

# The Flame

NEWSLETTER OF ALPHA LAMBDA DELTA



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## The National Council Officers



National Council officers and district advisors are left to right (first row) Ruth H. Weimer, editor; Katharine Cater, treasurer; May A. Brunson, president; Sarah Healy, first vice-president; Marjorie Cunningham, second vice-president; Jean Liedman, secretary.  
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## Alpha Lambda Delta Plans Display At I.A.W.S. National Convention

The I.A.W.S. National Convention will be held at the University of Alabama next spring. Alpha Lambda Delta has traditionally had a display and a meeting of Alpha Lambda Delta members who are attending the convention. The University of Alabama and Auburn University Alpha Lambda Delta chapters will be working together to develop

a display at the convention and would appreciate any materials being sent to the University of Alabama to the Alpha Lambda Delta president, in care of Mrs. Sarah Healy, Dean of Women, University of Alabama, University, Ala. 35406, by March 15. We hope that many of you will have contributions to make to this display.

## New Chapters Are Planning Installation Rites

Several new chapters of Alpha Lambda Delta are slated to be formed and installed during this academic year. They are:

**Carson-Newman College**, Jefferson City, Tenn., a coeducational private institution granting B.A. and B.S. degrees. It was founded in 1851 and now has an enrollment of 1664 with 778 women.

**Georgetown College**, Georgetown, Ky., is a private church-related college which was originally established in 1787. In addition to the regular bachelor degrees, it also grants a M.A. in education. It numbers about 1413 in enrollment. Seven hundred forty are women.

**Washington State University**, Pullman, Wash., is also coeducational. It is a state-controlled land-grant institution and grants several masters' degrees as well as the Ph.D. Its total enrollment is 11,334 with about 4432 women.

**Francis T. Nicholls State College**, Thibodaux, La., was established originally as a junior college of Louisiana State University. It became a four-year college in 1956. The total enrollment last year was 3727, with 1508 women.

**Angelo State College**, San Angelo, Tex., became a four-year liberal arts college in 1965. It was previously established as a junior college in 1926. The current enrollment is 2557; 1084 of these are women.

**Tift College**, Forsyth, Ga., is a women's college offering a Bachelor of Science degree in liberal arts. Its enrollment is about 628.

Full details of the installation of these new chapters will be carried in the spring issue of *The Flame*.

# Report Of ALD National Council Meeting Actions

The thirty-third National Council Meeting of Alpha Lambda Delta was held at Macatawa, Michigan, June 16-20, 1968.

The national president, Dr. May Brunson, dean of women at the University of Miami, Coral Gables, reported to the Council on the state of the organization.

## Scholarship Applications High

The first vice-president, Mrs. Sarah Healy, as the chairman of the Alpha Lambda Delta Fellowship program, reported that 75 applications had been received from women in 43 different universities. The scholarship recipients were featured in the spring issue of *The Flame*. Mrs. Healy further recommended to the Council that the 1969 Senior Book Award be *The Collected Poems of Theodore Roethke*, Pulitzer Prize winning poet, Fulbright lecturer in Italy, Professor and "Poet in Residence" at the University of Washington.

## Treasurer's Report

The national treasurer reported the net worth of Alpha Lambda Delta at the close of the 1967-68 fiscal year as \$125,213.29.

## Editor's Report

Miss Ruth H. Weimer, editor of *The Flame*, reported that 13,161 copies of *The Flame* were distributed in the fall and the spring issue numbered 17,132.

## New Chapters Approved

The National Council approved the petitions of six colleges and universities at which Alpha Lambda Delta chapters would be installed during the year 1968-69. These chapters are described elsewhere in *The Flame*.

## District Workshops

Miss Anne Meierhofer, director of District IV, reported on the District Workshop held at Illinois Wesleyan University in October, 1967. Ten schools were represented by 38 students and 13 advisors. It was agreed that during the 1968-69 academic year a tri-state workshop be held including presidents in the states of Iowa, Kansas and Missouri. It was further agreed that district advisors

would be available to chapters to visit campuses for consultation or speaking engagements.

## Invitation to Membership

Alpha Lambda Delta invitations to membership were discussed. A suggested invitation format will be sent to each chapter by the National Headquarters so that they may adapt the invitation to their local needs.

## New Officers Elected

The Council elected new officers who are scheduled to take office in June, 1969.

Reelected second vice-president was Marjorie Cunningham, assistant dean of students at Drake University, Des Moines. Reelected treasurer was Katherine Cater. Dr. Cater is dean of women at Auburn University, Auburn, Ala.

Miss Peggy Stroud will be the District V Director. She is associate dean of students at Arkansas University, State College, Ark. District VI Director will be Margaret Berry, associate dean of women at The University of Texas, Austin, Tex.



Miss Benjamin

## Math Scholar Receives Award

Miss Sandra Jean Benjamin, a 1965 graduate of San Diego State College and in her third year of graduate study at the University of Florida, was the recipient of the Adele Hagner Stamp Fellowship offered by ALD.

Miss Benjamin, who is 24, is studying mathematics and was recognized at San Diego as the student graduating with the highest average in this field.

She plans to use her education to teach, and is preparing her dissertation in the field of algebra. Her home address is 4170 N. Rogers Rd., Spring Valley, California.



