch Senior Women's Honor Society last Saturday, to fill a vacancy left by Jeanne Gillespie, who did not return to college this year.

Dottie has a 3.5 average scholastically and is a music major. She has been in the choir for four years and is now secretary; has served on the Music Committee of the YWCA for two years; is a member of the Madrigal Group and is a soloist with Southwestern Symphony.

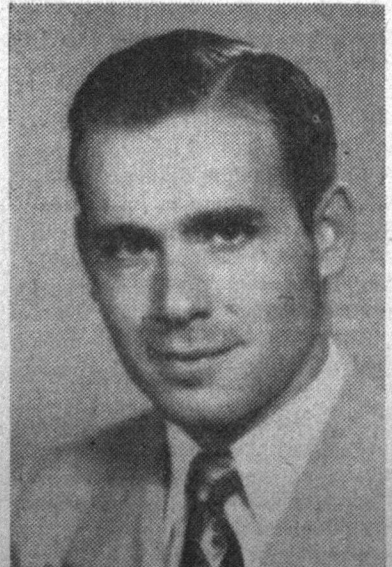
Non-musical activities include the Spanish Club, of which she is secretary; the French Club; the CUC Vespers Committee and Chapel Committee; and work as a Student Counselor to Freshman women.

In her sorority, Kappa Delta, she was pledge parliamentarian as a Freshman, Herald her Sophomore year, chapter parliamentarian last year, and is now Activities Chairman.

Torch usually taps new members in the Spring of their Junior year. Its membership is limited to ten women, who must have at least 15 Torch activity points.


Ellen Fitts Initiated By Chi Omega

Chi Omega Sorority is pleased to announce that Ellen Fitts is a new member. She was initiated December 4.



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Editorially SPEAKING

Dr. Bottum; A Woman Scientist

It was our privilege to interview Dr. Frances Bottum of George Peabody College while she was here for the Tennessee Academy of Science Convention. Dr. Bottum is president of the Tennessee Academy. We were surprised to find that a woman held such an important place in Tennessee scientific activities, but after meeting Dr. Bottum, we were firmly convinced that she is well qualified to accept the responsibility of her position. She was one of the most delightful and refreshing persons we have ever met.

Student Poll In Letters Too

Last week in the editorial column was quoted a letter from a recent visitor who praised among other things he saw at Southwestern, "a democracy which is beautiful to participate in and to behold."

Everyone knows that every society, whether it's a college or a nation, must be very sensitive to public opinion if it hopes to remain democratic.

Each of you has been repeatedly invited to take part in making public opinion felt on this campus in two ways.

For one thing, you can jot down your idea for an improvement in Southwestern life and drop it in the locked box in Palmer, plainly labelled "Student Opinion Poll." Members of the Student Council will then read it and try to find some way of putting your suggestion into effect if it seems a useful one.

Then back up that suggestion by writing a Letter to the Editor. Giving your idea this fuller expression may convince the Council that your suggestion is good if they hadn't understood it before. Besides, in the Letters column you reach a wider and even more powerful audience than the Council—the student body as a whole.

Let's Back Our Dramatic Club

For three nights last week the Southwestern Players offered Southwesterners a chance to see a delightful play. In those three nights only 250 persons attended the performances. That in a school with 600 students, and to make matters worse, less than a third of that 250 were students.

Mr. Hill and the Players have set up an exhausting schedule (three more performances) for themselves in order to offer student acted drama to the college. The students failed these people miserably this time. There will be three more performances. What say we turn out next time and show the Players that we appreciate the hard work they are doing.

LETTERS to the EDITOR

Next week will be your last chance to win a carton of Chesterfields by writing a Letter to the Editor. Dusty Anderson, campus representative for the cigarette company, announces the award will be discontinued with that issue.

Winner of this week's award is Emily Jefferson, writing on the question, "Is it really necessary for Southwestern to treat her football players like foster sons?"

The editorial staff reserves the right to select the letters it thinks will interest the readers most. We also reserve the right to cut parts of letters which are too long for the space we can allow them.

By EMILY JEFFERSON
Dear Editor
Is it really necessary for Southwestern to treat her football players like foster sons?
The boys work in a game until they are ready to drop and then there is no way to charge them with the energy that they need to keep on playing. Several colleges have a cylinder of oxygen on the field for just this purpose.
There is also the chance the players must take of being hurt in

a game. If they are hurt, there is no doctor ready to help them; only the hope that there will be one in the stands who will come down to the field.
In two games this season, players of the opposing teams of the Lynx have had to be taken to the hospital because of injury. However, they had to lie on the field and suffer while an ambulance was on its way.
When our team fights for the honor and glory of Southwestern

Our READERS Say

What do you think is wrong with school spirit at Southwestern?

RICHARD DIXON, Senior: I do not want to be classified as a chronic complainer or "pet gripe" promoter, but you asked me. School spirit could be enlivened somewhat if the transfer students were given a little warmer reception. The average transfer does not really feel school spirit here until he is almost in the second semester. The transfer has to "knock himself out" displaying a radiant personality or sit back and not participate because he is a transfer and feels he is "crashing the party" so to speak. Those who transfer their loyalty could make a very definite contribution to school spirit from the very first if they could feel their part was appreciatively wanted. In the future we might take a look at our "step children" and see what they can add to our family circle, and we might be surprised at their enthusiastic response and attitude to school spirit.

"MONKEY" OLIVER, Senior: When one compares the Ole Miss-Tennessee game with the Southwestern game and the accompanying fuss, our school spirit looks a little sick at first. The cheerleaders have to yell all the yelling because the few people who do go to our games don't cheer. But there was better attendance at the pep rallies this year. Maybe that was because of Judd Willford, the New Torch Dream Man.

CHARLIE LANDRUM, Junior: It seems that common activities other than academic work is the secret to school spirit. One of the most binding single items is a winning athletic team. Football games seem to be the best activity for the bringing together of students and faculty in a kindred spirit. I believe the greatest factor holding back the Lynx Cats as a non-subsidized team is the apparent negative and indefinite attitude of the administration toward athletics in general and football in particular.

BARBARA PETERSON, Senior: I notice a great deal of improvement this year. (When asked for examples of improvement, Petie said, "Uh—now that's a harder question.") At Little Rock Junior College, there was routine school spirit even though they didn't have a football team until a few years ago.

