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## Meet Our New Initiates



HERE ARE THE NEOPHYTES who are now proudly wearing the Pi K. A. Badge. Reading left to right we have, back row: Winklemann, Munger, Cooper. Middle: Pavey, Wright, Mumford. Front: Casey, Olson, Buys.

## Here Is Information About Several Beta-Eta Alumni Who Are "I" Men

Who are the Pi K.A. alumni who have won letters in varsity sports at Illinois?

We'd like to have as complete a list as possible, and for a start give the following alumni who have sent in data sheets to the Athletic Association, preparatory to the publication of a general directory of all "I" men.

They include: Oscar W. Burgess '18, envelope manufacturer, 624 W. Adams, Chicago; Wilbur Frederick '34, production manager. Residence: Algonquin, Ill.; Paul W. Gibbs '36, auto finance, 301 S. Adams street, Peoria. Res: 412 Columbia Terrace. John C. Worth '26, coach at South Charleston High school, South Charleston, W. Va.

William E. Schroeder '26, real estate and insurance, 134 N. LaSalle, Chicago. Res: 714 Sheridan Road, Evanston; E. E. Stephens '33, mechanical engineer, 1411 Fourth Ave., Seattle, Wash. A. E. Paxton '25, in publishing work (McGraw-

Hill) 330 West 42nd street, New York, N. Y.

Guy McGoughey '15, attorney at 721½ 12th street, Lawrenceville, Ill.; Walter T. Anderson '26, chemist, research department, Libbey-Owens-Ford Glass company, Ottawa, Ill.; Ralph A. Wilmot '40, sales, Burroughs Adding Machine Co., 307 S. Jefferson, Peoria; Sidney L. Peterson '20, fieldman, Pure Milk Association, 608 S. Dearborn St., Chicago.

We'd like the names of more Pi Kappa Alpha "I" men to add to our list, and would appreciate having any alumni write us in regard to giving us more names.

At Christmas time we received a letter from Leo F. O'Brien '21, superintendent of Illinois State Prisons (Joliet, Stateville, Pontiac, Menard, Vandalia, Dwight) under former governor John Stelle. Brother O'Brien lives in Galesburg, Ill., at 968 Jefferson.

## Initiation Held Early In March For Eight Men

BETA-ETA HONORS FOUNDERS DAY WITH BANQUET ON MARCH 2

Another milestone in the history of Pi Kappa Alpha at Illinois, and in the lives of eight outstanding men was the annual 1941 Spring initiation of Beta Eta held on March 2 in conjunction with Founders Day.

This celebration was especially important this year for it was the first time in the history of the chapter that a second general Pi K.A. was initiated. Wendell Winklemann, the son of R. E. Winklemann '20, Urbana, had this honor.

The complete initiation class follows:

Wendell Winklemann '44, Urbana.

Russell Wright '44, Denver, Colo. Clifford R. Buys '43, Decatur, Ill. Robert Pavey '42, Lawrenceville. James Cooper '44, Paris.

Harry Casey '43, St. Louis, Mo. Bertel R. Olson '44, Chicago.

William Mumford '44, Kewanee.

In addition to these men, we would also like to introduce Jack Munger, Chicago, who was initiated into the fraternity before the Christmas holidays.

### Honor Founders

The annual Founders Day celebration was presided over by Henry Gumm, S.M.C. and featured a talk on "The Value of Fraternity Brotherhood Today," given by Brother Rev. Ray Cartledge, who is pastor of the First Presbyterian Church of Champaign.

The banquet was also attended by many of our alumni who are regular visitors at the house. They included Brothers Dr. Rawlings, Bob Browne, Roland, Dillavou, Bishop and McClure. As a banquet is never complete without some Pi K.A. songs, all joined in many of our favorites and finally to be topped off by several songs by Beta-Eta's campus-famed octet. It was really a very inspiring occasion for all concerned.

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### Rushing—A Real Problem This Year

Two forces are working on the University campus to make the chapter's 1941 rushing campaign one of its most crucial in several years. We are not fooling when we say that we are seriously concerned with the situation.

These forces are: (1) National Defense and (2) the new Men's dormitory now nearing completion on the south campus. It will be ready for occupancy in September of this year and will house 300 men students. More units of this project will be built in the near future.

