TWO INITIATIONS HELD THIS YEAR

Seven Freshmen Given White Cross in Fall—Three Men in Spring Ceremony

The regular fall initiation was held December 1, 1923, at the house, the following men being initiated: I. S. Tappan, H. E. Muhlenberg, R. G. Kailes, Lee McInerney, M. A. Collins, Jr., E. A. Chase, and Frank von Brecht, Jr. These seven freshmen were subjected to the customary initiation week events under the guidance of Josie Byrse, freshman manager; while Mortimer Serat, Beta Mu '19, effectively and thoroughly handled the initiation proper.

Following the completion of the ceremonies, early in the evening, a semi-luncheon was held in the House dining room. Short talks were made by the visiting delegates, alumni, and members of the chapter, and the proverbial Sig spirit greeted the new members. Among the alumni present were: A. V. Swift, '14; A. M. Packard, Rho Rho, '99; John W. Klockner, '18, and Wm. B. Freeman, '21. The delegates from the Brown Chapter were Malcolm Graham and Fordye Lozier. C. H. Hammond came down from Maine.

A second initiation was held on April 12th, at which time R. G. Dexter, '27, Phillips Russell, '25 and W. E. Edwards, '26, were given the White Cross. G. Bateman was in charge of the nepheus, and Brother John B. McPherson assisted in the initiation. His talk to the freshmen concluded the ceremony most impressively. At both initiations the presence of alumni and visitors added much to the occasion and it cannot be too strongly urged that all who can attend in the future do so.

House Party

During Junior Week the chapter gave what it considers as one of the most successful house parties in the memory of the oldest living undergraduate. Mrs. F. G. Cumming, Larry's mother, officiated as chaperon. The fun began with fourteen hand-picked beauties on the roll call.

Starting Saturday noon, April 19, the interval before dinner was while away greeting new arrivals, admiring Noyes Billings' poster of Prom events, and imbibing oolong and dance music at Walker Memorial. The first real skirmish was that evening. The house dance was

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83 PERCENT OF CHAPTER IN ACTIVITIES

Twenty-five out of the thirty-one members of the chapter have been engaged in some form of student activity during the past term. Five of the men have been competing in varsity athletics and seven freshman on freshmen teams, while sixteen men have been holding positions in non-athletic activities.

It is interesting to note that years of high activity participation usually show a drop in scholastic standing, but this year a high standing has been reached in both with a scholastic rating of second among the Christian fraternities and eighty-three per cent of the men in activities.

Athletics

Technology's biggest year on the Charles has found Alpha Theta well represented in the various crew. Sayre '24 pulls an oar on the Varsity. Murdock '26 is captain of the Junior Varsity and has Goroch '26 rowing number six. Kailes captained the freshman Field Day crew, of which Tappan was the stroke and Chase the coxswain. Frisbie is manager elect of crew. Who wishes to challenge Alpha Theta for the four oared shell championship of Sigma Chi?

Bateman was captain of the one mile indoor relay team. Dean made the Varsity swimming team and hammered the Varsity basketball squad, while Conard is Publicity Manager of the Athletic Association. Dexter sprang a surprise in the Interclass meet by winning the high jump and so gaining five much needed points for the Freshmen. Last fall Goroch and Warner, a newcomer from Alpha Zeta, played on the Sophomore football team. Ernest Muhlenberg and von Brecht ran on the Freshman Field Day team, while Collins played on the '27 ball team.

In intramural basketball the chapter hopes to take a sudden drop when the Betas came out on top in the semi-finals. The cup, which we held for two years, is gone, but forgotten only until next year's team swings into action. To date one baseball game has been won and one lost in the inter-fraternity league.

