

# The Flame

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Shown with Alice Garrard, national college queen 1969, is U.S. Representative, Ben Blackburn, of Atlanta, Georgia.

## ALD Crest Now Available!

At our request, Balfour Company has designated a special crest for Alpha Lambda Delta. It is suitable for wearing

on a jacket and costs \$2.50. They may be purchased by writing directly to Miss Olive S. Horton, central office administrator, Box 866, South Miami, Florida.

## Fellowship and Fellow Winners Announced

Mrs. Sarah Healy, national Alpha Lambda Delta first vice president and fellowship chairman, has announced the granting of five fellowships and five honor fellows.

The Maria Leonard Fellowship was awarded to Miss Judy Sue Essex from Ohio State University. She plans to enter Ohio State for graduate work in vocational guidance.

The Alice Crocker Lloyd Fellowship was awarded to Donna Ann Heicher in Medicine. Her undergraduate school was Drake University; graduate school, University of Missouri Medical School.

The Adele Hagner Stamp Fellowship was awarded to Vicki Elizabeth Nagel. Her undergraduate school was the University of Arizona; graduate school, University of Arizona in English.

The Kathryn Sisson Phillips Fellowship was awarded to Karen Sue Rossner in Music. Her undergraduate school was Temple University; graduate school, Manhattan School of Music.

The Christine Yerges Conaway Fellowship was awarded to Carol Ann Roth in Medicine. Her undergraduate school was Ohio State University; graduate school at Ohio State University School of Medicine.

Alpha Lambda Delta is proud to recognize the following women as honor fellows. The award is for their outstanding academic achievement and carries with it every wish for their future success. The five honor fellows selected are: Lynne Banks in Counseling and Guidance; undergraduate school at Drake University; teaching position in Des Moines, Iowa school system.

Marjorie Ann Clay in Philosophy; undergraduate school at University of Oklahoma; Graduate School at Northwestern,

# ALD Fellowship Winners



Donna Heicher



Judy Essex



Vicki Nagel



Carol Roth



Karen Rosner

Vanderbilt, or University of Texas; Danforth Graduate Fellowship. Candyce Delight Smith in Family Life Education; undergraduate school at Cornell University; Graduate School at University of Minnesota; National Mental Health Traineeship in Family Sociology. Mary Ann Jerman in Law; undergraduate school at University of Arizona; Graduate School at University of Arizona. Maryann Melinda Lees; University of Southern California, Bachelor of Arts in English.

## U of I Circle Publishes ALD Information Handbook

The University of Illinois at Chicago Circle has published an Alpha Lambda Delta informational handbook. It provides each member with a permanent souvenir of their affiliation with the organization.

The book includes such interesting things as the history of Alpha Lambda Delta, its heritage, the membership qualifications, and specific information about obligations and privileges of membership. It also indicates the quantity and quality of service rendered to the University by the organization and goes into detail about their local projects. The last two pages of the booklet are devoted to study hints that every student should find helpful.

Your chapter may be interested in writing to the Circle Campus of the University of Illinois to request a copy. You may not have all the funds to publish such an expensive booklet, but it will give you some ideas on modifications that would be within the means of your chapter. For instance, the University of Miami has developed a very effective single-fold pamphlet describing the purpose, the history, membership, awards, activities, etc., of Alpha Lambda Delta. You are encouraged to investigate this publication possibility.

## Tift College Welcomed To ALD Membership

On April 21, 1969, Alpha Lambda Honor Society of Tift College, Forsyth, Georgia, became Alpha Lambda Delta National Honor Society.

The initiation and installation occurred on Tift's campus with Miss Katharine Cater, treasurer of the national organization, traveling from Auburn University to Tift for the ceremony.

Officiating along with Miss Cater were Miss Flora Walraven, Tift's dean of students; Dr. Ruth Scarborough, faculty advisor to Alpha Lambda at Tift; and Miss Mary Kate Tribble, faculty advisor to Alpha Lambda members at the Georgia Baptist Hospital School of Nursing (Atlanta) which is affiliated with Tift.

