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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. Shagle, D. C. Nickle, J. D'A. Baker-Carr, N. C. Estes, R. T. Joye, 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 custom of the house. That evening we listened to the direction of Brother Bateman, freshman manager.

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

A second initiation was held this spring on Sunday, May 21. At this time three men were given the white cross. E. R. Anderson, G. R. Copeland and D. R. Donovan. Brother Sam Anchincoll 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 go, this year has been one of few dances but many dinners. On a number of Sundays the men have graced our table and elevated our drawing room. We have given but few formal affairs, but informal dinners have proved to be 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 rushes and pledge on the eightight of October. It was an auspilous beginning. Both guests and members of the Chapter enjoyed themselves to the utmost. Billy Lesmez was at his best and even the cheepers enjoyed themselves.

A glance at the setting of the midwinter dance would give one the hunch that the evening was destined to be a success. The genius of the engineers was drawn upon to the utmost. Colored lights, strategically located, gave a magic all their own and gave to the lower floor an eerie aspect that was most irresistible to behold. With the famous Thoreau for mantle, the evening was a most successful one.

NEW MEN

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

"Smith" is first and last an all-around athlete of the highest caliber, a gentlemen 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 Al- pha Theta. His brother, Hugh D. Nickle, graduated in 1923.

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

Quick of wit and with a tongue to match, "Colored" takes his duly joy ride 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 snaky mo tropolis.

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 very correct South African. Among Johnnie's more famous antecedents are chancers and cutouts. Scholarship Johnnie is followed through the year, but secretly his ambition is to compose poetry for the King, Baker-Carr: God save him—he's a good kid, a coming songwriter, and an excellent politician.

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

Mixed with "Norrie's" New England characteristics of straightforwardness and substantiality is an unassuming air of modesty and reserve that make his days gay with his brothers. He not only started on the freshman basketball nine, but assisted materially in bringing home the silver 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 his own.

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

Paul is the Hercules of his delegation and is thorough gentleman. His only deficiency is the lack of good business sense, and the presence of an amazing scarcity for pecuniary economizing. We hope that living a year or two with money of our own, he will learn to save some. "Shoestring" will cure him of that. A few more adjustments to real Tech life and "Jonesie" is going to be one of the make-up men of his generation.

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 Athletics Association and (Continued on Page 4)

SIGMA CHI STANDS WELL IN STUDENT ACTIVITIES

Men in Every Class Are Out for Athletic and Activity Honors

Sigma Chi will lose several grams of weight this coming season. The first place for enhancing the reputation and maintaining its records in activities belongs to Broth er Glen Bateman, the graduating senior. Brother Bateman has had a sustained career as a varsity track man, and is the former captain of the fraternity, it is their duty to get in touch with the desires of young men of their community that are entering college and that is bough the best way. The active chapters can and are getting in touch with the right class of young men, but they had your help. The Sigma Chi in mind and ATTEND TO THE ENCLOS ED 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 repairs were customarily 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 apparent was the work done through the medium of the "House Rejuvenation Fund." This fund is maintained by contributions from the financially embarrassed brothers. Under the leadership of Sam Anchincoll the committee in charge of the fund has purchased new cushions 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 hammered and smooched together to produce a pleasing effect and new chintz has been put in the proper place. The 1925บ26 class is doing well in the track managers' competition, which lead to an A. A. future for him, while pledges are called "Chaps" on the Tech. Show. Jope is in the boxing managers' competition, and Dave Donovan in the swimming managers' competition besides being on the second freshman crew, and treasurer elect of his class. Jones, the strong man of the class, has been pulling a mean oar on the first freshman crew. We believe he will row in the varsity shell next year.

In the present Junior class, Guy Plesse, who has been the manager of the 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 publica tion campaign, being made the Edi tor of The Technic for the ensuing year. (Continued on Page 2)
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John A. Curtin '22 died May 26, 1934, on a train of the Southern Ral.