Non Athletic Activities

Pleather has followed in Taylor's footsteps and is handling the monies for all athletics and other activities. He is treasurer of the Institute Committee and chairman of the Budget Committee. Bateman is Junior Class President and Senior President elect. He has a successful Junior Week and the "burying of the beaver." Technology's "infant tradition" to his credit. Tech Show

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TRUSTEES FINALLY PURCHASE PRESENT HOME FOR CHAPTER

SIGMA CHI ACTIVITY LEADERS NEXT YEAR

Senior Class President
G. L. Bateman
Manager of Crew
G. S. Frisbie
Manager of Institute's Student Council
C. R. Muhlenberg
Editor of The Tech
H. G. Burt
Business Manager of Voo Doo
C. R. Billman
Art Editor of Technique R. C. Dean

Endowment Fund Makes Buy Possible—$40,000 Paid for House

The purchase of the house now occupied by Alpha Theta was consummated by the trustees during the early part of April. This move, made possible by appropriating the endowment fund, has solved the most insolvent problem the chapter has had facing it for the past several years. Both trustees and chapter extensively studied the question and realized that the house's choice was to buy.

The history of the negotiations is long. On January 1, 1919, the chapter leased as a home the brick house, built for occupancy by the late Francis W. Kittredge of Boston, near the Harvard Bridge and numbered 532 Beacon Street. This winter the three owners, the heirs of Mr. Kittredge, declined to renew the lease, which expires June 30, and decided, if the house could not be sold, to turn it into doctors' offices. A thorough search of the neighborhood by a chapter committee failed to disclose a house adapted to their purposes, which could be leased; and those for sale were held at figure beyond our reach. The Trustees were therefore faced with the necessity of purchasing the property or having no building within easy walking distance of the Institute in which to house the chapter.

After careful consideration and after consulting contributing trustees to the fund in the Trustees' hands, none of whom registered an objection, it was decided to purchase the house for $40,000. Title was passed on May 1, on which date $28,000 was paid in cash and a mortgage was given for $12,000 at six per cent, payable in five years.

The abstract of title was passed upon with the cooperation of various real estate attorneys, who also prepared a declaration of trust, by the terms of which the three Trustees, Dr. Henry M. Chase, George M. Angier and John Bruce McPherson, will govern the management of the property and the income from it.

The possession of the house is due to the liberality, consistent support and encouragement given by General Coleman de Pont, one of the chapter's charter members; and the other older men who contributed to the two campaigns conducted to secure the funds; by the payment of notes by the younger alumni and by contributions of the chapter in a number of years. To all who have helped

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THE ALPHA THETA ANNUAL
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Mass. Institute of Technology

WHAT THE CHAPTER THINKS

Of the Buying of the House:

Nothing has done more to stimulate progressive determination and give confidence in Alpha Theta's future than this. With the assurance of a permanent residence, we are able to direct our attention toward a more intensive development of chapter policy and personnel.

We feel indebted to the trustees for their work in financing and arranging the details of purchase. The unifying activity of Grand Prior John B. McPherson in this respect and in the general interest of the chapter has been fully realized and appreciated.

Of the Alumni:

It is the alumni that have made possible the endowment fund and the consequent purchase of the house, and their support has been the feature of the campaign. It is becoming increasingly evident that a cohesive and loyal body of alumni is a chapter's most valuable asset. Not merely financial support is needed but the mature judgment and experience of the older men. Suggestions are needed, moreso, solicited, and visits are welcomed and desired. The recent suggestion of an alumni initiated an entirely new and improved rushing system. Are there any others suggestions extant?

An alumni chapter was organized in Rochester, N.Y., some time ago through the initiative of Alpha Theta men. We urge that this be repeated in other cities wherever the number of Sigma Chi warrants. Particularly should every alumni in the East endeavor to increase the prestige of the fraternity here.

Of Rushing:

We have placed our rushing campaign for next year on a systematized and efficient basis. A centralized rushing committee headed by C.R. Muhlenberg will direct activities and is now studying the situation, getting a line on men, and writing reports of useful data. Emphasis is being given to the idea that the chapter has a service to render and has the inherent capacity for giving a man something lasting. The chapter is entangling itself in no rushing agreements.

We need recommendations and of course depend upon the alumni and other chapters for these: ATTEND TO THE ENCLOSED RUSHING BLANK if possible.