CURTIS KENT, Senior: I cannot find as much fault with the spirit on the campus as I have in past years. The first year I came to Southwestern there was very little school spirit. Last year it improved somewhat, but there is still a lot of room for more loyalty and spirit. If each one of us would make it his own personal job to turn out for games and other school sponsored events, the school spirit would automatically come up. If we as students can instill in ourselves the saying, "My school, win or lose," then we would never have to worry about campus loyalty.

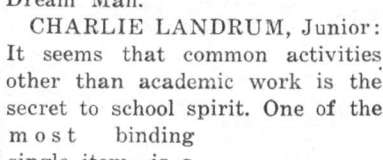
ELLEN FITTS, Junior: There is a lot of improvement in school spirit this year over last. For the least that can be done for them is to take care of them during the game.

By JOHN GRAY
Dear Editor,
I have just recently found out that the grades which we have made during the past eight weeks will be recorded simply as A's, B's, C's and so forth with no distinction.

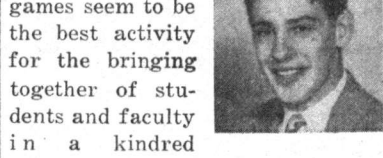
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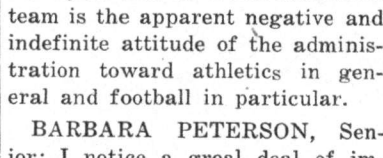
Richard Dixon, Senior



Charlie Landrum, Junior



Barbara Peterson, Senior



Curtis Kent, Senior



Ellen Fitts, Junior

Musical Memphis

By JIMMY COBB

The Southwestern String Quartet will present its second program Tuesday night, December 13, at the Memphis College of Music. The program will begin with *Three Raracari* for String Quartet by Andrea Gabrieli, followed by the *Beethoven Quartet, Opus 8 number 5*. The remainder of the program consists of a quartet by Leo Sowerby, and a quintet for piano and string quartet by Walter Piston. The assisting artist in the last number will be Lois Maer.

The second in the series of children's concerts presented by Mr. I. L. Myers will be given at the Auditorium Saturday at 11 a.m. The artist is Theodore Paxon, an artist who has been heard in almost every principal city in this country as well as centers in Europe.

On January 5, Frances Greer, star of the Metropolitan, and well known in Memphis for her performances at the Memphis Open Air Theater, is booked for a concert in Forrest City, Arkansas, which is only forty miles west of here. Tickets for this went on sale last Monday.

There will be several performances of Handel's *Messiah* in and around Memphis this Christmas. The Arkansas State Symphony with chorus will give a performance of it Sunday in Little Rock, which will be attended by several Memphians and Southwesterners, and Calvary Episcopal Church will also give a performance with chorus and orchestra.

On the evening of Thursday, December the first, Memphis audiences were privileged to hear a concert by Kirsten Flagstad, who is probably the most distinguished of living sopranos. Madame Flagstad gave an excellently selected program, the first section of which consisted of two Wagner arias: "Elsa's Traum," from *Lohengrin*; and "Du bist der Lenz," from *Die Walkure*.

For the second portion of her program, she gave a magnificent presentation of German lieder which included "Der Musensohn," by Franz Schubert, "Bei dir sind meine Gedanken," by Johannes Brahms, and Richard Strauss' "Meiner Kinde" and "Wie sollten wir geheim sie halten."

Madame Flagstad's third group of songs were devoted entirely to works of Edvard Grieg, among which were "Der gygner en baad pa blge," "Med en Candilje," "Og jeg vil mig en hjertenskjaer," "En Drom," and "En Svane."

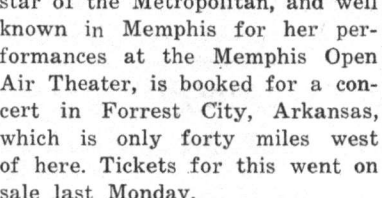
After the intermission, Madame Flagstad sang "Wessendonck Lieder Im Treibhaus," "Traume," and "Schmerzen"—three of the five songs which comprise a cycle by Wagner.

Her English selections, the final portion of the program, were A. Walter Kramer's "Now Like a Lantern," "Rain Has Fallen," by Samuel Barber, "The Happy Wanderer," by Michael Head, Maurice Beasley's "Song in Loneliness," and "Night," by Edwin McArthur.

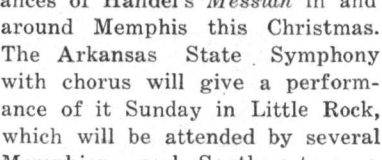
Although Madame Flagstad's voice definitely improved as the concert progressed, her entire program was so splendidly given and the high degree of her artistry so constantly maintained that it would be extremely difficult to dissect and point out individual triumphs.

The audience responded most enthusiastically to the glorious Flagstad voice, and she in turn was very generous with her encores, two of which were "Morning," and Grieg's "I Love Thee, Dear," J.S.

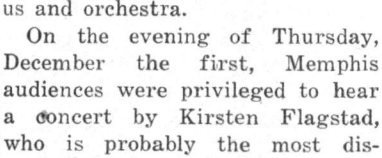
instance, the band now goes to football games. There seems to be a lot more of a spirit of unity this year, and if it holds up, things should get even better. Last year when I transferred here from Judson, it seemed there wasn't any school spirit at all, but things are better now, although there is a lot of room for improvement.



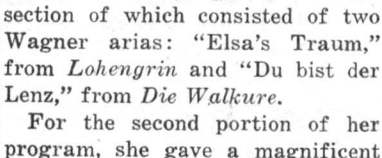
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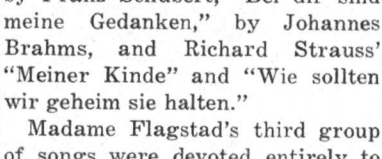
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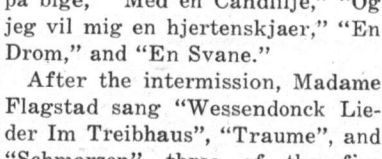
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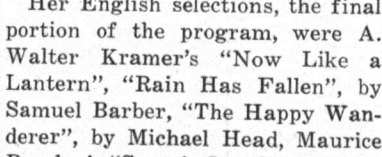
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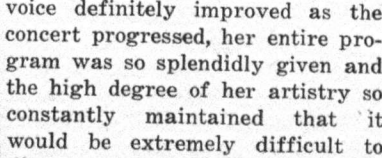
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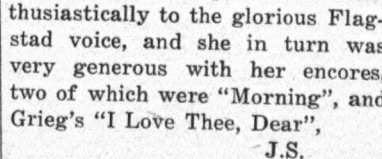
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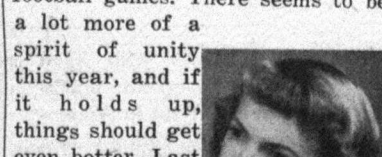
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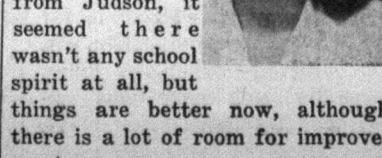
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Alibi-ography Tells What To Say On Flunking Course

What to say—When you are given an objective test: "It doesn't let you express yourself."

