Societies

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KAPPA BETA PI LEGAL SORORITY FOUNDERS' DAY LUNCHEON AT BISMARCK HOTEL DEC. 18

The forty-two chapters of Kappa Beta Pi International Legal Sorority celebrated Founders' Day on Saturday, December 18, 1926. Here in Chicago the seven chapters representing Chicago Kent College of Law, Northwestern University, De Paul University, John Marshall Law School, Chicago Law School, Loyola University, and University of Chicago, held a luncheon at the Bismarck Hotel and entertained four of the ten founders of this institution.

In 1907 ten women law students at Chicago-Kent College of Law banded themselves together, meeting at a luncheon at Carson's, and organized the first legal sorority; and as the newspapers of that day remarked to this effect, “after concluding the business of the day each budding Portia left to complete her day’s Christmas shopping.” But from that little energetic group of courageous women today Kappa Beta Pi has grown and claims in its fold the foremost women lawyers in this country and Canada. The growth is remarkable. Only accredited law schools are granted charters.

At the Bismarck forty Kappas sat at the long board, with Mrs. Alice Craig Edgerton of Mukwago, Wisconsin, one of the founders, as toastmistress at the head, with Mrs. Charlotte Doolittle White, Mrs. Sue Brown Hassell, Miss Claire Gleason, all of Chicago, at her right.

“Only recently,” Mrs. Edgerton said, “I read that although women have entered all professions and walks of life, it is too bad that they are mingling in the law with men and slowly acquiring masculine airs, but I am happy to see this representation truly feminine.”

Miss Marie Andresen, assistant state’s attorney, in her talk, said, “There is a vast field for a woman attorney. And I am speaking particularly to the young girls present here. For any girl with a truly serious purpose, success can be attained. A successful woman attorney is not a rarity today.”

Among those present were: Martha Elvert, Agnes Clohesy, Emma Foley, Marian Berg Bidderman, Ruth Rowe, Nancy Pfieger, Kent alumnae; Gwendolyn Ostrum, acting dean, Helen Goltra, Mrs. Barbara Matuscek, Frieda Weinman, Kent coeds.

Considering the success that has been attained by those present at this luncheon, and the success of those not present, we can only say that the masculine members of the profession had better look to their laurels.

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PHI DELTA PHI WINS CUP

Phi Delta Phi, the original donor of the Fraternity Scholarship Cup, is itself announced the winner of the trophy for the second semester of the 1925-1926 college year. Since this organization originally put up the cup for competition, much keen rivalry has been evidenced among the fraternities, and it reflects greatly to the credit of Phi Delta Phi men to have annexed the prize with the high average noted below.

A slight change in the rules of competition has recently been made, namely, that competing organizations shall enter not less than twenty-five men. In case of a fewer number being available, the deficiency up to twenty-five is made up by considering the balance of the required number on the basis of C grades, and the average of the twenty-five thus computed. The standing of the contending fraternities and their respective grades are as follows:

Phi Delta Phi ................ 1.621 2/35
Delta Chi ................... 1.361 1/6
Nu Beta Epsilon ............ 1.346 12/25
Phi Alpha Delta .......... 1.332 25/27
Kappa Beta Pi ............. 1.277 4/5
Alpha Sigma Iota ........ 1.133 9/25
Delta Theta Phi .......... 1.079 23/25

Only a few more weeks are left before the end of this term and it may be safely said that every one of "the gang" is boning as never before; the midnight oil is being used up in huge quantities since the exams are looming up ominously close now and it is the endeavor of everybody to keep the scholarship standards right up where they belong. Graduation will take many of our valued members, but who they are has not as yet been determined. Yet, we all must graduate some time, even though it does hurt, so here's hoping, "the sooner, the better."

PHI ALPHA DELTA NOTES

On December 3, 1926, Blackstone Chapter of Phi Alpha Delta held its first informal initiation of the school year 1926-27, and ten candidates were subjected to as much tyrannical treatment as was deemed necessary for the proper purification of body and soul to fit them for the formal initiation held the following day at Chapter headquarters in the Hearst Building. Directly following the formal initiation a banquet was held at the Hotel La Salle in honor of the new members, namely Brothers Belding, Bundy, Edwards, Hewitt, Jensen, McAloon, Rockwood, Spangler, Tomlinson and Uppington. The initiation was enjoyed by the brothers and endured by the candidates. However, everybody present at the banquet had a good time, the musical accomplishments of some of the brothers furnishing delightful entertainment, which was followed by speeches, both entertaining and instructive.

The Christmas vacation was welcomed with open arms, most of the brothers leaving the city for Christmas, but January 3 found everyone ready to get back on the job with renewed vigor.

ALPHA SIGMA IOTA
FRATERNITY

The annual Fraternity Dance is a thing of the past in the minds of the members of the Alpha Sigma Iota Fraternity and their friends as far as the date is concerned, but it will require more than the mere passing of time to erase the memory of that affair, for it was a success in the true sense of the word, both financially and socially. The next in order is the New Year’s Eve Dance, to be sponsored by the Alumni Chapter, and this also promises to go over with a bang, and is being given the support of every Chapter.
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