**ALD'S PRESENT AWARD**—The University of Southwestern Louisiana chapter of ALD presented a cash scholarship to Elizabeth Lui, a foreign student from Hong Kong. The award was presented on April 28 during initiation ceremonies. Josette Cook (left), newly elected president, and Judy Richard (right), past president and senior advisor, watch while the award is presented to Miss Lui by Janet Cohen, former treasurer for the chapter.

# Alpha Lambda Delta on Campus

## Arkansas State University

Contributes to its campus "White Christmas" fund, a charity program sponsored by the various organizations of the University.

## Auburn University

Gives a "book scholarship" to two deserving senior women who have maintained an overall 'B' average. The scholarship is for \$100 each for the academic year.

## Bowling Green State University

In an effort to acquaint freshmen women with the Alpha Lambda Delta chapter on campus, the officers held panel discussions on study habits in the freshmen dormitories. Plans are being made to co-sponsor, along with the upperclass women's honorary, a lecture on a topic of interest to all women on campus.

## Brigham Young University

Each month planned meetings around building an important aspect of each girl. The theme for the year was to "Build the Whole You." In January a dinner party was held to get better acquainted and "build the social you." In February, initiation ceremonies, a speech by the ALD advisor and a fireside on Sunday with Phi Eta Sigma "built the spiritual you." In March the members worked toward "building the beautiful you" with a speech on poise and grooming. A dinner dance was also held in March. April was the month to "build a cultural you" with a talk by a professor of music. In May the members "built the intellectual side of each girl" with honors going to the senior girl with the highest grade point average.

## DePaul University

Sheryll D. Becker, 1966-1967 vice president of the ALD's at DePaul, was awarded a NDEA Title IV fellowship for graduate study in philosophy at the University of Kansas for the academic years 1968-71. She has an option of taking one to two years as a teaching or re-

search assistant. She was also awarded an Arthur J. Schmitt Foundation scholarship, which has become honorary, and an honorable mention from the Woodrow Wilson Fellowship Foundation. She graduated *summa cum laude* from DePaul last June.

## Drake University

To overcome a communication problem, members have suggested the use of a chain reaction telephoning chart to relieve officers of this responsibility.

## Illinois Wesleyan University

Freshmen women attended a get-acquainted party early in the fall. For entertainment, ALD members sang an original song to the tune of, "Hey, Look Us Over."

Hey! Look us over  
Lend us an ear  
We're the girls of Alpha Lam  
And bid you join us here.  
The candle is our symbol  
It can be yours my friend  
With a base of honor, a light of truth  
And a knowledge that knows no end.  
It means work and study  
Time and talents all.  
But if you are determined  
It won't be hard at all.  
Relax! Have fun!  
Be willing to work—  
It's never "I'll try" but "I can"  
Wear the pin of Alpha Lam!

## Memphis State University

Sponsored a Christmas project for the Mental Health Association. Each member bought an inexpensive wrapped gift and delivered it to a patient.

## Mississippi College

As one of their service activities for 1967-68, the chapter at Mississippi College helped collect donations for the American Cancer Society. This project was held in connection with Cap and Gown, the honorary senior women's society. Between the two organizations, over \$200 was collected.

The chapter also sponsored a program for later closing hours for the college library during final exams. Eight new members were initiated into the chapter in the spring. During the initiation service, the new dean of women, Mrs. Dolores Cole Grantham, was initiated as an honorary member of National Alpha Lambda Delta.

## Moorhead State College

Was pleased that a former president of its chapter, Jana Aarestad, was a Woodrow Wilson Scholar for the year. She also was a recipient of the Maria Leonard Book Award for her chapter.

## Morningside College

Started the 1968 spring semester by pledging 18 new members. The chapter's activities included a supper at the home of the associate dean of students, Elizabeth White, a discussion of Edward Albee's *Who's Afraid of Virginia Woolf?* and a banquet co-sponsored with the local chapter of Phi Eta Sigma.

## Oklahoma Baptist University

Aided in the Mortar Board installation of the university's Zeta Chi chapter by assisting in the reception which followed the installation and initiation service. Members also served by caring for the robes used by the service participants.

## Ohio State University

Began planning a Dec. 7 initiation for those girls who attained a 3.5 or better during spring or summer quarter. Officers organizing the event include Darlinda Smith, president; Laura Haytas, vice-president; Ann Weimer, secretary; Nancy Elliott, assistant secretary; Dana Lute, initiation chairman; Janice Dapp, treasurer; Barbara Bailey, junior advisor; Lois Baldwin, senior advisor; Rose Marie Hackett, historian and Mary Beschenbosel, newsletter editor. Miss Mary Elizabeth Wallace, the advisor for the Ohio State chapter, has been of great assistance in initiation preparations.

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Of interest to many who read the article in the spring issue of *The Flame* of Ruth H. Weimer's election as president of the National Association of Women Deans and Counselors is the fact that her title at Ohio State has been changed from Associate Dean for Student Relations to Dean of Students.

### San Jose State College

Handed out "Please Keep Out, I'm Studying" signs at all the large women's living centers.

### University of Akron

In September the chapter, in conjunction with the men's freshman honorary, held a tea to welcome all incoming freshmen who were scholarship recipients, in order to acquaint them with our organizations. Also, as has been the custom of ALD's at Akron, members will once again volunteer to tutor students at the university in subjects in which they need help. The administration assists by referring students with problems to members of the chapter.