When you are given an essay test: "It's so vague. You don't know what's expected."

When you are given many minor tests: "Why not have a few big ones? This keeps you on edge all the time."

When you are given no tests: "It's not fair. How can he possibly judge what we know?"

When every part of the subject is taken up in class: "Oh, he just follows the book."

When you are asked to study a part of the subject by yourself: "Why, we never even discussed it!"

When the course is in lecture form: "We never got a chance to say anything!"

When the course consists of informal lecture and discussion: "He just sits there. Who wants to hear the students? They don't know how to teach the course."

When detailed material is presented: "What's the use? You forget it all after the exam anyway."

When general principles are presented: "What did we learn? We knew all that before we took the course."

—ROBERT TYSON
Hunter College.
(Reprinted from the October 1948 NEA Journal)

Upstairs In Palmer

By Helminth
THE BOOK WORM

There's one book I want to call to your attention—*Without Magnolias* by Bucklin Moon. The novel was chosen as winner of the George Washington Carver Award for outstanding writing by or about American Negroes.

The author was born in Eau Claire, Wisconsin, but lived most of his life in Florida until he came to New York, after his graduation from Rollins College. He was awarded a Julius Rosenwald Fellowship in 1946 to complete *Without Magnolias*.

Story Of Small Town

The scene of the story is a Florida small town. The central characters are a Negro family moving from lower-class to middle-class status. Important in the background is the campus of a struggling little Negro college.

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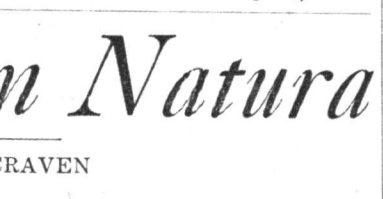


Illustration of a person reading a book.

De Rerum Natura

By BOB CRAVEN

It was one of those drowsy afternoons in July when a kind of nostalgia pervades everything that is able to keep up a pretense of existence in such mesmerizing heat. I was lounging languidly on one of the many park benches that offer the right of domain to any wayward Southwestern student, trying hard to convince myself that what Benedict Spinoza had to say in tomorrow's lesson had absolutely nothing to do with me at this particular moment.

And as a matter of fact, strange though it may seem, I was musing over what the sage professor had said in class that very morning, to the effect that Spinoza believed everything in Nature was arranged according to a beautiful mathematical necessity. While thus contemplating, and dreamily acquiescing in the fragrance of the summer day, I began to get drowsy.

I felt my head going down, down. I must have slept, for when I came to I found my head in a horizontal position, and my one open eye (I had acquired a habit in early childhood of awakening one eye at a time) saw a sight probably few human eyes have ever beheld. There was a whole world of the tiniest of tiny insects before me. Their earth was a leaf; the space for two or three inches around the leaf constituted their entire universe.

It seemed that there was some sort of commotion—bugs were hurrying everywhere, as fast as their six, eight, or ten legs could carry them. It didn't take long to see that they were all rushing to one spot, gathering themselves around what seemed to be a very old and sage grandfather bug. His two back legs must have been afflicted with rheumatism, or its equivalent in the bug world, for he had two crutches fashioned from a very minute end of a blade of grass.

But now he had put them to one side and was sitting (if it can be said that bugs sit) in the shade of a giant fungus growth, towering 1/260 of an inch in the air. He had the appearance of antiquity, and the two colorless, glassy-looking spots on his head that were his eyes had slipped down somewhat, giving him an expression of profound sadness.

And then he spoke. This is what he said (translated from the Bugian): "My children, I have been with you these two seconds, and now I am growing old. It is almost time for me to die, and I wish once more to speak with you. This is a Golden Age in which we live. Many are our accomplishments. We have built towering cities from dust particles. We have discovered that our world is not round as our ancestors thought, but flat. And we have made many explorations to the underside of our world, and have built hanging cities there. We have extracted many elements from our world, such as chlorophyll, and have used them to great advantage in medicine and industry.

"But, with all our great accomplishments, we are in grave danger, for at any tenth of a second we may see on the horizon the ominous shadow of the invading army of the leaf-people from the underside of our world. I must warn you against complacency. I must implore you to—"

But, alas, at that moment I must have gotten dust in my nose, for I sneezed. When I looked again I found that I had blown the bugs and their world into the wind, to take their place in oblivion.

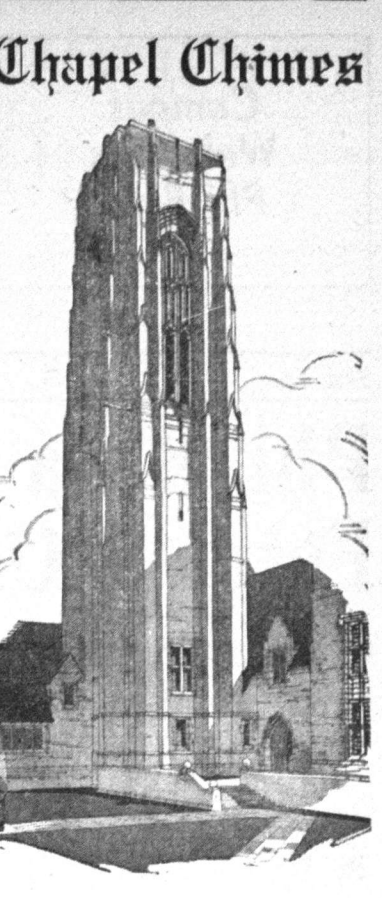


Illustration of a tall, thin building, possibly a church or school building.