Of Expansion:

The word "conservative" has become trite and of meaningless connotation, but we strongly desire an adherence to a conservative policy, believing that the growth of the fraternity is reaching a natural limit. Always in favor of a worthy petitioning group in a major college we feel at present that, with a few exceptions, opportunities are exhausted.

records. Their names, arranged by classes, are as follows:

1905
Charles A. Emerson, Harrisburg, Pa.
William H. Lally, Detroit, Mich.
A. Senior Prince, Chicago, Ill.

1906
John Donaldson, Perris, Cal.

1907
Hollen C. Richardson, U.S. Navy.

1908
Paul R. Fanning
Gerald T. Haxley, Providence, R.I.
William C. Kerr, Cantonville, Md.
Chester La Mar Prichard,
Mannington, W.Va.

1909
Lee Scott Border, U.S. Navy

1911
Charles Phillips Kerr, Boston, Mass.

1912
Rudolph H. Fox, Denver, Col.
John M. Hargrave, Cincinnati, O.
Clarence J. McDonough, Pittsburgh, Pa.
Allen W. Reid, Milwaukee, Wis.

1913
Peter C. Lieber, Indianapolis, Ind.

1914
August S. True, Arlington, Mass.

HORARIO W. BROWN, Hampton, Va.
George M. Hohl, Bethlehem, Pa.

OSWALD CAMMANN, Jr., Dayton, O.

WILLIAM M. B. FREDMAN, Broadline, Mass.

With respect to those notes, which are obligations that should be paid, the signers, generically speaking, into four broad classes:

(1) Those who have paid in full;
(2) Those who have made payment in part, intend to pay in full;
(3) Those who for various good reasons have not yet been able to pay;
(4) Those who have not paid a dollar, and who have paid no attention to many appeals.

To which class do you belong and in which class do you wish the trustees to enroll you?

Between November 1, 1923, and May 15, 1924, Brother McPherson collected $300 from note makers, and he hopes to increase that sum to $500 before the fiscal year closes on October 31. Will you help to reduce the mortgage by paying at least one note, and more, if possible?

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THE NEW MEN

Lewis Sanford Teppan, '27, Wellesley, Mass.

As massive in build as he is verbose in speech, Tap demands and commands attention. His social inclinations have not interfered with the length of his duties and activities, he being captain of the freshman crew and a student of average ability.

Henry Ernest Muhlenberg, '27, Reading, Penn.

Ernie is another addition to the Sigma Chi progeny of the Muhlenberg family, his father and two uncles being Sigs, not to mention his brother, Chick, Consul Elect. He is a consistent worker, an architectural student, and is characterized by a retiring nature and an affinity for a deep-toned guitar.

Robert Gray Kales, '27, Detroit, Mich.

Bob's father preceded him in the chapter, graduating in the class of '92. The son is well known by his great fair coat and his rowing on the freshman crew. Aristocratic, he seems fired with a grim determination to lounge lazily but affably through life.

Lee McCann, '27, Rochester, N. Y.

Lee is a congenital and promising freshman, already showing marks of a successful Institute activity man. His impersonation of femininity in Tech Show has won him renown, and he is doing constructive work as a member of the Walter Memorial Committee. He mixes successful scholarship with blue shirts and crepe shoes.

Morgan A. Collins, Jr., '27, Chicago, III.

His ability as a student, his participation in outside activities, and his interest in House affairs, particularly rowing, are Morg's outstanding traits. Everything he undertakes he does willingly, whether it's rowing the brothers at the crack of dawn, or ironing costumes for the Tech Show on their New England tour. Thanks to paternal influence through "Chief" Collins, Morg has the undivided support of the Chicago "bluecoats."

Eugene Augustus Chase, '27, Jackson, Mich.

This youth was born and bred in Beverly, Massachusetts, which explains the accent. Not a child prodigy but a close approach, for he carries the chapter's brilliance with him. Several years' experience in a bank has given him a practical slant on life. The chapter has expectations of this embryo financier.

Frank Von Brehm, Jr., '27, St. Louis, Mo.