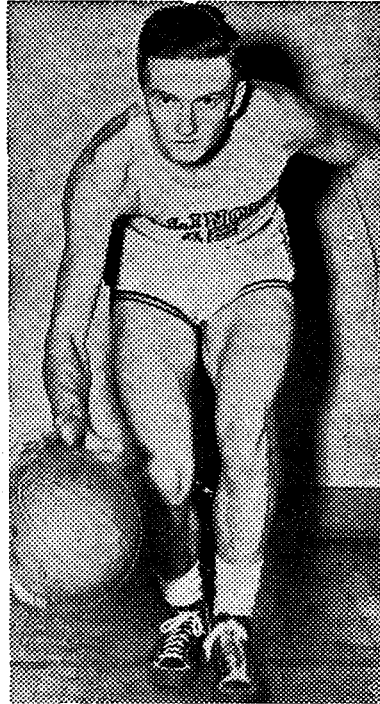
Not since the days of World War I in 1917 have college fraternities faced as serious a crisis as the one which we believe is rapidly approaching. While the draft may not directly effect men enrolled in the University, it is definitely expected that vital defense industries will take their toll of entering students next fall. A drop in enrollment is expected.

What does all this mean to Illinois Alpha alumni? It means that greater co-operation than ever before is necessary. We need names. We need contacts in key high schools throughout the state. We need this help RIGHT NOW! The date system at Illinois gives the fraternity that starts rushing early a tremendous advantage, so don't delay about telling us of those men you think might come to Illinois.

Write the chapter rushing chairman of any possibilities for rushing at this time. We cannot afford to overlook any bets that might mean another good pledge in the house next fall.

Here's some news about some of our Chicago alumni. John Anderson '32 has moved to 4524 Wrightwood avenue. Also at a new address in the Windy City is Ed Hunolt '32, who now lives at 4950 Kentucky.

## Star Guard



BOB RICHMOND, Frankfort, was rated by all sports experts as one of the Big Ten's outstanding guards during the cage season just closed.

### Bob Richmond Stars On Illini Cage Team

As a rule, we are not "I told you so," but in our December Beta-Eta News we mentioned that "great things were expected of Bob Richmond this year" and boy, were we right.

Richmond, Illini's star guard and one of our top scorers, was recently chosen to the position of Guard on the Big 10 basketball team by all leading sports writers. Throughout the season he totaled 104 points which were a large share of the Illini's total points.

Of course, we have many others in the house too who are great basketball players as proven by our fine Intramural basketball record. Our "A" team, champions for the last three years, came in second in our section with only one defeat on record. Our "B" team copped the title of our section by beating the Delts 24 to 11, thus giving us a perfect record of all wins and no losses.

## Here Are Letters From Alumni

(Editor's note: We like to get letters from our alumni, and re-print communications recently received both for their interest to our readers and as sort of a stimulant to some of our tardy correspondents from whom we'd like a little news.)

Bob McCullough '33 who is with the American Can company at 317 St. Pauls avenue in Jersey City, sends us a U. of I. Dairy milk carton on which he wrote:

"When I was recently sent from the Brooklyn factory to the Jersey City plant of the American Can company, one of the first things that greeted me was a shipment of these containers going through the assembly lines—the work is quite interesting. We make about a million of these things a day, supplying the East and Middlewest.

"Eventually they will have the same department in Chicago, and perhaps I will get a little closer to home ground."

Bob lives in New York City at 62 Leroy street.

Thanks to Orlin M. Barnes '10 for his subscription and letter. He writes: "Enclosed is a dollar to help keep the news going.

"My address should be changed to my home at 2033 South Fifth street as I no longer have a business connection. The Franklin Life was sold a year ago and I was let out in March of 1940 after 22 years of service. Hope to eventually line up something here in Springfield."

A subscription for the Beta-Eta News received from Deneen Watson '24, recalls to us a newspaper clipping we saw recently concerning the fact that the Illinois Concert Band was to play at the Inaugural Ceremonies in Springfield. We quote: "Deneen A. Watson '24, who was one of Governor-Elect Green's campaign managers, was first French horn player in the University band when he was a student..."

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George M. Booth Jr. '39 is an engineer with the State of Illinois division of highways working out of the Elgin office in the Courier-News Building. Booth tells of his approaching marriage, but fails to give details. His residence address in Elgin is at 453 Douglas avenue.

## Henry Gumm Heads Beta-Eta Second Semester

### CHAPTER HAS FUN AT SPORTS DANCE ON MARCH 8TH

Here's news from around the chapter that will be of interest to our alumni readers:

**New officers elected.** The first semester is over and so on to new Beta-Eta officers. Henry Zeiss Gumm, Paris, was elected to the position of S.M.C. This is also the second time one of the Gumm family has held this office, since several years ago Henry's brother, Robert, was S.M.C. Eugene Jewart was elected to hold the position of I.M.C., and Ralph Chase was elected to the office of Th.C.