By JIMMY CALDWELL

Many years ago I was deeply impressed by the old negro spiritual, "Wheel in the Middle of the Air." Ever since, I have tried in my own mind to explain how religion and a wheel could ever be connected. After much thought I have found a great similarity between life and a wheel. I would like to use the analogy in our thought for this article.

First, let us analyze a wheel. The essential parts are the hub, the spokes and the rim. The wheel is a remarkable invention. It is designed to carry a burden with the least possible effort, designed so that each of the three major elements are indispensable to each other.

Christ Is Hub

Taking this simple construction, let us apply the three basic elements of a Christian life to it. Christ is the hub of the wheel. About him are the "spokes" of his teaching—moral, ethical, and spiritual—circumscribed and made useful by the rim of every day living and experiences. Here we find also that each element of a Christian life is indispensable to the other.

As it is possible to see that any one element is more important than the other, we must see that the hub is primary. So, too, Christ is primary in the Christian life. Christianity has much to offer the world, but unless it offers Christ first and foremost, the center of its very being is meaningless. The principles and teachings of Christianity are as meaningless as those of Pagan mythology, Buddhism, or Confucianism without Christ. Only the Christ centered life is a true Christian one.

Build Around Christ

Next we connect the spokes, the teachings and principles of Christianity. To possess only the hub of the wheel is obviously useless and meaningless. We must build around that hub the central element of a wheel. So too, in Christian living we must, in answer to a rational mind and a thinking man, build around Christ, his teachings and principles. These great principles, moral, ethical, and spiritual are, however, meaningless unless firmly attached to and radiating from the center of our life—Christ.

Must Have Spokes

We must also be careful to remember that a lop-sided wheel due to faulty spokes or even a lack of spokes is useless. One of the essential physical phenomena of a spoke wheel is that at all times the burden of a load is evenly distributed over every spoke regardless of position of the wheel. So, too, in Christian living if one spoke is weak or one spoke is missing the burden upon the others is increased. We must then, as Christians, be sure that we are not wheels without spokes—Christians without principles or a knowledge of the teaching of Christ.

The rim of a wheel is the part which perhaps bears the greatest signs of wear and of use, but it is the rim which binds, holds together, and gives usefulness to the wheel. So, too, in our Christian living it is our every day living—the small daily experiences of life—that give usefulness to an expression of Christianity. Unless we can bind our Christian ideals, principles, and teachings with a rim of daily experience which at all points is strong and firmly based upon sound principles, our wheel of life becomes absurd.

Must Recognize

We must recognize, however, that on the road of life the rim will receive the blows, the friction, (Continued on Page 3)

the Sportlight

Is On INTRAMURALS

Sigma Nu met Kappa Alpha last night in the finals of the intramural volleyball tournament. All other teams were eliminated in a hard week of play which saw each one beaten for the second time.

In the first round SAE defeated ATO 3-0, Kappa Sigma won from PiKA 3-1, and Sigma Nu edged KA 3-2. A few nights later Sigma Nu defeated the Independents 3-0, ATO defeated PiKA 3-2, and SAE beat Kappa Sig 3-2. On the Monday following Thanksgiving four games were played which eliminated all but three teams.

Sigma Nu handed SAE its first loss 3-1 to reach the finals, KA won from ATO 3-0, and Kappa Sig whipped the Independents 3-1. Later in the evening KA defeated Kappa Sig 3-2. On Wednesday night KA reached the final round opposite Sigma Nu by defeating SAE 3-2. SAE won the first two games, but KA rallied strongly to win the last three.

Ping Pong In Progress

The ping pong tournament has progressed into its second week with no upsets recorded as yet.

In the number one singles division Ken Gregg has advanced to the finals of the winners' bracket by defeating Jim Wood and John Evans, both by 3-0. In the lower part of the draw defending champion Ted Fox beat Ray Bryant 3-0 and Bill Boyce won from Paul Currie 3-1.



Boyce

Only two matches have been played in the number two singles' division. Denby Brandon defeated Bill Coley and Aubrey Whitley beat Brady Whitehead.

Reynolds Beal and Forrest Flaniken, defending champs in the doubles' division, won their first match over Bill Giddens and Tom Smith. No other matches have been played.

Ten Are Named To Who's Who

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dent-Faculty Welfare Committee.

Curtis Kent

Curtis transferred from Florence State College in Alabama in his Sophomore year. As a Sophomore, he was manager of the football team and of the track team (in which he lettered), and was a member of the "S" club. In his Junior year, he was Student Commissioner of Athletics, a member of the Student Council, president of SABA, manager of the football team, and co-editor of sports in the *Lynx*.

This year he is sports publicity director for Southwestern, president of Sigma Alpha Epsilon, and vice-president of Robb Hall. He was co-chairman of the recent Community Chest Drive.

Jane McAtee

Jane represented the Freshman class on the Christian Union Cabinet. She has been a member of the Singers all four years. Her sorority, Tri-Delta, appointed her judge of scholarship when she was a Freshman. When a Sophomore, Jane was representative to the Publications Board, was secretary-treasurer of the Christian Union Cabinet, and a member of the Heelers. She joined the French club that year. She became secretary-treasurer of United World Federalists as a Junior. Jane worked on the *Lynx* staff.

She is now president of Voorhies Dormitory Governing Board, president of Torch, treasurer of