The 1967-68 president of the ALD chapter at Akron, Carol Denzler, was chosen to take part in the program of "Experiment in International Living." She spent two months in Great Britain last summer with other students representing 48 countries and nations.

### University of Arkansas

Welcomed freshmen women to the campus by placing welcome signs in the freshmen residence halls as the women were arriving at the beginning of the year.

### University of California at Los Angeles

Is holding a program called "Evenings with Professors." Ten to fifteen students visit with a professor in his home for an informal and personalized discussion. These evenings better student-faculty relations and are beneficial to all. In November last year ALD's sponsored an "Awareness Scavenger Hunt," centered around current political, educational and moral topics. This event was also held with Phi Eta Sigma and was most successful as an 'intellectual social.'

### University of Chattanooga

Sponsored a tea for the National Honor Society senior girls from the Chattanooga area high schools.

### University of Florida

Played Mortar Board in a volleyball game.

### University of Miami

Began the fall semester with the initiation of seven new members. Plans for the year include an enthusiastic attempt to recapture the UM Christmas Decoration Award and sponsorship of the traditional banquet on Academic Honors Day, held by the university.

Last year the chapter sponsored a lecture series of outstanding community leaders.

Currently, the girls are working on a project to recognize outstanding achievements of the UM faculty.

Highlighting the spring semester will be the initiation of new members and the announcement of the "outstanding freshman girl."

### University of Southern Mississippi

Gave a Halloween party for foreign students and served "good ol' American hot dogs and potato chips."

### Lincoln at Tanglewood

by Mary Fiksel  
Contributing Editor,  
University of Miami

grass shade  
why twigs and pine fruit  
flaunt the forest ground  
why mossy bark and sap  
smell from years  
time nodding itself to sleep  
with chestnut willow wood  
and measurable green  
singing  
my country tis of thee  
soft land of growth  
of skyward tale and musical lore  
of heights and tops again and again  
for taller than  
grass shade  
and me.

## Can You Contribute?

During the past year the Alpha Lambda Delta chapter at Auburn University contributed \$100 to the Alpha Lambda Delta Fellowship Fund and \$50 was received from the chapter at the University of Maryland. Other Alpha Lambda Delta chapters are encouraged to contribute to the fund whenever possible. Contributions may be made by sending them to the Central Office Administrator at any time during the year.



**MURRAY STATE INSTALLATION**—The charter officers and advisors of the Murray State Chapter of ALD are (from left to right) Linda Thompson, treasurer; Barbara Brown, secretary; Carol Chester, vice president; Sally Threlkeld, president; Dean Lillian Tate; Anne Meierhofer, District IV director; Miss Parker, advisor for the group; Ann Bradley, senior advisor; Judy Carlisle, editor; and Roberta Meredith, historian.

The installation write-up for this chapter was included in the Spring, 1968 issue of *The Flame*. However, this photo arrived too late to be included in that issue.



# Lynda Johnson Robb Is ALD Alumna

by Mary Beschenbossel

Contributing Editor, Ohio State University

Most people reminisce about their college days and wonder what many of their old classmates are doing. Because ALD members have shown potential in their college work, it is likely that they would find success in their chosen professions. One example of this success is Lynda Johnson Robb, an Alpha Lambda Delta alumna and former member of the staff of *McCall's Magazine*.

Lynda Johnson Robb attended National Cathedral School for Girls in Washington, D. C. Her graduating class contained less than 60 people, and consequently, most classes were small with a great deal of individual attention. In a recent interview, Linda said she believes her high school adequately prepared her for college because of this personalized education.

Choosing a college is often a very confusing experience for a high school senior. Lynda Johnson Robb chose her alma mater, The University of Texas, for many reasons, primarily because she had been raised in both Washington and Texas and was anxious to return to Texas for college. Her mother and other relatives, as well as many friends, had attended the University, and so she had always looked forward to studying there. Also, Mrs. Robb feels that because The University of Texas is such a large University, it offers a wide variety of courses, excellent professors, and a diversified student body.

As a freshman at The University of Texas, Mrs. Robb found it hard to adjust to the size of the campus and to the student population. It was quite a change from her high school, and her dormitory had over 800 girls in it. For these reasons, she joined Zeta Tau Alpha Sorority as a freshman. It gave her an opportunity to meet people, and gave her a feeling of belonging in a university of great size. Although she also stated that the benefits of sorority life would differ from campus to campus, she found it a meaningful part of her college life, and many of her closest friends today are girls that she got to know through her sorority.

While being the President's daughter did make it somewhat difficult to maintain a normal college life, she found that after the initial novelty wore off, her friends and fellow students treated her just as they would any other student.

As a freshman, Lynda was interested in both English and history, but did not decide immediately that history would be her major. Although she had not been a journalism major, she was always interested in this field and early in her college career had written an article on her life in the White House for *Look Magazine*. Also at the University, Mrs. Robb was active in two committees — Texas Today and Tomorrow and the Speaker's Committee. Both these organizations arranged lectures on campus by a wide variety of speakers from all over the country. In addition to being initiated into Alpha Lambda Delta on April 9, 1963, she was a member of three other honor societies in History, Government, and the Classics.