CHAPTER OFFICERS

Basketball Schedule

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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 4th in the Chamber of Commerce, bidding for one of the best Sigma Chi banquet in history. Every Brother Alex Sharp, Executive Secre.

tary, 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 which was second to none in its expression, and, said to be, was a little when he produced his age-worn and singular pipe.

On the toast were by Brothers Boyl.

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

Shelton, 1915, George Bruce Franklin, Delta 1903, Barrett D. Tyler, Alpha Phi 1904, and Oakley E. Coffee, Beta Delta 1932. A specially organized cheer section from the Harvard Group inserted a cheer and song whenever they could catch Brother McPherson off guard, while all the banquets joined in on some of the more familiar songs.

In a metropolitan place such as Bos.

true we are an aristocratic house. Thirteen cars at 132 respond to the coagings of their Sigma Chi masters. But thirteen is an unlucky number—nine of the thirteen are Forda, the rest automobiles.

The Chapter will be well repre.

sent in Boston circles, social and scholastic, this summer. Twelve of the brothers so far have signified their intention to spend the summer months. Thus is scholarship attained.

Albert P. Cashy '17 died in Denver, Colorado, on March 13, 1935, following a protracted illness. After leaving the Institute Cashy entered the employ of the du Pont Company at Wyoming, New Jersey. He had completed his research 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 Nework, New York, on September 15, 1934, after an illness of only five days. After graduating from Exeter Brother Clark spent two years here at Tech

ology. He then transferred to Yale University, from which he was gradu

ated in 1922.

SIGMA CHI BANQUET DRAWS LARGE CROWD

Sigmachi 21 Beta Theta Pi 14 Sigma Chi 25 Kappa Sigma 19 Sigma Chi 26 Sigma Nu 18 Sigma Chi 45 Delta Tau Delta 32 Sigma Chi 21 Lambda Chi Alpha 18

BASKETBALL SQUAD LEAGUE CHAMPIONS

SIGMA CHI WINS FOR THIRD TIME IN FIVE YEARS TO OAIN 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 mantlepiece at 332 Beacon Street. Three championship ships 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 de

finitive game, which was at Tufts, was the hardest and closest fought of the season. The Sigs gave the game a show 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 opposers were right and Sigma Chi would end as runner up.

Both teams had enough support from the sideline to make the referee wear his coltion in both. These were 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 blow, and the game ended with Sigma Chi leading, 21 to 18.

The team: Cye McDougall and Jim Brown, captains; Dick Overman, cen.

tral; 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, Lambda Chi's Alpha fourth year delegation, the Seniors have more than compensated for 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 Lattrobe Bateman has been an outstanding man in undergraduate cir-

cles throughout the four years of his stay at Technology. As an athlete he ran on the freshman and varsity crack squads. The respect that Glen's classmates hold for his ability and integ-

rity is evidenced by four years of ser-

vice 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 his history to hold the presidency of his class both Junior and Senior years. In the Chap-

ter Glen has held many offices, culmi-

nating in his serving as Consul the last half of this present year.

Conrad M. Anderson came to us his Sophomore year as an affiliate from Mu Chapter, DePauw University. Outside of his interests around the house "Benny" has devoted his extra strength to three last 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 burner 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 151 East Live Oak Street, San Gabriel.

1902


1913

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

1915

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

1919

Douglas H. Heath is with the Pike and Cook Company, Builders, at 416 South Dearborn Street, Chicago, Ill.

1922

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

1916

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

1918

Walter J. Stewart is with the Philadelphia office of the John-Maurice Company. He has been reached at the Montevesta Apartments, 68th and Oxford Streets.

1919

Captain Frank R. Hust, U. S. A., has been assigned to duty in the University of West Virginia at Morgantown, West Virginia.

1920

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.

1924

B. Allen Thayer and wife announce the birth of a daughter, Naimi, on November 12, 1924.

1925

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

1926

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

1927

Edward R. Parrow and wife announce the birth of a daughter, Ruth Elisabeth, on April 29, 1927.