Frank was the object of a concentrated attack from several fraternities last fall, and just now he is being to overcome the effects of the lengthening season. Equipment for a hunting lodge can be found in his trunk, although his instruments are more numerous than his actions. A show drauel, a proverbial sleepmer, and a likeable, affable personality are his characteristics.

Robert Gordon Dexter, '27, Manchester, Conn.

With his saxophone and his wit he can perch on the top of the world. Jazz incorporated, a real musician, a successful student, and a freshman man is he, and these accomplishments bespeak his abiding interest. His mannerly turn and well-poised personality are responsible for his popularity.


Phil is versatile and cosmopolitan, a globe trotter, and an architect. The end of his travels and the limit of his experiences have yet to be discovered. The chapter's work, the chapter's spirit, and the chapter's social activity find expression wherever his Spanish physiognomy appears.

Willard Eldridge Edwards, '26, Quincy, Mass.

His pulchritude was also a feature of Tech Show, and he has been successful as a student. Experience on the sea, principally as a wireless operator, is responsible for his nature. His pleasant smile and ruddy complexion have been seriously missed for the past three weeks, due to a serious operation, from which he is rapidly recovering.

CHANGES in CHAPTER PERSONNEL

When the house reassembled on September 21 for running, it was found that twenty-four active men had returned. This number was soon increased by the affiliation of James Rhyme Killian, '26, from Beta Lambda of Trinity College, and Finley Grant Cameron, '25, from Beta Zeta of the University of North Dakota. Rushing started immediately and by the end of seven weeks seven freshmen were pledged.

Bob Canby, '23, received his degree in November and started work with the Canby, Aeh, and Canby Company of Dayton, Ohio. The chapter continued with an active strength of thirty-two after the initiation on December first till after Christmas vacation, with: Brother Brown, Spaulding, Pitt, Mundy, and Cavis paying us longer or shorter visits at one time or another during the fall.

Brother Auchincloss resigned from the Institute in the last part of December, and now is in New York, working with the New York Edison Company, and hopes to be able to return this fall. Brothers Kinsey and Mares left to join the School of Chemical Engineering Practice with stations in various towns. They receive their degrees this June. Brother Mares getting his Bachelor's degree and Brother Kinsey his Master's. During the month of January Robert G. Dexter was pledged, while early in February Brother Rockefeller left us to go to Brown. A little later Phillips Russell and Willard Edwards were pledged, so that after their initiation on April 12 the chapter numbered thirty-one men.

CHAPTER OFFICERS FOR NEXT YEAR

C. R. Muhlenberg
G. L. Bateman
J. R. Killian, Jr.
F. G. Cameron
J. B. Bamburg
R. G. Dexter
M. A. Collins
Lee McCann
W. E. Edwards
H. E. Muhlenberg
Steward

MARRIAGES

John B. McPherson, Theta, '83, Grand Practor, and Miss Mary P. Lamb were married at Watertown, Massachusetts, on February 6, 1924. They are living in Brookline at 42 Garrison Road, an address very well known to many of the members of the chapter, who have been so often entertained with their hospitality. Brother McPherson's door is always gladly opened to members of Sigma Chi.

John Atchon Clark, '18, and Miss Jane Dewey, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Dewey, and niece of Professor Davis R. Dewey, were married at New York City, May 24, 1924. Brother and Mrs. Clark are both studying for their Doctors' degrees. They are to live in Cambridge next year. Brother Clark has been living at the House while instructing at the Institute for the past two years, and will be greatly missed by the members of the chapter. Brother Clark will remain in charge of the Physics Laboratory at the Institute next year.

Simeon E. Travis, '20, and Miss Alice Sanford Jones were married on November 10, 1923, at Danville, Virginia. They are living at Hattiesburg, Mississippi.

G. L. Bateman
S. M. Moreton, Jr., '21, and Miss Kola Williams were married on November 21, 1923, at Lexington, Mississippi.

Osward Cammann, '19, and Miss Mariel Coby Thresher, sister of B. Alden Thresher, '18, were married at Dayton, Ohio, February 2, 1924.