During the summer of 1965, Mrs. Robb toured the western United States and wrote articles on her experiences for the *National Geographic* and for *McCall's*. This served as a stepping stone into a career in journalism, for she found this type of reporting both interesting and challenging. She joined *McCall's* on a part-time basis following her graduation. She was married in December, 1967. Although a few months ago she gave up her job to prepare for her baby, which was born on October 25, perhaps at a later date she might consider some part-time assignments in writing. Although she stated that her work for *McCall's* was a wonderful window on the world, she is eagerly anticipating her new "career" as a full-time wife and mother.



Mr. and Mrs. Robb during their wedding procession

## ALD Woman Engineer Is Scholarship Recipient

Miss Ingrid J. Vatsvog, a junior in the College of Engineering at Cornell University and a member of ALD there, was selected as the 1968 recipient of the Lillian Moller Gilbreth Scholarship by the Society of Women Engineers. She is working toward a degree in electrical engineering.

Ingrid, who is from Pleasantville, N.Y., ranks second in her class of 500 and has been on the Dean's List since 1965. She was elected to Tau Beta Pi Honorary Society in autumn, 1967.

When asked what prompted her to study engineering, Miss Vatsvog said that she likes math and science and loves to solve problems — especially practical ones. She feels that electrical engineering offers a challenge, and she hopes she will be able to make a personal contribution to the field after graduation.

In addition to her studies, Ingrid has been a member of the basketball and volleyball teams. Her hobbies include skiing, skating, sailing, sewing, baking and painting.

## National Council

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 Advisor—Imogene Dickey, North Texas State University, Denton, Texas  
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 Advisor—Christine Moon, Colorado College, Colorado Springs, Colorado  
 District VIII, Western—Arizona, California, Hawaii, Idaho, Montana, Oregon, Utah, Washington  
 Advisor—Margery Warmer, San Diego State College, San Diego, California

The Lillian Moller Gilbreth Scholarship has been awarded each year since 1958 by the Society of Women Engineers, a national organization of some 900 women engineers. Dr. Gilbreth,

for whom the scholarship is named, is well known for the many contributions which she and her late husband, Frank Bunker Gilbreth, made in the field of industrial engineering.

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Officers, advisors and guests who participated in the installation of a new ALD chapter at Washington State University are, left to right, Diana Stack, treasurer; Linda Garber, secretary; Tonia Johnson, vice president; July McClintock, president; Dr. Madge Phillips, advisor and honorary member; W.S.U. Dean of Women Catherine Northrup; Dean Margery Warmer, District VIII advisor and installing officer; Mrs. Gaynell Dixon, honorary member; Mary Snider, senior advisor; Connie Nielson, historian; Beverly Cribb, editor; Janice Peterson, junior advisor; and Karen Klumb, guest.

## ALD Installs New Chapters at Five Colleges

### Washington State University

December 7 was the day for the initiation and installation ceremony and banquet at Washington State University, Pullman, Wash., following about two months of planning.

Dean Margery Warmer of San Diego State College was the installing officer. The afternoon ceremony began at 1 p.m. The honorary member of the chapter,

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## Janet Douglas Appointed New Editor Of *The Flame*

The Alpha Lambda Delta Council is delighted to announce that Miss Janet Douglas, Dean of Women at Colorado State University has accepted the position as Editor of the Alpha Lambda Delta *Flame*.

Miss Douglas is a native of Oregon. She received her bachelor's degree from the University of Oregon and her master's from Syracuse University, Syracuse, N.Y. Since that time she has had a variety of experiences primarily in western institutions; first at Colorado University where she was assistant to the dean of women and then at Oregon State where she was assistant dean of women from 1953 to 1955. In 1955 she moved north to Eastern Washington College where she was dean of women for four years.

She progressed down the coast to San Jose State College as assistant dean of students from 1959 to 1963. In 1963 she became dean of women at Colorado State University, Fort Collins, a position she has held since that time.

Miss Douglas has been an active member of the National Association of Women Deans and Counselors, having served as that organization's resolutions committee chairman for its last convention. She has also participated widely in A.A.U.W. and the Colorado Association of Women Deans and Counselors. She served Mortar Board as its national fellowship chairman and has been a member of Quota Club and a number of service groups in her community.

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### Student Roles Discussed

## A.C.H.S. HOLDS MEETING

Students do not own the universities today and should not rule them, but they should be given a meaningful role in the decision-making process, national ALD President and University of Miami Dean May A. Brunson told participants of a panel discussion on student participation which was held during the annual meeting of the Association of College Honor Societies at Purdue University, Feb. 27-Mar. 1.

"Few businesses ignore the consumer as much as does higher education," Dean Brunson, member of the executive board of A.C.H.S., continued. She said that channels of communication must be kept open if the colleges and universities are to survive as communities of scholars. She believes that students have displayed a great deal of maturity when they have been given meaningful roles in policy making, and she told participants that chapters of honor societies can serve as excellent laboratories for learning leadership and for opening channels of communication with administrators and faculty members.

Other panel participants were Dean Helen A. Snyder of the University of Nebraska, national president of Mortar Board, and Dean James E. Foy, Auburn University, the executive secretary of Phi Eta Sigma.

Dean Snyder felt that the trend toward student participation is proper and long overdue, but that ways must be found to direct the trend toward the more traditional goals of higher education. She advocated the involvement of students in policy formulation because they add a significant dimension to the decision-making process that can help bridge the 'generation gap,' and decisions are more likely to be accepted when students have a voice in determination of policy.