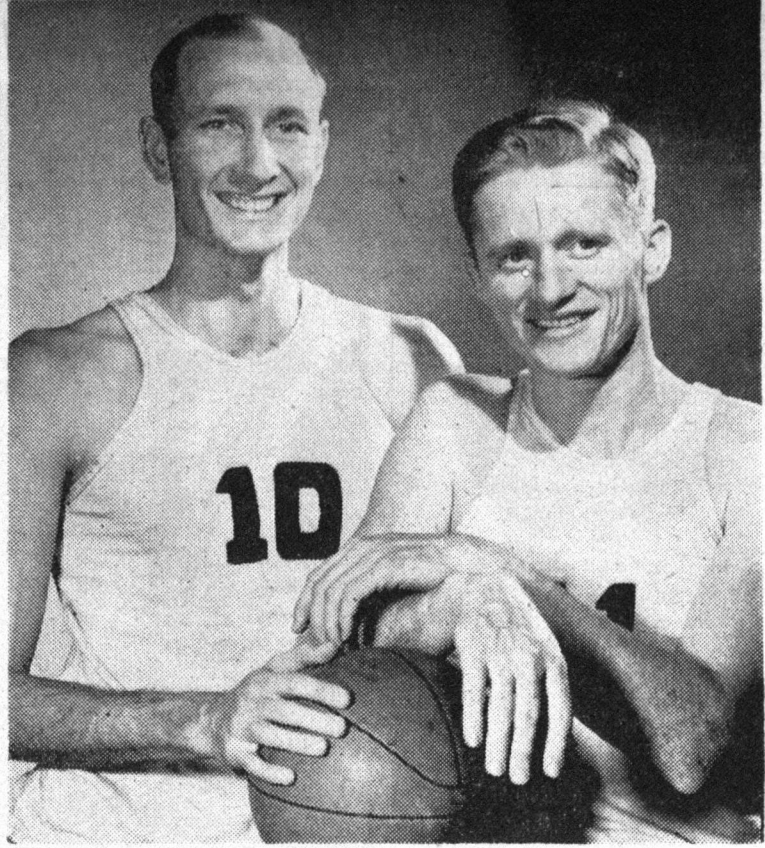
Badminton Title Won By Beasley

Phillips And Jones Win Title For Doubles

June Beasley, Chi Omega's badminton ace, won the badminton championship of Southwestern last Tuesday night with a decisive victory over Betty Guthrie of Tri Delta. Doubles title went to Wendell Phillips and Virginia Jones of Zeta.

Beasley won her way into the final round by downing ZTA's Ann Morrow and then drawing a bye. Guthrie won her semifinals match over Barbara Flippin of AOPI in the closest set of the tourney. In accordance with the manner in which the tourney was drawn up, the loser of their match was automatically third place winner, so this title went to Flippin with Guthrie taking the runner-up position.

The third time was the charm for the Zeta's doubles team of Phillips and Jones, who have battled Mary Clay Farr and Jeanne Roberts of Chi Omega for the doubles championship for three straight years. Both times previously the Chi O's came out victorious but this season the Zetas won 15-17, 15-9. There was no third place winner in the doubles play.



Co-captains Coley and Williford

Courtesy Commercial Appeal

Cage Shenanigans To Feature Foul Shots Versus All Stars

The greatest array of feminine basketball talent ever to grace the hardwoods of Fargason Field House will be presented Wednesday when the French Quarter "Foul-shots" of the Up-state Girls Professional Basketball League meet the Girls All Star Team of Southwestern. The "Foul-shots", now on the Southern leg of a nationwide exhibition tour prior to opening league play in Madison Square Garden next week, have consented to meet Southwestern All-Stars for charitable purposes.

Four of the members of the "Foul-shots" will not be newcomers to Southwestern sport lovers. Florence Flaniken, Rosanna Bryant, Baby-Sister Ashley, and Betty Joe Crisamore all performed for the crack "Original All-Shots", who downed the All-Stars here last year. The "All-Shots" disbanded when several of the team members gave up basketball in favor of the less strenuous occupation of housewives.

Up from the collegiate ranks to strengthen the "Foul-shots" are Ophelia P. Dunnivant from Greenwich Village Junior College, Minnie Hyde from the Tennessee State College for the Illiterate, and Senatorita Pauline Currie from the University of Mexico.

The grand old man of basketball, Balding Boswell, pioneer in the field of girls athletics, has received permission from the officials of the New Orleans Home for the Aged, at which he is a patient, to come up and handle the play-by-play description of the game over the public address system.

member of *The Sou'wester's* staff.

Mary Ann Ramsey

Mary Ann is now Senior Representative to the Student Council and the Honor Council, vice president of the Christian Union Cabinet, of Pi Intersorority, and of Kappa Delta, and is a student counselor.

She has been secretary-treasurer of CUC, a member of the dormitory governing board, the YWCA, the *Sou'wester* staff, the *Lynx* staff, the Spanish Club and the International Relations Club. When a Sophomore, Mary Ann was given the Outstanding Sophomore award by Torch.

Judd Williford

Judd was elected Best All-Round Boy in both his Sophomore and Junior years. He was Torch Dream Man this year. He was president of his Sophomore class. This year he is in ODK, vice president of Student Body, president of the Elections Commission, a member of the Judicial Committee of the Student Council. This is his fourth year on the basketball and tennis teams. As a Freshman, he was voted honorary captain and "most valuable" player.

The "Foul-shots" are accompanied by their own all-male band, "The French Quarter Sour Notes" who will add color with a half-time performance.

Zeta, Chi O Will Try Pigskin Art In Feb.

Regular Rules, Traditions To Be Observed

The Zeta-Chi Omega tackle football game, originally scheduled for the Tuesday before Thanksgiving, has been postponed until the second week in February. This change was due to the overcrowded calendar on the part of all sorority women for this semester.

However, the plans for the game, the first of its kind in Southwestern's history, are still being made, and the two groups together are working to make it an outstanding event. Cheerleaders will be chosen, there will be between-half entertainment, and refreshments will be sold.

The teams are to be decked out in complete football togs and will play by regular tackle rules.

Pre-Register Week Of December 5-10

All students will be given an opportunity to pre-register for the second semester during the week of December 5-10. Copies of the new schedule may be obtained in the registrar's office. Students pre-registering must obtain the signatures of their major professor or faculty adviser and a member of the Classification Committee on their proposed schedules which are then to be filed with the Registrar.

Fees may be paid at the time of filing or later, but to avoid penalty must be paid before five o'clock p.m. Tuesday, February 7, 1950.

The object of pre-registration is the avoidance of standing in line on the regular registration day. Students who arrange their schedules in advance may usually obtain a better selection of courses and hours as an additional advantage, and if their fees are paid in advance need not report to the campus until Wednesday, February 8.

Necessary changes will be handled in the regular way through the Dean's office after resumption of classes February 8.

For those of you who are interested in listening to music, Southwestern has an unusually good record library, located in the new Psychology Building just north of the Lynx Lair. For a college the size of Southwestern, this is an outstanding collection, more complete than those of many larger schools. The listening hours are Monday and Friday: 2:30-4:00; Tuesday and Thursday: 2:30-5:00; Wednesday: 7:00-9:00 p.m.