Incidentally, not to be outdone by the national election, we, too, have re-elected one of our members for a third time, for this will be the third year that Ralph Chase will be holding this position.

"Zeke" Gumm has done much in his few weeks in office to improve the house both socially and fraternally. We are looking forward with great hope for the best year in the history of Beta-Eta.

**Honors.** We were interested to note in the January, 1941, issue of The Shield and Diamond that Beta-Eta's own Ken Cheeley was chosen a member of one of the 1940 Pi Kappa Alpha All-American grid teams.

**Campus Activities.** Bill Mumford, recently initiated into the chapter, was a candidate for freshman president in the recent all-school elections. Although he was defeated, he made a better showing than any previous holder of this office.

Recognition should also be given Bob Thieman, Bertel Olson, and Louis Pinderski Jr., for their intensive campaigning. The party is determined to stay together and Pi K. A. is assured a prominent political future on the campus.

**Sport Dance Enjoyed.** The Pi K.A. sport dance, held on Saturday night, March 8, was voted by all who attend to be a swell affair from start to finish.

The couples were costumed according to their various activities. Ken Cheeley, Ike Niedjelski and Jim Rustic wore football uniforms, while several basketball players including Bob Richmond the A.P. and U.P. choice for the first string

## Alumni Present For Founders' Day



**FOUNDERS' DAY AND INITIATION** on March 2 were all the more impressive because of the presence of these alumni. Reading left to right, we have: Roland, McClure, Cartlidge, Dillavou, Bishop, Rawlings, Browne.

### Send Your Address For Our Files

With the country's National Defense Program getting into high gear, indications already show that changes of address in our alumni files are increasing by leaps and bounds.

To keep tab on alumni becomes increasingly difficult and full co-operation of alumni in informing us of any change of address immediately will be appreciated.

We are still depending on our "Who's Who" data sheets to keep us well informed. If you are receiving one with this issue, please take a few minutes to fill it out and send it to the editor at the house. We'll be glad to hear from you.

Big Ten guard, were scattered about the group. Fencers, wrestlers, newspaper reporters, aviators and soldiers composed the majority of the motley group.

Sadie Hawkins "dresses" were worn by many girls, and this lent some "atmosphere" to the affair.

Music for the dance was furnished by several select orchestras, including Artie Shaw, Glen Miller, Woody Herman, and Raymond Scott.

### Thanks To Alumni For Subscriptions

There is real gratitude in our hearts for the fine way in which alumni are co-operating in financing of The Beta-Eta News, as shown by the number of subscriptions that have been received since our Christmas issue. We want to take this opportunity to acknowledge receipt of subscriptions from the following loyal alumni.

Bill Hutchinson '39, Henry Toler '29, Herbert R. Helsing '26, George M. Booth '39, John W. Griffith '22, Lawrence D. Smith '22, P. J. MacGregor '43, Ward E. Dillavou '31, F. H. Geisler '19, John Steely '25, Robert Murphy '36, Louis Head '40, Leo F. O'Brien '12, Ed Callahan '38, Einar A. Helsing '26.

Orlin M. Barnes '10, William H. Martin '21, Deneen Watson '24.

Alumni! Here's another opportunity for you to show your appreciation for what the chapter is doing in sending you the Crescent at regular intervals. Just attach your check for \$1 or dollar bill to the enclosed subscription blank and mail to the Beta-Eta News editor at the house, 303 E. Armory in Champaign. We'll really appreciate hearing from you, and you will be helping a worthy cause, we assure you.

# News From Brothers Everywhere

If you are drafted or called to active duty due to a reserve officer's commission, be sure to notify us promptly. The news is not only desired for publication, but to insure that your publication can reach you promptly. Further good reason: Many brothers may find themselves assigned to the same location. The Beta-Eta News will clear this information.

Here's news from two of Beta Eta's alumni who are in the Army.

Ed Callahan '38 is with the 50th Field Artillery Battalion, and is stationed at Fort Custer, Mich. Ed, who was married on November 16, of last year, is living in Battle Creek at Apt. 612, The Inn. Mrs. Callahan is the former Gene McGinnis, Illinois Pi Phi.