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The ALD charter is presented at Francis T. Nicholls State College. Participants in the ceremony are (left to right) Mrs. Mary S. Cogle, faculty adviser; Christine Lumadue, president of the new chapter; Dean of Women Bonnie Bourg; Dr. Imogene Dickey, District Adviser; and Dr. Marie Fletcher. The new chapter was installed on December 7. The Francis T. Nicholls chapter has 40 members.



Charter members of the new ALD chapter at Carthage College are (left to right, front row): Pamela Werkheiser, Nancy Lyon, Mary Spangler, Elaine Batka, Priscilla Diehl, Janis Stfiuk, Myrna Barroga, and Michelle Serpe. Second row: Laura Knupp, Linda Wedel, Jennifer Demko, Barbara Posten, Bonnie Comstock, Marnette Roth, Vickie Julin, Marilyn Myers, Gloria Rayhorn, Joanne Lewis, Janet Matz and Linda Peterlinz.

## ALD Adds Five New Chapters

### Georgetown College

Georgetown College chapter of Alpha Lambda Delta was installed by Anne Meierhofer, the advisor of District IV on Nov. 18, 1968. Twenty-seven students and two honorary members were initiated as charter members.

The local group, as well as administrative officers of the college, were enthusiastic about the installation of a chapter at Georgetown, and plans for the event were carefully made. A Sunday evening supper and business meeting for all members was held at the home of Mrs. Catherine Bates, dean of women. The installation service was held at the home of the president of Georgetown College. Parents and administrative officers attended the ceremony which was followed by a banquet at the Student Center.

The new chapter has enthusiastic leadership and plans to continue a good program.

### Francis T. Nicholls State College

The impressive installation of the Francis T. Nicholls State College chapter of Alpha Lambda Delta took place on December 7, 1968 at 4:00 P.M. in Grenier Hall with Dr. Imogene B. Dickey, district adviser for District VI, presiding and presenting the Charter.

The candlelight installation of officers and 40 charter members followed.

A reception for the initiates and their guests was held at the Home Economics Home Management House. Dr. Marie Fletcher from the Northwestern Louisiana State College chapter of Alpha Lambda Delta assisted as hostess at the reception.

Officers of the new chapter are Christine Lumadue, president; Janet E. Clement, senior advisor; Janis M. Lampard, junior advisor; Hattie Tregre, vice president; Linda Naquin, secretary; Jacqueline Daigle, treasurer; Gayle Lind, historian; Karen Weishaupt, editor; Mary S. Cogle, faculty advisor, and Bonnie Bourg, dean of women.

The chapter initiated two honorary members. They are Miss Bonnie Bourg, dean of women at Francis T. Nicholls and Mrs. Mary S. Cogle, librarian at the college.

The new Georgetown College chapter of Alpha Lambda Delta boasts 33 charter members. Officers of the new group are Lina Lyons, president; Dee Hawkins, vice president; Sherrie Tarter, secretary; Cheryl Smith, treasurer; Jerry Cruse, editor; Linda Rice, historian; Kathy Lewis, senior advisor and Jawanna Gilbert, junior advisor.

### Carthage College

On February 10, the Carthage College chapter of Alpha Lambda Delta at Kenosha, Wis., was installed. The ceremony culminated a year's preparation to go national which involved looking back into the records of Alpha Alpha Beta, the old local fraternity. The national secretary, Dr. Jean Liedmann, was present to install the new chapter. A reception for faculty and charter members followed the installation.

Officers of the Carthage chapter are Janet Matz, president; Gloria Rayhorn, secretary; Nancy Lyon, treasurer; Michelle Serpe, editor; Mary Spangler, historian; Laura Knupp, senior advisor, and Marnette Roth, junior advisor.

Dean Margaret H. Roberts and Miss Verallyn Cline are advisors with Mrs. Eunice Boyer as honorary member.

### Washington State Installation

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Mrs. Gaynell Dixon and the advisor, Dr. Madge Phillips were initiated along with 117 charter members. The ceremony was beautifully impressive and an inspiration to all the charter members.

On Saturday evening members had an installation banquet and short program. The chapter president welcomed ALD to Washington State.

In her address, Dean Warmer described woman's important role in the world. During the banquet the chapter gave special recognition to Karen Klumb, the girl who first started interest on campus for forming a local chapter of Alpha Lambda Delta.





# What's Going On Here?

*A Commentary by Patricia A. Thrash*

Dean of Women & Associate Professor of Education, Northwestern University, Evanston, Ill.

The simplest answer to the question, "What's going on here?" is "too much too often too unpredictably." A British guest on the *Today* show commented, "Today, they're teaching premarital everything except premarital cooking." Someone else said, "I'm in favor of keeping up with the times, but a looseleaf Bible is going too far." Charles Dickens, describing the 1770's in France and England, wrote,

It was the best of times, it was the worst of times, it was the age of wisdom, it was the age of foolishness, it was the epoch of belief, it was the epoch of incredulity, it was the season of Light, it was the season of Darkness, it was the spring of hope, it was the winter of despair, we had everything before us, we had nothing before us. . .

Today is the best of times in terms of medical research. But it is the worst of times when we have given the aged Medicare but not human caring as we dedicate ourselves ceaselessly to the glorification of youth in our culture.

Today is the age of wisdom. But thousands languish in the ghettos, in Appalachia, and on the reservations without the most basic tools of learning. A total of 7.5 million high school dropouts is predicted for this decade.