Seats Warm, Noses Raw, In 'S' Club

'Active' Group Initiated 17 Wednesday

By BOB WHITESIDE

With their noses to the ground and their seats in the air, chasing an egg across the backyard of Palmer Hall, the 17 "S" Club pledges began their initiation Wednesday afternoon. Milo Hyde won by a nose.

Following the egg race the pledges were informed that they had another service to perform. They were to supply the targets for a belt line the members had organized. Judging from the wood-chopper swing employed by the men and the frequent yells of the pledges I do not think there is any question in the minds of the pledges as to the meaning of the term "active" members.

The formal part of the initiation took place in the privacy of the "Barn" Wednesday night under the direction of President "Beefy" Dunnivant, Vice-President Bill Coley, Secretary Jack Doyle, and Treasurer Forrest Flaniken.

After the screams had subsided, the wreckage cleared away, and the noses counted it was officially announced that the names of those who had successfully weathered the ordeal were: Bob Crumby, Lester Crain, Milo Hyde, John McKee, Jimmy Robertson, Mike Schrader, John Nail, Ronald Davis, Charles Landrum, Lester Graves, Frank Hemmen, Horace Kitchel, Russel Bruce, John Austin, Billy Pridgen, and Bob Atchison.

The "S" Club is composed of men who have earned a varsity letter in any one of the major sports in which Southwestern participates. A varsity letter and survival of the ingenious methods of torture devised by the active members as initiation are the only requirements for admission to the club.

Chapel Chimes . . .

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the stress and strain and scars which are inevitable. To say that a wheel with a good hub, good spokes, and a strong rim is not good because the rim shows signs of wear is foolish, but we must be careful that that rim is not deeply flawed, cracked, or thinner in some portions than others. It is even more foolish to have a rim around only portions of a wheel. So is it foolish to give expression to only portions of Christian living in daily life.

If there is any factor or essential element which makes Christianity stand out above all other religions of the world it is unity. In our analogy we have compared this unity to that of a wheel. I can't help but wonder if so many Christians today aren't trying to live only a segment or portion of this unity. This obviously is as absurd as trying to use only a portion of a wheel. Unless we, as Christians, are going to perform our tasks in God's eternal plan, or, to carry out our analogy, in the great machine of time, we must be completely strong and dependable wheels. God has no more use for a lop-sided, weak, hubless, rimless or spokeless wheel than we do. No matter how large or how small our task may be—the task which God has given us in life—unless we are Christ centered, intelligent, and practicing Christians, we are not fulfilling our purpose in life.

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Lynx Take Teachers In Season Opener

WAA Will Take Xmas Holiday

Chi Omegas Are Leading In Race For Sweepstakes

All the competitive activities of the Women's Athletic Association have been discontinued until after the Christmas holidays. So far the basketball, ping pong, and badminton tourneys have been completed with the Chi O's winning basketball, badminton singles, and placing second in badminton doubles to be ahead in the number of points counted towards the Over-All Athletic Trophy presented by the WAA each spring to the organization having the highest number of points at the end of the season.

The Zetas are second, behind by only two and one half points, having won ping pong and badminton doubles, as well as having tied for third place in basketball.

The WAA program on its resumption will begin with the volleyball tournament, which will be followed by archery, tennis, softball, and track, these tourneys being scheduled at intervals throughout the spring semester.

Letters . . .

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tion whatsoever between high and low averages within these individual levels. For instance, a person with a very high C gets the same grade as the person just outside the D level.

Thus anyone can see that these separate classification periods are so large that they show only the general situation, whereas the accurate marks of achievement are lost in a process of "rounding off." This is like timing a 440-yard-dash to the nearest minute. If this were done the race would be a tie even if one of the runners were an Olympic champion.

The result of the situation would be that (1) the champion would feel ashamed because he had not beaten the others and (2) the others would go about bragging that they "tied" the champ. The champion seeing that it is humanly impossible for him to win, would be satisfied to walk the race and cross the line in just below ninety seconds. After all he would still tie the others.

Too large a grading margin can have the same effect on an ambitious student making high B's or C's. Perhaps he is so close to the numerical dividing line, that a few points in that direction would pull him over; yet he must be classified in the straight "B" category. If this continues one of two things will happen: (1) the student will become more determined than ever to reach the next level and will keep striving. If he does this it is very commendable in him for he has certainly had no encouragement from the grading system to warrant such effort.

(2) The student will slack up, considering the next level unobtainable, and be satisfied with a straight "B" from his low "B" grade.

Coley Tops Scorers; Roark, Gwin Trail

CATS LEAD EARLY

Derr Fouls Out In Close Contest

Southwestern got the basketball season off to a good start last Friday night in Forrest City, Arkansas, by defeating Arkansas State Teachers of Conway 56-52. The Lynx led most of the way, but the game was as close as the score indicates.

Southwestern forward and co-captain Bill Coley led both teams in scoring with 23 points earned on nine field goals and five free shots. Eldon Roark and Roy Gwin trailed Coley with four baskets and a foul shot each for nine points. For the teachers Tommy Taylor led the scorers with 12 points, one more than Ray Fain and Buddy Harding were able to amass.

Lynx Lead

The Lynx got off to a good start and led throughout most of the first half, holding a 35-29 margin at intermission. Southwestern's Art Derr fouled out early in the second half, and with him went a major portion of Southwestern's control of the backboards. The Teachers steadily closed the gap between the teams, until with six minutes left in the game, they tied the score on a corner shot by Fain. After the lead changed hands several times, Coley got the Lynx out in front for good, and they stayed in command for the rest of the contest.

Southwestern held a wide lead in field goals, 21-14, but the Teachers almost made up for it by notching 24 free shots to Southwestern's 14.

The Lineups:			
Southwestern	FG	FT	TP
Coley, f	9	5	23
Derr, f	1	2	4
Pridgen, f	3	1	7
Thomas, f	0	0	0
Williford, c	0	0	4
Austin, c	0	0	0
Gwin, g	4	1	9
Roark, g	4	1	9
Doyle, g	0	0	0
Shinbaum, g	0	0	0
	21	14	56

Arkansas Teachers			
FG	FT	TP	
Clark, f	0	2	2
Davis, f	0	3	3
Fain, f	5	1	11
Copeland, f	0	1	1
Middleton, c	2	6	10
McGaha, c	1	0	2
Harding, g	3	5	11
Taylor, g	3	6	12
Carson, g	0	0	0
	14	24	52

Free Throws Missed — Southwestern: Coley 2, Pridgen, Thomas, Gwin 2, Shinbaum 3. Arkansas Teachers: Clark 2, Davis, Middleton, Harding 3, Taylor, Carson.

