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TEN RECEIVE WHITE CROSS DURING YEAR

One Junior, Two Sophomores and Seven Freshmen Initiated

The regular fall initiation was held at the house on Saturday, November 22, the following men being initiated: W. J. Slagle, D. C. Nickle, J. D'A. Baker-Carr, N. C. Estes, R. T. Jope, F. R. Van Buren and P. A. Jones. All of these were freshmen except Van Buren and Nickle. These seven men were subjected to the customary initiation week events under the direction of Brother Bateman, freshman manager.

Following the completion of the ceremonies in the early evening, a banquet honoring the new brothers was held at the house. Short talks were made by visiting delegates, alumni and members of the Chapter. The proverbial Sig spirit greeted the new members. Grand Praetor John B. McPherson closed the evening with a most impressive talk.

A second initiation was held this spring on Sunday, May 24. At this time three men were given the white cross. E. R. Anderson, G. R. Copeland and D. R. Donovan. Brother Sam Auchincloss was in charge of the initiation and Brother McPherson gave able assistance.

CHAPTER GIVES MANY DINNERS DURING YEAR

As far as affairs given by the Chapter goes this year has been one of few dances but many dinners. On a number of Sundays the fair sex have graced our table and enlivened our drawing room. We have given but few formal affairs, but informal dinners have proved a most effective means of breaking up the monotonous round of studies.

The social season for Alpha Theta opened in the fall with a dance for the rushees and pledges on the eighth of October. It was an auspicious beginning. Both guests and members of the Chapter enjoyed themselves to the utmost. Billy Lossez was at his best and even the chaperones enjoyed themselves.

A glance at the setting of the mid-winter dance would give one the hunch that the evening was destined to be a success. The genius of the engineer was drawn upon to the limit. Colored lights, strategically located, held a magic all their own and gave to the lower floor an eerie aspect that was most intriguing to behold. With the famous Tunesters for music the evening was a most successful one.

NEW MEN

DONALD C. NICKLE '26, Kingston, Ont., Canada. Chemical Engineering.

"Don" is first and last an all-round athlete of the highest caliber, a gentleman and a scholar and . . . More than once he saved the day for our basketball team for without him our ultimate championship would have been very doubtful. He may be from across the border but he is a fine Alpha Theta. His brother, Hugh D. Nickle, graduated in 1923.

FRANCIS R. VAN BUREN '26, New York. Mining Engineering.

Quick of wit and with a tongue to match, "Colonel" takes his daily joyride over the brothers whose mental processes are too slow to allow them to defend themselves. He was born in France, is a graduate of Princeton, and is studying Mining Engineering because he wants a profession that will take him far from any smoky metropolis.

JOHN D. BAKER-CARR '28, Concord, Mass. (and South Africa.) Chemical Engineering Administration.

For the second time in four years the Chapter is fascinated by a silver tongued South African. Among "Johnnie's" more famous antecedents are chemists and courtiers. Scholastically Johnnie is following the former bent, but secretly his ambition is to compose poetry for the King. Baker-Carr—God save him—he's a good kid, a coming sprinter, and an excellent politician.

NORMAN C. ESTES '28, New Bedford, Mass. Civil Engineering.

Mixed with "Norm's" New England characteristics of straight thinking and substantiality is an unassuming air of modesty and reserve that makes him very popular with the brothers. He not only starred on the freshman basketball team but assisted materially in bringing home the silver loving cup in the interfraternity basketball league. He knows what he has to do and he does it, quietly and efficiently to the Chapter's credit and to his own.

PAUL A. JONES '28, Union, Maine. Chemical Engineering.

Paul is the Hercules of his delegation and a thorough gentleman. His only deficiency is the lack of good business sense, and the presence of an amazing scorn for pecuniary economies. We hope that living a year or so with some of our hard-headed "Shaesters" will cure him of that. A few more adjustments to real Tech life and "Jonesie" is going to be one of the mainstays of his delegation.

RALPH T. JOPE '28, Portland, Maine. Mechanical and Electrical Engineering Administration.