1933

J. Donald Lee is with the Edison Electric Company of Brooklyn, New York.

1936

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

1937

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

1940

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

1942

John B. McGee, 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.

1943

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

1944

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

1945

Donald W. Marceau, 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.

1946

Mitchell D. Allen is branch manager of Smiley’s Clothing Store, located at Harvard Square in Cambridge.

1947

Frank M. Garver is now employed by the Packard Motor Company in Detroit. His address there is 4653 Cass Avenue.

1948

Mr. and Mrs. Francis Warren Bean of Brookline, Mass., have announced the engagement of their daughter, Ellen, to Brother Hugh D. McKinnon of ‘23.

ROLL OF HONOR

As Secretary and Treasurer of the Trustees of Alpha Theta, I am required to give to the Chapter's alumnus 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 members of names 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 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. Quillen, 1925; William J. Maigne, 1922; Viking Etebuske, 1926 and Boynton J. Fletcher, 1928.

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

1920—James S. Gill.
1923—Ralph C. Jordan, Charles A. Emerson, Jr.
1926—A. Senior Prince, George A. Quillen, William Huff Layle.
1929—John Donaldson, Holden C. Richardson.
1935—L. S. Border.
1940—John M. Hargrave, Rudolph H. Fox, Allen W. Reid, Clarence McDonald and William J. Maigne.
1941—Peter C. Lieber.
1945—Horatio W. Brown, Viking Etebuske, Oliver C. Norton, George M. Hohl.
1919—Osvald Cammann, Jr.

SIGMA CHI HAS GOOD SCHOLASTIC RECORD

Since 1924 the Institute has published a record of the relative standings of the fraternities. The standings of Sigma Chi during this period has been subject to violent fluctuation, but it has straightened out somewhat near the top.

For the four years ending last winter our average standing has been 4.4. There has been one really bad year, when our standing has been below that of some other fraternities. 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 leap up the pace and come in second at least.

MARRIAGES

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catering the interests of Yoo Doo, the undergraduate humorous publication. As its most efficient Business Manager in its Junior and Senior years he was able to do much towards giving the firm financial standing it now enjoys. Among his chapter activities Brother Billsman served as Pro-

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Charles Moyer Billings
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George Baer Conard
Charles Rick Mahlenberg

Johannesburg, South Africa
Detroit, Michigan
Minneapolis, Minnesota
Easton, Pennsylvania

1926

New York City
Reading, Pennsylvania
Oshawa, Ontario
Cooperstown, Tennessee
Waltham, Massachusetts
Rochester, New York

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Jackson, Michigan
Chicago, Illinois
Drake Hill, Pennsylvania
Manchester, Connecticut
Detroit, Michigan
Rochester, New York

1928

Jacksonville, Florida
Concord, Massachusetts
Morristown, Connecticut
New Bedford, Massachusetts
Unicoi, Maine
Peoria, Illinois

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city work on the track he is forming friendships and taking advantages of opportunities that will keep him moving up the ladder. Unfortunately he is unable to live in the house but our respect is with him when we realize that he is paying his own way through school, a fact which at Tech deserves no little commendation.

WILLIAM J. SLAUGLE ’28, Memphis, Tenn. Chemical Engineering Ad-
mintration.

"Bill" is truly a prince of freshmen, willing, capable, observant, and the best of sports. He has balanced to a nice degree his studies, athletics, and so-
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James Rhyme Killian, Jr.
Richard Franklin Parsons
Francis Reid Van Buren
Albert Corydon Warner
Eugene Augustus Chase
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If you asked "Cope" what was most proud of him he would undoubtedly say his position on the 150 pound crew that finished a successful season by defeating Princeton. If you asked us whether we would say that it is because we have "Cope" a thorough gentleman, well bred and considerate, with a personality that grows immensely likable with lengthened acquaintance.

DAVID R. DONOVAN ’28, Meriden, Conn. Electrical Engineering.

"Dave" is so new to us we can say much more than that he is as popular among his classmates as he is in the house. He is treasurer of his class and this coming year and as fresh as the fresh man crew.