Harry Taylor, a Louie in the regular army now, writes: "Well, I've been in the Army for the last three weeks now (that was on March 3). Not bad at all, only Texas is the rainiest d---n state I've ever been in. I'm in the 197th C. A. (AA) Battery "G" located at Camp Hulen in Palacios, Texas. I'd sure appreciate any news from my old stamping grounds."

We're glad to hear from these brothers and will welcome news from any of our other draftees, volunteers, or what have you.

C. R. Woodfill '33 is district manager for Commercial Solvents Corporation, with offices at 1200 W. 9th street in Cleveland, Ohio, where Woody and family live at [redacted] t. Said family includes Mrs. Woody, the former Ruth Kinloch, Illinois Tri-Delta and a daughter, Barbara Lee, who will be a year old in April.

Bob Cathcart '33 writes to us from Richmond, Va., where he is doing sales work in the tabulating machines division of Remington-Rand, with offices at [redacted] t. Bob's home address is there at [redacted].

We regret that details are lacking other than the news that Emil J. Verlie '13, formerly with the Illinois Glass company at Alton, Ill., died on July 28 of last year. We also have news, belatedly, of the death of Hyatt P. Madding '31, Bridgeport, who died in 1939.

Beta-Eta alumni on the move! Here are new addresses received since our Christmas issue. Gene Williams '41 is now in Vallejo, Calif., at [redacted]. In Detroit Leslie C. Lempke '33 has a new address at [redacted] Nelson '34, who is with the Federal Housing Administration in Salt Lake City, Utah, as a cost analyst, has a new office address in the [redacted] there. Al Bryden '36, former chapter proctor and now a "G" man with the F. B. I., can be addressed at [redacted].

Thanks to Donald Feutz '41 for sending us his "Who's Who" questionnaire. Don is a highway contractor and lives in [redacted].

We were glad to hear from William H. Martin '21, who is an attorney with offices at [redacted].

## We Present— Pike, Kappa, Alpha

Since December 25, the halls of the ol' chapter house have been resounding with the steps of tiny feet, and we are mighty proud of those little feet.

We are referring to those owned by a mischievous cocker spaniel, Pike VI, and two little scotties, Kappa (female) and Alpha (male). Needless to say, as of all IKA's, they are thoroughbreds.

Pike VI, was a Christmas present from the pledges to the active chapter. He is of royalty too. His great-grandfather was the past champion, Red Brucie, while his uncle is the famous "My Own Brucie" featured in a recent Life magazine. (Ed. Note: We can prove it too.)

The two scotties are owned by two of the members of the house but we thought it only fitting that they be named Kappa and Alpha to complete the well-known triangle.

Books, shoes, and socks are no longer thrown about on the floor for this trio soon makes an end to them. This cleanliness compensates for others as a result of the dogs. Do we like them? Just ask us. YEH MAN.

From here and there comes news of Beta-Eta alumni. Robert D. Cavitt '37 now lives in [redacted].

John M. Cronin '37, an accountant with O. Weslerguard and Associates, [redacted].

Wally Drueck '32, with Schermerhorn Brothers and Co., 211 W. Wacker Drive, has moved his home to [redacted]. Robert Galvin '33 now lives in [redacted].

Charles W. Kerchner '35 has a new residence in Chicago at [redacted]. Chuck is in the Claim Department of the [redacted] LaSalle street station, Chicago. Heber Von Lauer '34 has moved from [redacted].

We've been asked to change the address of Guy Pfeiffer '37 to [redacted]. In Chicago Charles A. Rayburn '39 has moved to [redacted] and John R. Williams '34 to [redacted]. John Yule '32 has also a new Chicago address at [redacted].

Earl W. Volberding '29 has moved from California to Yuma, Ariz. Paul Wachendorfer '37 now lives in Coral Gables, Fla., at [redacted].

Frank H. Geiler '19 is in the wholesale lumber business in [redacted]. He is married and has a daughter, Joan, 17 years old. No doubt he often sees Brother William H. Martin '21, who is a Tulsa attorney—see elsewhere in our Alumni News section.

News from the Class of '40! Adolph B. Cosby '40 is an industrial engineer with [redacted].

Ralph A. Wilmot '40 is doing sales work for Burroughs Adding Machine company in Peoria and can be addressed there at his home, [redacted]. At Illinois Ralph was varsity fencing captain, active in military affairs, and was a member of Blue Pencil and Band of X.

Einar A. Helsing '28 now lives in the Washington, D. C., suburb of Silver Springs, Md., at [redacted].