With a long and successful record of high school activities back of him "Ralph" has started in the same direction here. Through his manager-ship in the Athletic Association and

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SIGMA CHI STANDS WELL IN STUDENT ACTIVITIES

Men in Every Class Are Out for Athletic and Activity Honors

Sigma Chi will lose several prominent men this year by graduation. The first place for enhancing the reputation and maintaining its records in activities belong to Brother Glen Bateman the graduating consul. Brother Bateman has had a sustained career as a varsity track man, and is the first man in the history of the school to be both Junior and Senior president of his class. Alpha Theta loses with him one equally respected and popular on the campus, namely Brother Chick Muhlenberg, the president of the Architectural Student Government and chairman of the Elections Committee. Brother Muhlenberg was consul of the Chapter during the first half of the current school year. Brother Charles "Benny" Billman, the present proconsul is also graduating. He is on the Senior Board of Voo Doo, holding the position of Business Manager, so that he cannot be rightfully blamed for the "Humor" of that most humorous publication.

More important to the life of the Chapter than these stars who will soon go out are the incoming frosh, the future generation of Sigma Chi. Brother Norm Estes, besides playing on the frosh football team was the captain of the frosh basketball team. He was one of three mentioned in the Athletic Association report as varsity nucleus for next year. Johnny Carr has also made good as captain of the freshman relay team and as secretary and member of the Executive Committee of his class. Slagle is doing well in the track managers' competition, we predict an A. A. future for him, while pledge Anderson is doing equally well on the Tech Show. Jope is in the boxing managers' competition, pledge Dave Donovan in the swimming managers' competition besides being on the second frosh crew, and treasurer elect of his class. Jones, the strong man of the delegation, has been pulling a mean oar on the first frosh crew. We believe he will row in the varsity shell next year.

In the present Junior class, Guy Frisbie, who has been the manager of crew this last year, was elected vice-president of the A. A. He is also a member of the Advisory Council on Athletics. In the recent class elections he was elected member of the institute committee for the coming year. His roommate, Jim Killian, was equally well rewarded in his publication competition, being made the Editor of *The Tech* for the ensuing year.

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FILL OUT THE RUSHING BLANK

Enclosed in this Annual we are sending a rushing blank to every alumnus. FILL IT OUT. Alumni throughout the country have it in their power to render a great service to their fraternity. It is their duty to get in touch with the desirable young men of their community that are entering college and get them started in the right direction. The active chapters can and are getting in touch with the right class of young men, but they need your help. Keep Sigma Chi in mind and ATTEND TO THE ENCLOSED RUSHING BLANK.

MANY IMPROVEMENTS ARE MADE IN HOUSE

Redecoration Carried on Via "Rejuvenation Fund"

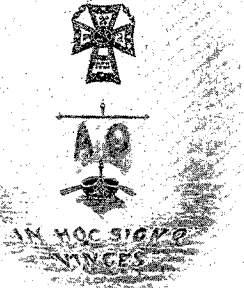
In April of last year Alpha Theta purchased the house at 532 Beacon Street, which had been the Chapter home for the five preceding years. During those five years there was a minimum of repair work done, as is customary when property is rented from an estate. The net result has been that during the past year any money available for improvement work has been spent upon such mundane things as plumbing, roof repairs and other absolute necessities.

Far more interesting, even if less necessary, has been the work done through the medium of the "House Rejuvenation Fund." This fund is maintained by contributions from the less financially embarrassed brothers. Under the leadership of Sam Auchincloss the committee in charge of the fund has purchased new cushion seats for the living room and several new lamps, and besides has made several other minor additions to the beauty of the house. The old lighting fixtures have been gone over and sundry Victorian-like projections have been removed, giving the fixtures a decidedly improved air. This is just the beginning of the work of the committee, but it is an indication of the type of thing it hopes to do in the future.

The assistance of the Trustees, particularly in the way of paying plumbing bills and in the loan of a large table for the living room, by Brother McPherson, has been a great aid to the Chapter and is a big incentive toward further work of the kind.

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John A. Curtin '92 died May 26, 1924, on a train of the Southern Railway, while en route from Charleston, South Carolina, to Augusta, Georgia.