Personal Fouls — Southwestern: Williford 3, Coley 2, Derr 5, Roark 4, Gwin 5, Pridgen 3, Shinbaum 2. Arkansas Teachers: Clark, Davis 3, Middleton 4, Copeland 3, Fain 2, Harding 2, Taylor 3.

Referees—Lynn Dowdy and Bobby Richardson.

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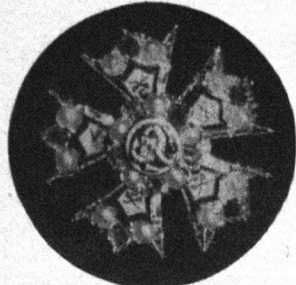
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Fraternity, Sorority Histories Are Presented For Eligible Pledges

(Ed. note. The day of pledging is Saturday. Too often the prospective pledges know little or nothing of the fraternity or sorority of their choice. This year *The Sou'wester*, working with the fraternities and sororities has prepared a brief history of each organization for the bewildered frosh.)

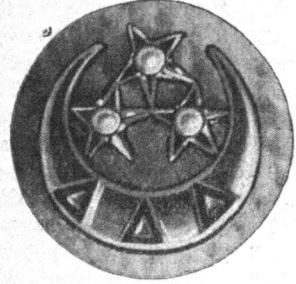
Sigma Nu



Sigma Nu had its beginning at the Virginia Military Institute in 1869. The fraternity is now represented in every state in the union except South Dakota and New Mexico.

It has 106 active chapters. Epsilon Sigma Chapter as founded at Southwestern as a local fraternity, Beta Sigma. Beta Sigma petitioned Sigma Nu for eight years before being issued a charter in 1934. The chapter house was built in 1936. John Reid Bell is president of the chapter.

Delta Delta Delta



Delta Delta Delta sorority was founded at Boston University on Thanksgiving eve, 1888. Sarah Ida Shaw and Eleanor Dorcas Pond were the principal founders.

The sorority now numbers 103 active chapters, located in every state of the United States and Canada.

Delta Psi Chapter was installed in 1929 after a local sorority, Delta Theta Pi petitioned the national organization and were accepted. Shirley Sibley is local president.

Kappa Alpha



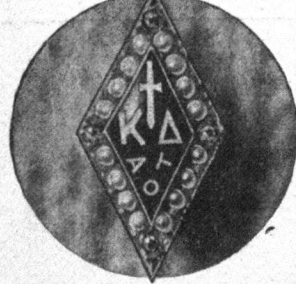
Kappa Alpha Order was founded on December 21, 1865 at Washington and Lee while Robert E. Lee was president of the college. The fraternity was founded on Lee's principles of Christianity and manly brotherhood.

There are 73 active chapters in twenty Southern states and the District of Columbia.

Alpha Epsilon Chapter was founded at Southwestern in 1887 while the college was still in Clarksville.

Millen Darnell is president.

Kappa Delta



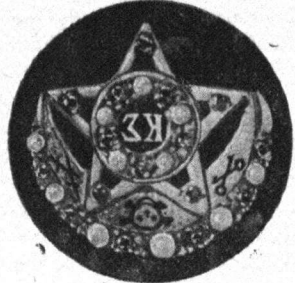
Kappa Delta sorority was founded at State Female Normal School of Virginia (now Longwood College) on October 23, 1897.

Today the sorority has 80 active

chapters and 202 alumnae chapters. Alpha Delta chapter was established April 4, 1925 at Southwestern.

Ann Brown is president

Kappa Sigma



The Kappa Sigma Fraternity was founded December 10, 1869, at the University of Virginia by five students. Steven A. Jackson, one of the early brothers, was responsible for the fraternity's ritual as it exists today.

Since its founding the fraternity has grown rapidly, and there exist today 117 active chapters in the United States and Canada.

Phi Chapter was founded at Southwestern in 1882 and was moved from Clarksville with the college.

The chapter lodge, oldest on the campus, was built when the college moved from Clarksville, and was enlarged in 1948 by the wing extending north from the west side of the house.

Tom Smith is Grand Master of the organization.

Chi Omega



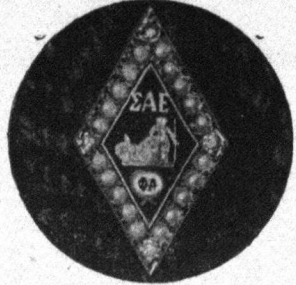
The University of Arkansas was the birthplace of Chi Omega sorority on April 5, 1895. Four girls founded the sorority with the help of Dr. Charles Richardson, a Kappa Sigma. From the first it was a national organization.

The four founders were Jo Belle Holcomb, Ina May Boles, Allie Simonds Cary, and Jean Vincenbeller. The Mother chapter, Psi, is at the University of Arkansas. Today there are 108 active and 93 alumnae chapters.

Kappa Beta Chapter was founded May 19, 1922 at Clarksville, Tennessee. Kappa Beta moved to Memphis when Southwestern changed sites in 1925. In 1926 Chi Omega got the first log lodge on

the campus. Berta Radford is sorority president.

Sigma Alpha Epsilon



Sigma Alpha Epsilon was born at the University of Alabama on March 9, 1856. Noble Leslie DeVotie is recognized as the principal founder.

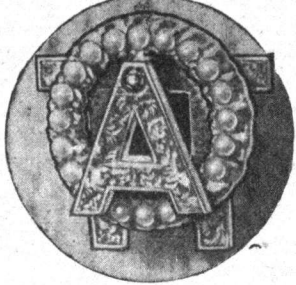
The fraternity is the largest social fraternity in respect to number of members and second largest in number of chapters, there now being 127 active groups.

Tennessee Zeta Chapter was founded November 10, 1882 at Southwestern which was then at Clarksville.

The official colors of the fraternity are purple and gold, and the song is "Violets."

Curtis Kent is president of the local chapter.

Alpha Omicron Pi



Alpha Omicron Pi was initiated on January 2, 1897 at Barnard College, Columbia University, New York.