Today is the age of foolishness. Goldfish-swallowing is out, but the Midpeninsula Free University of Stanford can offer courses such as "Techniques of Massage".

Today is the epoch of belief, with ecumenical breakthroughs among Protestants, Catholics, and Jews. Yet something is missing. Zen Buddhism and Yoga are on the rise as traditional religions lose ground.

Today surely is the epoch of incredulity. The desire to believe is mixed with a doubt that a just God could permit the self-destruction we have witnessed so often. And amid all the love-ins is the disquieting knowledge that about one in four marriages in this country ends in divorce.

Is it the season of Light? The spring of Hope? Or is it the season of Darkness, the winter of Despair? Our emotions are surely mixed because of the extremes we see around us. In a country of vast and wide-ranging beauty, we are increasingly fearful of breathing our air and drinking our water. In an affluent country, poverty is still very real. We have birth control pills, but the world

population is increasing so rapidly that there soon may be standing room only. We have made great technological advances, but automation is wiping out jobs at rates of 40,000 a week. Some people are still more equal than others in the democracy, as blacks and Indians will tell you. Young men are perplexed about fighting a war they do not understand. Violence is more and more a part of our daily lives. In a nation where public figures fear for their own lives, one-third of American adults do not vote in Presidential elections.

This chaotic and confused canvas serves as the back-drop for a description of the young and the role they play in that world. What *is* going on here?

Alex Sherriffs points out that these days adults are interested in youth "to a degree approaching fascination." He indicates two kinds of myths about youth:

- 1) Some described youth only as bad and point to riots, vandalism, stompings, and drugs.
- 2) Some describe youth only in glowing terms, seeing them as more responsible, compassionate, involved, unselfish, and idealistic than ever before.

Paul Woodring adds another dimension.

. . . Each generation *is* a product of its own times and develops its special character in response to the pressures, challenges, and opportunities it faces. If today's youth are substantially different from those of earlier days, as I think they are, it is because they have grown to maturity in a different world.

To see how different that world is, it is helpful to look at the world of past generations of students. In the 19th century, the emphasis was on student discipline, compulsory chapel, and a rigid curriculum. During the 20's, following World War I, a hedonistic enjoyment of the moment prevailed as students wore coonskin coats, rolled their stockings, and flaunted flasks during prohibition. The 30's brought the depression and made higher education a privilege few enjoyed. It was the time of political activity on campus. Peace Clubs were formed, and some men left to fight in Spain as Hitler's troops began to overrun Europe. After World War II, the GI Bill revolutionized education. Returning veterans brought a more serious atmosphere, and all students benefitted. Old traditions fell, and there was reluctance for new

ones. The students of the 50's played it safe, characterized by Jacob as silent, apathetic, and self-concerned.

Then came the 60's! Suddenly students came alive. Higher education became an option open to almost every young person. Brighter and healthier and biologically more mature than any previous generation, these students had grown up in a world where change was almost constant, whether it was technological, economic, political, or social. Through television they learned more about life before they entered kindergarten than high school students once knew. They could recite TV commercials by heart at three; at 17 they represented the first generation to experience violence on the streets and in the Vietnamese jungles in living color.

It is no wonder that these students should object to the impersonality of large institutions. They could be expected to be impatient with timeworn curricula, teaching which was often irrelevant, and outdated social rules. But they have gone beyond the campus in expressing their discontents. Otto Butz indicates four targets:

Students are demanding an end to all forms of discrimination against Negro Americans. They are pressing for the elimination of poverty and squalor in the society generally. They are sharply critical of United States foreign policies. And many of them are doubtful of the current American way of life in its entirety; they suspect that even when ideally realized, it cannot facilitate a full human existence.

Four subcultures of students have been isolated—the collegiate, who see college as fun and games and social life; the vocational, who come to college for specific skills in order to earn a better living; the academic, whose loyalty is to a specific academic discipline; and the non-conformists, deeply involved with ideas and issues. Students in the first three groups remain largely content, conservative, and uninvolved. The non-conformists have attracted the most attention and received the most analysis, for they are a determined minority of restless college students who have made us examine and sometimes change our institutions and to question rules and values of long standing.

Seymour Halleck vividly described the characteristics of these students in an address at the 23rd National Conference on Higher Education last spring:

1. Some students reject the political and economic status quo and are making vigorous attempts to change the structure of our society. These are the student activists.
2. Some students reject the values of their society as well as the values of their own past and are developing a style which is contradictory to the Western ethics of hard work, self denial, success and responsibility. These students sometimes participate in efforts to change society but for the most part they are withdrawn and passive. They can be described as alienated.
3. Both activist and alienated students tend to come from affluent, middle or upperclass homes. They are sensitive and perceptive individuals. They are also highly intelligent.
4. Both activist and alienated students have difficulty in relating to the adult generation. They are articulate, irreverent, humorless, and relentless in their contempt for what they view as adult hypocrisy. Such youth are highly peer-oriented. They turn to one another rather than their parents when shaping their belief systems or when seeking emotional support.
5. Alienated students and, to a lesser extent, activist students find it difficult to sustain goal-directed activity. Their capacity to organize for any kind of action is limited. They often fail at work or school. Even their political efforts seem highly disorganized.
6. Alienated students live at the edge of despair. Although they seem at times to be enjoying life, there is always a sense of foreboding about them. Often they become depressed or suicidal. Activist students are more emotionally stable but are also prone to deep feelings of hopelessness and self-pity.