Brother Curtin was a prominent Boston lawyer and well known in political circles. After graduating from the Institute he studied abroad at the University of Berlin. He was there a year and then entered the Boston University Law School from which he was graduated with the degree of LL.B. He was made a member of the Massachusetts Bar in 1895 and thereafter practiced in Boston. At the time of his death he was senior member of the firm of Curtin, Poole and Allen.

He was a director of the Boulevard Trust Company, a trustee of the Union Institute for Savings, a former member of the Brookline Board of Selectmen and the School Committee, the Brookline Committee of Thirty, and connected with a number of societies and clubs, including the University Club and the Boston Athletic Association. He was a member of Governor Guild's staff, with the rank of major. Some years ago he served in the Legislature as representative from Brookline and was later senator from the same district. In 1910 and 1911 Brother Curtin was secretary of the Republican State Committee.

Brother Curtin is survived by his wife, Mabel, and by two children, John and Virginia.

Albert F. Canby '17 died in Denver, Colorado, on March 11, 1925, following a protracted illness. After leaving the Institute Brother Canby entered the employ of the du Pont Company at Woodbury, New Jersey. He was a research chemist there and had made a fine reputation in his profession. He is survived by a widow and two small daughters.

Edward C. Clark ex-'22 died in Newark, New Jersey, on September 13, 1924, after an illness of only five days. After graduating from Exeter Brother Clark spent two years here at Technology. He then transferred to Yale University, from which he was graduated in 1922.

SIGMA CHI BANQUET DRAWS LARGE CROWD

Brother Alex. Sharp Comes from Chicago—Many Alumni Present

Thanks to the efforts of Brother McPherson numbers from the Alumni, the Harvard Group, and the active Chapter were gathered together on February 6th in the Chamber of Commerce Building for one of the best all Sigma Chi banquets in history. Even Brother Alex Sharp, Executive Secretary, journeyed from Chicago to be with us for the evening. At Brother McPherson's request the "Grand Old Man of Sigma Chi" responded with a toast that was second to none. He captivated all with his enthusiasm and sincerity, and amused not a little when he produced his age-worn and singular pipe.

Other toasts were by Brothers Boynton Merrill, Eta Eta 1915, George Bruce Franklin, Delta 1903, Barrett P. Tyler, Alpha Psi 1904, and Oakley E. Coffee, Beta Delta 1923. A specially organized cheering section from the Harvard Group inserted a cheer and song whenever they could catch Brother McPherson off guard, while all the banqueters joined in on some of the more familiar songs.

In a metropolitan place such as Boston where there are many Sigma Chis we hope that these functions may be yearly affairs at the least. The spirit is invigorating, and they drive home the realization that nationally as well as locally, among alumni as well as undergraduates, Sigma Chi is an accomplished ideal.

Truly we are an aristocratic house. Thirteen cars at 532 respond to the coaxings of their Sigma Chi masters. But thirteen is an unlucky number—nine of the thirteen are Fords, the rest automobiles.

The Chapter will be well represented in Boston circles, social and scholastic, this summer. Twelve of the brothers so far have signified their intentions of courting the muses. Thus is scholarship attained.

Basketball Schedule

Sigma Chi 21	Beta Theta Pi 14
Sigma Chi 35	Kappa Sigma 19
Sigma Chi 25	Sigma Nu 18
Sigma Chi 45	
	Delta Tau Delta 12
Sigma Chi 21	
	Lambda Chi Alpha 18

SIGMA CHI STANDS WELL IN STUDENT ACTIVITIES (Continued from Page 1)

He has already assumed office. Brother Bob Dean has just finished his term of office as art editor of Technique. He also won the Bemis Scholarship to study during the summer at the American Architectural School at Fontainebleau, France. Don Nickle has been starring for the Beavers, Tech's new born baseball team. Corb Hoffman filled the position of boathouse manager and woe betide any freshman who stuck his foot through the shell!