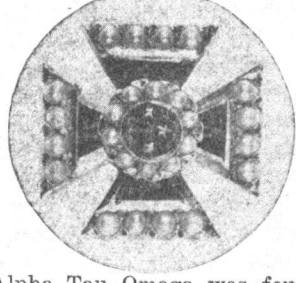
The Alpha Omicron Pi chapter at Southwestern was founded on November 20, 1925. It was named Kappa Omicron after its neighboring chapters, Kappa at Randolph-Macon, and Omicron at U-T.

The sorority now has 49 active chapters.

A new lodge is being planned for the Southwestern campus to replace the temporary structure now being used.

Ann DeWar is president of the chapter.

Alpha Tau Omega



Alpha Tau Omega was founded at Richmond, Virginia, by three Confederate soldiers on September 11, 1865.

The fraternity has expanded until it is among the top five in size with over 125 active chapters.

Alpha Tau Chapter was estab-

lished in 1882, the second national fraternity on the Southwestern campus.

The chapter house was built in 1938, and since the war has been improved.

Zeta Tau Alpha



Zeta Tau Alpha was founded at Longwood College, Farmville, Virginia, on October 15, 1898.

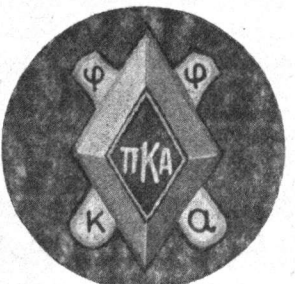
Zeta Tau Alpha is one of the largest sororities, having 167 active chapters.

Beta Sigma Chapter was installed at Southwestern in 1929, the 67th chapter in the sorority chain.

The finishing touches are being applied to a new Zeta Tau Alpha lodge on the campus.

Wendell Phillips is president of Beta Sigma chapter.

Pi Kappa Alpha



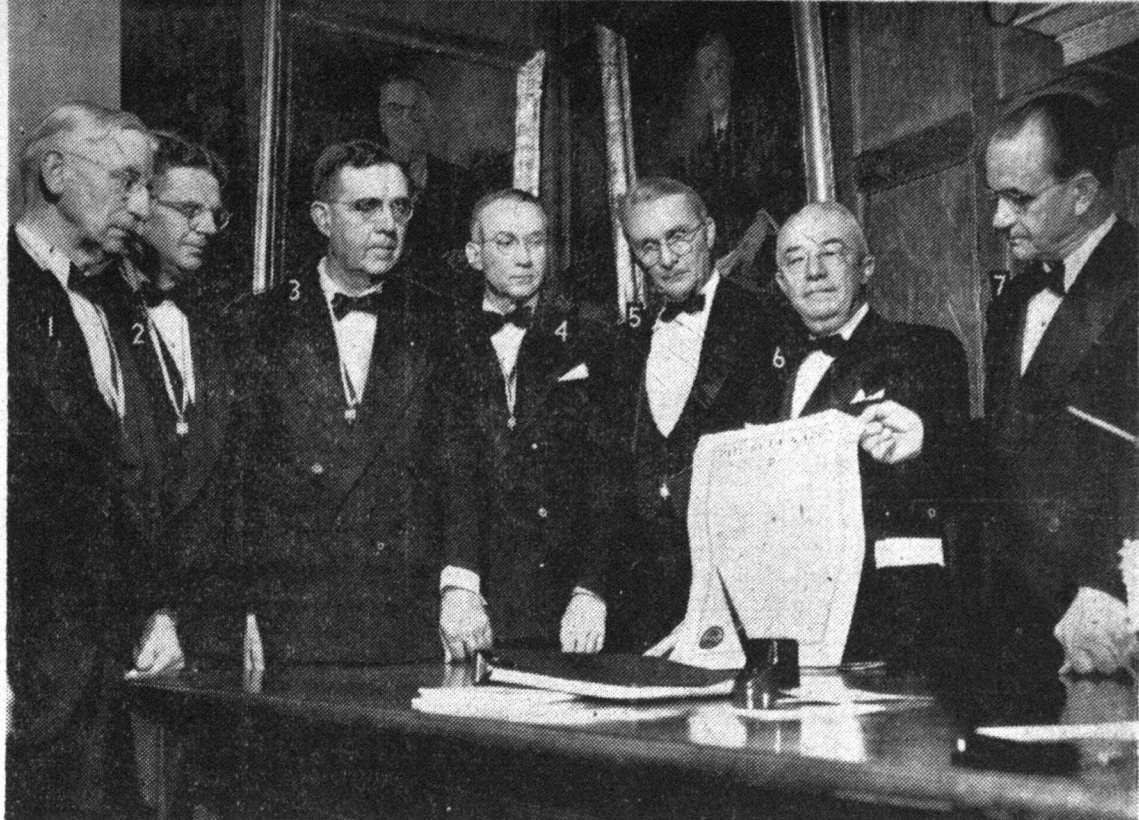
Six friends at the University of Virginia organized Pi Kappa Alpha in the spring of 1868. Among the 62 Greek letter social fraternities, Pi Kappa Alpha ranks in the first ten in size.

There are 90 chapters on the active list today.

Theta Chapter was established in 1878 at Stewart College (which became Southwestern) in Clarksville. It was the first national fraternity at the school. For several years Theta issued charters as the Grand Chapter of the fraternity.

John Kurts is president of Theta Chapter.

Initiates And Officers Of Phi Beta Kappa



The new initiates of Phi Beta Kappa get a look at the charter for Tennessee Zeta Chapter. They are, left to right, Dr. C. E. Diehl, Dr. M. L. MacQueen, Dr. A. P. Kelso, and Dr. Shields McIlwaine, the initiates; Dr. A. Theodore Johnson, chapter secretary; Dr. Goodrich C. White, who installed the chapter; and Dr. Robert P. Strickler, chapter president.

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Up In Palmer . . .

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The mother of the family still follows the old patterns of a Negro trying to adjust to living "in a white man's world." The children, however, now full grown, want something better than the life they have known.

The eldest, Luther, sacrifices his own chances for education in order that his two sisters might go on to college. He finds a partial fulfillment of his yearning for a better life in the realization that even for a Negro there is strength in the labor movement.

Go North

Alberta went North to New York's Harlem and a career in social work, only to find that when she had gone as far as she could in that job she turned into a frustrated and neurotic woman, even to the subconscious hatred of her

own race.

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Both the professor and the college president are torn between their obligations as Negroes and the fact that they owe their positions to the whims of white people.

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