The alienated and the activists are the "count-me-outs" and "count-me-ins" of the Rebellious Generation. The count-me-outs, the hippies and beatniks, are dropping out of college, moving away from society to form their own culture. Seeking escape through drugs, zen, and promiscuity, they say, "Let everyone do his thing." The count-me-ins, on the other hand, are very much involved in the university. Through Students for a Democratic Society they have moved from dissent to defiance to destruction.

Joseph Katz has given us more reassuring information about the other 90% of students, that anonymous collective which is neither overtly withdrawing nor

protesting. In a study of Berkeley and Stanford students from 1961-1965 he found evidence that students are less different from student generations of the past than was generally believed. No more than 10% were involved in demonstrations. Sexual promiscuity was not widespread, and most students still approached sexual matters from a strictly moral point of view. Few students considered themselves radically different from their parents and most tended to follow their parents' advice in deciding their own careers. Most students failed to develop strong academic and intellectual interests during their college years, and nearly all students focused their interests merely on getting good grades because this assured their staying in college, often led to scholarships, and gained parental approval. Katz did confirm that the current college generation is questioning long established values. "They are a generation of doers rather than thinkers . . . they are more concerned with interpersonal communications than with sex per se."

Let me tell you what has happened on my own campus—staid, traditionally conservative, private Northwestern University.

We had a Dow demonstration. We passed a Student Self-Determination Bill giving all except first quarter freshmen almost total freedom to run their own lives. Students who are 21 can drink in their living units. Following Martin Luther King's death, the university closed for a day of mourning, an unprecedented event. White activists used the occasion to demand that the president of the university issue a statement of greater support for an Open Occupancy Bill in Evanston. He did, and students marched with citizens to get the bill passed.

In the last two years, Northwestern significantly increased its Negro enrollment by bringing in students from the inner city, but it did little to make life outside the classroom enjoyable in a university which is largely fraternity and sorority oriented. On May 3 black students marched into and held the old administration building for 36 hours until the university met their demands. There was no violence and no destruction. Resolution of the confrontation brought all of us on campus—faculty, students, and administrators—closer together, and many of us felt that we had a real academic community for the first time. But alumni and the *Chicago Tribune* readers were perplexed and enraged. A special letter was sent to all alumni and parents to clarify what actually had happened. We are still being challenged by the federal gov-

ernment for agreeing to let individual black students live with other black students if they wish to do so.

In addition, this year CBS televised a "pot party at Northwestern" which the FCC has since charged was staged by the local CBS affiliate. The Council on Undergraduate Life took months to formulate a thoughtful drug abuse policy. It might truthfully be said that more real learning took place outside the classroom than within it at Northwestern this year. It is little wonder that we have often heard from parents, alumni and concerned others outside the university the question, "What's going on here?"

It is one thing to describe students and their concern for the world in which they live; it is quite another to be sure just how they can make this a better world for all of us. But there is hope. *Time* magazine writers have given us perhaps the best insights. They claim that these students, reared in privilege and permissiveness, want relevance and involvement.

The students have taught the university administration two lessons: 1) some of the changes that they want are really *improvements*, and 2) the way to deal with student power is to *anticipate it*, to initiate changes before the students demand them.

The writers point out an all-important difference between student advice and student control, indicating that a university is not a democracy and cannot become one without degenerating into anarchy. They indicate the fine distinctions "between reasoned dissent and raw intolerance, between knowledge and wisdom, between compromise and copping out."

The June 7 issue of *Time* reveals the "cynical idealists of '68" as "the most conscience-stricken, moralistic and, perhaps, the most promising graduates in U.S. academic history." If as *Time* indicates, these young people *do care* deeply about what happens to our world, if they *are searching* for values and standards for our society, if they *are willing* to "plunge headlong into an undertaking of vast change," and if they and we can communicate, we can change this world and make it a better place for all mankind.

The task is theirs—and ours. Neither can go it alone. For, as James Baldwin wrote,

The moment we cease to hold each other,  
the moment we break faith with one another,  
the sea engulfs us and the light goes out.

—Patricia A. Thrash



A new chapter of Alpha Lambda Delta was installed at Carson-Newman College, Jefferson City, Tenn., in autumn, 1968. Officers and advisors of the chapter are, left to right, Mrs. Sarah L. Healy, associate dean of students at the University of Alabama and vice president of the National Council of Alpha Lambda Delta; Miss Ann Hunter, president; Mrs. Ann Jones, advisor; Miss Doris Milligan vice, president; Miss Carol Steward, secretary-treasurer; Miss Alice Gillespie, publicity chairman; Miss Jeanne Holder, historian; and Miss Stephanie Traylor, junior advisor.

### The Editor Speaks

As I conclude my term as editor of *The Flame*. I want to express my appreciation to the members of Alpha Lambda Delta and particularly to the chapter editors for their fine cooperation during the past three years. It has been a real privilege to serve with other members of the National Council and to be associated with the fine young women of Alpha Lambda Delta.