B. Alden Thresher, '18, and Miss Irene Kattwinkel were married on November 27, 1923, at West Newton, Massachusetts.

Henry S. Colton, '21, and Miss Ruth Watters were married at Rydal, Pennsylvania, October 6, 1923.

George H. Ludlow, '19, and Miss Elea- nor Robinson of Boston were married at Trinity Church, Boston, May 24, 1924. The Alpha Theta Chapter attended the wedding en masse.

Hamilton L. Wood, '17, and Miss Katherine Billings of Boston were married in Jamaica Plain, Massachusetts, on June 1, 1923.

William M. B. Freeman, '20, and Miss Elizabeth Hodgson of St. Louis have announced their engagement.

ALUMNI PERSONALS

Samuel S. Auchincloss, Jr., ex '26, is working for the New York Edison Company.

Robert L. Rockefeller, ex '25, is now at Brown University.

After working five years with the Winchester Company, Herbert F. Jermain, '18, has recently secured a position as Development Engineer with the Western Electric Company of New York City. He is living at 311 Maple Avenue, East Orange, New Jersey.

Hall Kirkham, '23, is Assistant Superintendent of the Spectacle Glass Department of the Bausch and Lomb Company, Rochester, New York.


Hubert D. Barnes, ex '25, is in an Architect's office in Milwaukee.

Joseph C. Patty, '22, is with the Greenville, Ohio, Gravel Company, supervising construction.

Harry E. Rockefeller, '22, is with the Linde Air Products Company, New York City.

Hugh D. McKinnon, '23, is now working with the New York Central Railroad.

Leon L. McGrady, '23, is in business with his father in The Lintera Cotton Waste Products and Chemical Cotton Company, at Fall River, Massachusetts.

Randall E. Spaulding, '22, after having spent the winter at St. Petersburg, Florida, is now at the Mount View House, Whitefield, New Hampshire.

John W. Rockefeller, '25, holds an important position with John Chalmers & Sons, New York City.

Robert C. Canby, '23, is working in the Prepared Foods Company at Woodbury, New Jersey.

William H. F. Rose, '21 and Mrs. Rose, announced the birth on March 27, of a daughter, Andrea Wyld Rose.

Mr. and Mrs. Howard V. Shipley, '23, announced the birth of a son, Thomas Shipley, in New York.

John M. Hargraves, 1912, President of the American Tool Company, called at the Sigma Chi House on a recent visit to Boston. He expressed himself as being greatly pleased both with the home and the chapter, and congratulated the Trustees on the work accomplished by them.

Thayer T. Gates, '02, is President of the Gates Finishing Company, Medford, Massachusetts.

The Rochester Alumni Chapter of Sigma Chi has recently been organized, and already has about twenty-eight members, Hall Kirkham, '23, Thomas M. Taylor, '22, and Frederick J. Hopkinson, '19, Theta Theta alumni, helped organize the chapter, and are taking active part in its functions.
First Province Holds Convention Here

The First Province Convention was held at the chapter house, March 29, when delegates from Main, Dartmouth and Brown met with our own men to discuss matters of interest in the province. Grand Praetor John B. McPherson presided at the meetings.

As the Wind Blowseth—So Shall We Eat

It all began one beautiful fall morning. The bricklayers were busy outside the apartment house next door; they had raised the level of the top of the Sigma Chi house. That same morning our stove revolved, and refused to draw for the next few days. A plumber was summoned, and after many hours work in the kitchen, and all the way up the chimney—inside and out—he discovered that a board had been laid over the top of the chimney. The board was removed and everything went O. K. for a few days. When the apartment house had reached a considerable altitude the wind suddenly shifted to the east, and to our dismay, the chimney again failed.

Many methods have been tried to induce our chimney to draw up instead of down, but all to no avail. At present, thanks to Mr. Goldberg, the inventor of balloon tires, we have a tin chimney in the form of a helix, which is very unsuccessful. Our boy inventor, Dan Sayre, is now working on a process by which the connections on the stove may be recessed from the bottom to the top of the chimney. If he is successful we will be able to make use of the downward draft as well as the upward, by merely pressing a button.