Among the Sophomores, Ernie Muhlenberg, who represented his class on the Architect's student council during this last year has been elected treasurer of the Architect's society, and will also be Art Editor of Technique next year. Ernie was forced to drop his position as reporter on The Tech because he was overpointed. He still remains a ten point man, the maximum allowed. Lee McCanne is one of the two junior-members elect of the Walker Memorial Committee. We think Lee is going to crash through in his competition and be chairman of the committee next year. Morg Collins, assistant business manager of Tech Show during the last year, has been made Publicity Manager of next year's Show. Bob Dexter, saxophone artist, has been performing on the Musical Clubs and Tech Show. Chippy Chase is in the competition for treasurer of the Athletic Association. Bob Kales and Pledge Copeland both row on the light Varsity crew that beat Princeton. If you don't believe it ask them.

All in all this past year has been a good one for Sigma Chi. She has kept her place in activities and tried to point the way for the freshmen.

With the coming of spring the annual period of restlessness creeps into the Chapter. The exams are not far away, but it takes every bit of will power one can summon to stay indoors and dig for them. We feel that all final exams should come in rotten weather so that there will be no desire to desert the books for the great outdoors. This is the kind of weather that causes vote tens.

BASKETBALL SQUAD LEAGUE CHAMPIONS

Sigma Chi Wins for Third Time in Five Years to Gain Trophy

The interfraternity basketball cup has at last found its permanent home. It is the latest addition to the string of trophies that adorn the mantelpiece at 532 Beacon Street. Three championships were required to win the cup. Alpha Theta took five years in which to do it.

This last season was not without its difficulties, as a glance at the schedule will show. The last and deciding game with Lambda Chi Alpha was the hardest and closely fought of the season. The Sigs got off to a slow start and at the end of the half found themselves at a five point disadvantage. Lambda Chi had won its early-season contests with ease and for a while it looked as if the dopsters were right and Sigma Chi would end as runner up.

Both teams had enough support from the side-lines to make the referee wear cotton in his ears. It was a hard fast game with lots of fight on both sides, but the Sigs played just a little harder and just a little faster. With two minutes to go they were still one point behind and fighting like tigers. Two more baskets, the last just before the whistle blew, and the game ended with Sigma Chi leading, 21 to 18.

The team: Cyc McDonough and Jim Bamford, forwards; Don Nickle, centre; Dan Sayre and Norm Estes, guards.

FIVE SENIORS ARE TO GRADUATE THIS JUNE

This June five men will be lost to the Chapter by graduation. While fewer in number than the usual fourth year delegation, the Seniors have more than compensated this by the strength of the individual members. Among them are a number whose loss will be keenly felt by the Institute at large as well as by the Chapter.

Glen Latrobe Bateman has been an outstanding man in undergraduate circles throughout the four years of his stay at Technology. As an athlete he ran on the freshman and varsity track squads. The respect that Glen's classmates hold for his ability and integrity is evinced by four years of service on the Institute Committee, the undergraduate governing body, of which he was chairman in his Senior year. In the annals of Technology Brother Bateman will stand out as being the first man in its history to hold the presidency of his class both Junior and Senior years. In the Chapter Glen has held many offices, culminating in his serving as Consul the last half of this present year.

Charles Myers Billman came to us his Sophomore year as an affiliate from Mu Chapter, Denison University. Outside of his interests around the house "Benny" has devoted his entire strength these last three years to fur-

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ALUMNI NOTES

1883

General T. Coleman du Pont was elected United States Senator from Delaware last November by an unexpectedly large vote.

Winthrop Alexander resigned his position as custodian of the Boston Court House to accept a position with Rutgers College at New Brunswick, New Jersey.

1892

Harry Nye Williams has severed his connection with the Nickel Plate Railroad Company in Chicago and is now living in California. His address there is 131 East Live Oak Street, San Gabriel.

1902

Thayer P. Gates is vice-president and consulting engineer of the Gates Finishing Company of West Medford, Mass.

1913

Tracey V. Scudder was elected last July cashier of the Labor Co-operative National Bank of Paterson, New Jersey.

1914

Augustus S. True has moved from Arlington to Deerfield, Mass., where he is continuing the Crone Puller Company and also conducting a garage.

Gerald H. Beard is with the Pike and Cook Company, Builders, at 416 South Fifth Street, Minneapolis, Minn.