—Ruth H. Weimer

## Spring Calendar

1. Conduct initiation service only *after* you have received *Authorization to Initiate* from the National Treasurer.
2. Provide for orientation of new officers and new chapters.
3. Suggest that each chapter officer give a written report to her successor.
4. Return one copy of the chapter annual report and two copies of the chapter financial report to your District Advisor by May 20 and file one copy of each in your chapter records.
5. Order senior certificates from the National Secretary for all graduating women members of Alpha Lambda Delta who have maintained the Alpha Lambda Delta average throughout their college career.
6. Present the Marie Leonard Senior Book Award to the highest graduating senior member of Alpha Lambda Delta. The award is sent by the National Vice President to the chapter in care of your Dean of Women.
7. Distribute copies of *THE FLAME* and urge your editor to send material during the summer to the National Editor.

## ALD ON CAMPUS

**Illinois Wesleyan University**  
Twenty-six freshman girls were initiated into the ALD chapter of Illinois Wesleyan University recently. The second annual initiation dinner for new members will be held in cooperation with Phi Eta Sigma. In conjunction with the inauguration of Wesleyan's new president, members assisted the visiting dignitaries with robing for the ceremony.

### Miami University

The Alpha Lambda Delta chapter at Miami University had a successful initiation last trimester with approximately 50 girls becoming new members. A tea was held after the initiation ceremony. The very deserving young lady to receive the Marie Leonard Book Award was senior Ann Worthman, an education major. This trimester we are looking forward to initiating nearly 100 members into our organization along with at least two honorary members. After the ceremony, a banquet will be held. The Miami chapter is currently building a scholarship fund which will be awarded to a deserving college woman when its amount reaches \$1,000.

### North Dakota State University

North Dakota State University pledged its largest new group, 21 members. The pledges were initiated on Feb. 16.

### Samford University

Dean Louise McBee recently visited the Samford University chapter of Alpha Lambda Delta where she conducted a workshop for members and was honored at a luncheon at The Club atop Red Mountain.

### Seton Hall

On Jan. 15, the Seton Hall chapter of Alpha Lambda Delta held a career symposium in cooperation with the Greater Pittsburgh Chamber of Commerce. Two women from the Chamber addressed the group and later answered questions. The first, Mrs. Elizabeth Palmer, discussed "Jobs for the Liberal Arts Graduate," followed by Miss Mabel Anderson whose topic was "Presentation for a Career in Teaching."

### South Dakota State University

On Nov. 14, South Dakota State University ALD's held an informal tea for all freshman women to acquaint them with Alpha Lambda Delta and its goal. Each present member took charge of a small group of freshmen. We displayed our book and pin, and served refreshments.

On Dec. 3, we initiated those girls who attained a 3.5 or above last spring semester.

### Temple University

On Friday, Oct. 25 the members of the Temple University chapter of ALD acted as hostesses for the annual reception and ball held for international students and visitors at the museum of the Philadelphia Civic Center.

During December, the chapter held a sale of Unicef cards which was quite successful. Over \$500 was raised by this sale. A group of the members attended a performance of "The Nutcracker" performed by the Pennsylvania Ballet Co. on Dec. 23.

Plans are now being made for the spring initiation and possibly another cultural 'get-together'.

### University of Arkansas

Forty-nine pledges were initiated into ALD at the University of Arkansas on Apr. 20, 1968. Last fall seven more young women were awarded membership based on their accumulative grade point average of the previous year.

This year, ALD assisted "lost" people during registration, helping students fill out class cards and directing them to the proper tables. In Oct., 1968, the ALD members visited each freshman girl to explain the organization—its requirements for acceptance, its activities, and function—in the hope that many girls would strive to make the 3.5 grade point and apply for membership.

Alpha Lambda Delta is sponsoring tutoring sessions for the freshmen girls at various times during the year. In addition to these large sessions, individual help is also furnished by members for those girls who need extra help.

### University of Miami

Second semester activities of the chapter concluded with participation in the Christmas window decoration at the student union. Christmas activities also included a visit to a local nursing home, where gifts and refreshments were donated.

A new project initiated by ALD last semester is designed to grant recognition to outstanding UM professors. Very successful last semester, this project will be continued by ALD next semester.

Highlighting the spring semester was a pledge service for 36 new freshman members and the initiation banquet in March.



Miss Janet Douglas

### New Flame Editor

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Miss Douglas is a vivacious, energetic person who will bring a great deal to the Alpha Lambda Delta Council and to the chapters through her position as editor of *The Flame*. Miss Douglas follows Miss Ruth Weimer, dean of students at Ohio State University, who held the position for three years. Miss Weimer is resigning because of other responsibilities.

### A.C.H.S. Meets

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Dean Foy felt that general honor societies are excellent sounding boards. These groups include faculty members, administrators and students, and are vehicles through which members of the groups can express their particular concerns. He emphasized the fact that departmental honor societies can have a valuable role as advisors to deans and department heads in recognizing problems and developing solutions.

## National Council

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In his address, President Theodore W. Zillman, retiring president of A.C.H.S., emphasized the role of the honor society in bridging the 'generation gap' and forming a partnership with administrators and teachers in learning to live constructively and acting responsibly together. He said, "can we not again on our campuses rediscover the joyous cooperation of scholars both young and old in the solution of man's ever mounting problems? Don't we sorely need the best from *all* generations if this human race

is to prevail? I am confident of the response which the honor societies will choose to make to such a challenge."

Membership in the A.C.H.S. is now held by 47 recognized honor societies, including Beta Phi Mu (library science) which was accepted as a member at the 1969 meeting. The work of the A.C.H.S. is accomplished through its Council which is composed of one delegate from each member society, plus three members at large selected from among leading educators.

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