CHAPTER FINANCES

The annual income from the house, rented to the chapter, the garage, and the estimated carrying charges are as follows:

Income
Rental from house $4,000.00
Rental from garage $400.00
Total $4,400.00

Margin of safety $1,793.00
Estimated Expenses
Interest on mortgage $220.00
Taxes $1,200.00
Repairs $500.00
Insurance $125.00
Extras $200.00
Total $2,445.00

We shall lose by graduation in June six men, namely, Brothers Fletcher, Murdock, Nevin, Sayre, Nickle, and Byrnes, leaving the chapter for next year with approximately the same strength that it had at the beginning of this season.

The Active Chapter

1924
Daniel C. Sayre
John C. Byrne
Donald W. Murdock
Thomas M. Nevin
Hugh D. Nickle
Boynton J. Fletcher

1925
Clarence J. McDonough, Jr.
Horace G. Burt
Glen L. Bateman
Charles R. Mushenberg
Charles M. Billman
G. Bailey Edwards
Finlay G. Cameron
Phillips Russell

1926
A. W. Kenney Billings, Jr.
Corbit S. Hoffmann, Jr.
James B. Bamford
Robert C. Deane
Frank H. Geresh, Jr.
Richard B. Parsons
Guy S. Frielke
J. Roihe Killian
William P. Edwards

1927
Lewis S. Tapan
H. Ernst Mushenberg
Robert G. Sales
Lee McCane
Morgan A. Collins, Jr.
Eugene A. Chase
Frank R. Brecht, Jr.
Robert G. Dexter

On other pages we have told of those brothers who have been ensnared in the holy bonds of matrimony. Their cases are beyond salvage—they are it. But it would be a shame not to make some effort to save those who are still with us. They are rapidly falling like true—but if we work fast it will not be too late.

To resort to the personal—in one room with five men in it one has just married, two are engaged, one is now striving mightily to become re-engaged and the fifth—he commutes regularly to Providence, but blushingly denies all sordid female affections.

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We bewail the dissemblement of our Sigma Chi elopages. What has become of the Cellar Gang? In vain we look for the shining faces of Rho Eta Alpha! The Hermit's Club is a thing of the past. They have gone—the old girth way to the new?

Sigma Chi Good In Scholarship

Second place among the twenty-four Christian fraternities of the Institute was the last reported ranking of the chapter. This is a distinct improvement over the past two years and is indicative of the gratitude the chapter is fostering. The abrupt variations in scholastic standing is shown by the following record:

June, 1921 8th
December, 1921 2nd
June, 1922 3rd
December, 1922 20th
June, 1923 11th
December, 1923 2nd
Average 9th

Participation in activities usually brings a drop in scholarship, but this year the parable is true. That the Institute is becoming more difficult is the expressed Opinion of the professors, and it is gratifying to the chapter members to realize that the chapter is attaining a higher standard. The scholarship chart is still maintained showing the relative position of the men in the chapter. It has proved useful as an urge for the men to advance in their work.

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Chained a large share of our attention. Nevin and McCane blossomed forth as chorus girls while Hoffman and Edwards did their stuff in the balket, which Murdock led until forced to give it up on work on the crew. Collins is assistant stage manager.

With six men interested in publications the chapter has missed little in the way of news. Burr is editor of The Tech and has Killian and Russell on his staff. Hillman is business manager and Billings art editor of Voo Doo. Dean will be art editor of Technique 1926.

Dexter plays his saxophone for the Musical Club and played in a specialty stunt for Tech Show. McCane will be a Sophomore member of the Walker Memorial Committee.

During the summer Murdock headed the governing body at the miners' camp and Nevin edited the Benchmark at the surveyor's camp.

Now the chapter takes on more of an air of social well being. Our foundations may be finances and scholarship—but they are well concealed beneath a noble exterior, as all good foundations should. Look Yl! Dances, houseparties, dances! And the bi-weekly pilgrimage to Wellesley. Not that the more strictly local talent suffers through excessive commuting. Many, but not all, have invested in 20-cent tickets. All of which goes to prove that Technology is not as serious as it is painted. We know how to work— we also know how to play!