Arthur P. Sheppard is with the New York Edison Company, 130 East 15th Street, New York City.

1915

Viking Enebuske is doing engineering work with the White Construction Company, 95 Madison Avenue, New York City.

Walter J. Stewart is with the Philadelphia office of the Johns-Manville Company. He can be reached there at the Montevista Apartments, 63d and Oxford Streets.

1916

Captain Frank B. Hastie, U. S. A., has been assigned to duty to the University of West Virginia at Morgantown, West Virginia.

1918

O. Donn Burton is located in Buffalo as Vice President in charge of insurance of the Warren Service Corporation. This concern does a real estate, warehousing and insurance business with offices at 1247 Main Street.

B. Alden Thresher and wife announced the birth of a daughter, Naomi, on November 12, 1924.

1919

Oswald Cammann is working for Chandler & Company, bankers and brokers of New York City.

1920

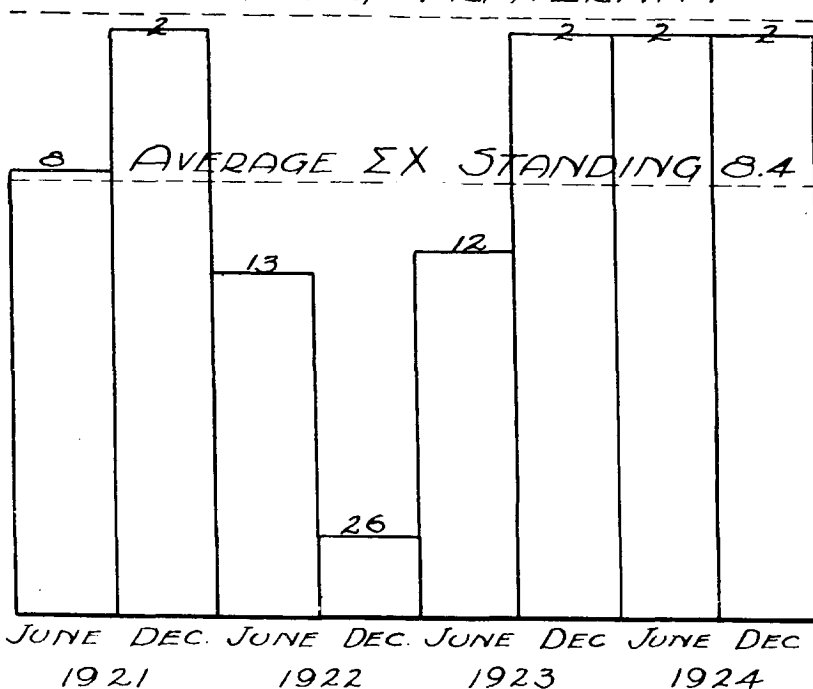
George Bliss is with Blair & Company, bankers and brokers in New York City.

Edward S. Farrow and wife announced the birth of a daughter, Ruth Elizabeth, on April 20, 1925.

1921

J. Ronald Leslie is with the Edison Electric Company of Brooklyn, New York.

LEADING FRATERNITY



William D. Morrison is the proprietor of the Morrison Coal and Cement Company at Jackson, Mississippi.

1922

David W. Guy is with the Ingersoll-Rand Company of New York City.

Edward Ziock, secretary of the Bursum Knitting Company of Rockford, Illinois, having disposed of his interest in the company, has retired from his position.

John B. McCue, who spent a vacation of several months in this country, returned in January to Chile to help build a nitrate plant for the Guggenheim Company.

James B. Brinkerhoff is living at Williamsville, New York.

1923

Hugh D. Nickle is an engineer with the Public Service Company at Newark, New Jersey.

1924

Boynton J. Fletcher has been working since last fall with a party on a water power survey near Atlanta, Georgia. He reports that the life is rough, but the work interesting and thoroughly enjoyable.

Donald W. Murdoch, after spending last summer as an instructor at the Technology mining and surveying camp, has taken a position with the General Petroleum Corporation at Whittier, California.

Mitchell V. Allen is branch manager of Finchley's Clothing Store, located at Harvard Square in Cambridge.

1926

Frank M. Gorsuch is now employed by the Packard Motor Company in Detroit. His address there is 5451 Cass Avenue.

Mr. and Mrs. Francis Warren Bacon of Brookline, Mass., have announced the engagement of their daughter, Eliza, to Brother Hugh D. McKinnon '23.

ROLL OF HONOR

As Secretary and Treasurer of the Trustees of Alpha Theta I am requested to give to the Chapter's alumni an account of my stewardship for the past fiscal year, which runs from November 1, 1924, to October 31, 1925; and it gives me pleasure to assure all those whose money the Trustees handle that "all is well" in a financial sense with the Chapter.

Since November we have collected from makers of notes payable to the Chapter's building fund, the gratifying total of five hundred and thirty dollars (\$530), and more will come before October 31.

During the current year four or more names have been placed on the roll of honor, which contains the names of those who have paid all of their ten notes for ten dollars each. These were George A. Quinlan, 1905; William J. Maguire, 1912; Viking Enebuske, 1915 and Boynton J. Fletcher, 1924.

Those who have paid all of their notes, arranged by classes, are:

- 1899—James S. Gill.
- 1903—Ralph C. Jordan, Charles A. Emerson, Jr.
- 1905—A. Senior Prince, George A. Quinlan, William Hugh Lalley.
- 1907—John Donaldson, Holden C. Richardson.
- 1908—Paul R. Fanning, Gerald T. Hanley, William C. Kerr, A. H. Van Keuren, Chester La Mar Prichard.
- 1909—L. S. Border.
- 1912—John M. Hargrave, Rudolph H. Fox, Allen W. Reid, Clarence McDonough, William J. Maguire.
- 1913—Peter C. Lieber.
- 1914—E. M. Newlin, Augustus S. True.
- 1915—Horatio W. Brown, Viking Enebuske, Oliver G. Norton, George M. Mohl.
- 1917—Charles Phillips Kerr.
- 1919—Oswald Cammann, Jr.

SIGMA CHI HAS GOOD SCHOLASTIC RECORD

Four Year Average Among Other Fraternities is 8.4

Since 1921 the Institute has published a record of the relative standings of the fraternities. The standing of Sigma Chi during this period has been subject to violent fluctuation, but at last we seem to have straightened out somewhere near the top.

For the four years ending last winter our average standing has been 8.4. There has been only one really bad year, when our standing has been below that of the average fraternity. For the last year and a half we have held to second place.

The standing for the fraternities for their work this spring will not be published till after the examinations in June, but Sigma Chi hopes to be able to keep up the pace and come in second at least.

MARRIAGES

William M. B. Freeman '20 and Miss Elizabeth Hodgman were married at St. Louis, Mo., on October 9, 1924.

George C. McCarten '19 and Miss Margaret Kreglow were married at Palmerton, Pennsylvania, on July 19, 1924. Brothers George C. Fleming '19 and Arlbert E. Griffin '99 acted as ushers.

William D. Mc Mason '21 and Miss Edna Allen Hood were married at Clinton, Mississippi, on October 1, 1924.

William Ryland Scott '22 and Miss Katharine Caldwell were married at New York City, on November 28, 1924. Brothers Hall Kirkham '23, David W. Guy '22 and Seymour Colton '21 were ushers. Brother Scott is with the Ingersoll-Rand Company of New York and is its representative in Mexico City.

John Castle Byrne '24 and Miss Katherine Adam were married at Los Angeles, California, on December 31, 1924. The young couple are at present living at Hermosa Beach, California.

- 1920—William M. B. Freeman.
- 1924—Boynton J. Fletcher.

Because of the money received from these younger alumni it has been possible for the Trustees to reduce the mortgage resting on the Chapter house by two thousand dollars, so that it is now ten thousand dollars instead of twelve, as it stood one year ago. Every dollar collected is applied to its intended purpose, and we confidently expect the men who have not yet paid their obligations will do so at some future time.

The active members are doing their full share, and they deserve the support of all alumni who retain an interest in, and an attachment for, the organization of their college days.

Let us make a still better record during the next year!

JOHN B. McPHERSON,
For the Trustees.