Twenty of Tift's young women were initiated as charter members. President Nancy York delivered an inspiring speech to the chapter members.

National Alpha Lambda Delta is happy to welcome Tift Chapter to membership.

## Five \$2,000 Fellowships Awarded Annually by ALD

National Alpha Lambda Delta awards five \$2,000 annual fellowships to recent Alpha Lambda Delta graduates.

These fellowships have been established to assist qualified young women in their endeavor to obtain graduate degrees. In order to be eligible for consideration, you must maintain the specified Alpha Lambda Delta average throughout your college career.

Graduating seniors who have maintained this average through the end of the first grading period in their senior year may apply. One fellowship may be awarded to a qualified student who is presently engaged in an academic program of study on the doctoral level.

## Our District Advisers Say . . .

Of particular interest to one district adviser was the number of organizations with which Alpha Lambda Delta associates itself on the various campuses. These organizations and activities included Cwens, the American Association of University Women, Phi Eta Sigma, institutional public relations staff, foreign students, English classes, Big Sister programs, numerous honors, convocations, awards assemblies, university publications, Panhellenic Council, numerous freshmen assembly and orientation programs, the counseling and testing service, and one city's major reception for foreign students.

The District Adviser of District VI reports that many interesting activities such as fund-raising drives for scholarships, banquets with Phi Eta Sigma for new initiates, teas and receptions for students with high grades, and gifts for loan funds are being carried out in some of the chapters of that district.

One of the chapters in District VIII had an "ask me" informational booth during freshman week. Other interesting projects in District VIII include tutoring programs for women dormitory residents.

Be proud to wear your pin and emphasize the importance of the purchase of ALD jewelry. It is symbolic of the unity of national membership and serves as an incentive for other young women who may aspire to membership.

Slightly over seven percent of the freshmen women in District IV were eligible for membership in Alpha Lambda Delta, and six percent were initiated.

# ALD Chapter Projects Spark Interesting, Worthwhile Activities Across the Country

## University of California at Los Angeles

"Highlighting our activities are 'Evenings with Professors.'" Ten to 15 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. We have 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."

## San Jose State College

Our chapter has handed out "Please Keep Out, I'm Studying" signs at all the large, women's living center.

During the spring semester, members of Alpha Lambda Delta at San Jose State participated in the Associated Women's Students' Project for Better Lighting around the campus at night. Interested members also worked as tutors with Project Share.

Beside contributing to the Martin Luther King Scholarship Fund, Alpha Lambda Delta also established its own scholarship for the sophomore woman with the highest overall grade point average.

Alpha Lambda Delta joined with Black Masque (Senior Women's Honorary) to participate in Women's Week. Members were invited to the initiation banquet for Phi Eta Sigma and 24 new members were initiated into Alpha Lambda Delta at the initiation banquet in April.

## Brigham Young University

Each month we plan our meetings around building an important aspect of each girl. Our theme and goal for the year was to "Build The Whole You." We did it this way: In January we had a Spaghetti Dinner Party to get better acquainted and "build the social you." In February we tried to "build the spiritual you" with our initiation ceremonies, a speech by our advisor, and a fireside on Sunday night with Phi Eta Sigma. We also emphasized our science project during this month. In March we worked toward "building the beautiful you" with a speech on poise and grooming and topped the month off by practicing what we had learned at a dinner dance. April was our month to "build a cultural you" and we had a

professor of music speak to us. In May we "built the intellectual side of each girl" by honoring the senior girl with the highest G.P.A.

## University of Oklahoma

The 15 fall initiates and 48 spring initiates of Alpha Lambda Delta at the University of Oklahoma are publishing a study guide to be distributed to all freshmen women. "STUDY HINTS" was published last year in mimeograph form. They are hoping to have it printed in booklet form this year and make the project an annual one for Alpha Lambda Delta. In order to compile this booklet, ideas on studying are submitted by each member of the group. Emphasis is placed on budgeting time, reading, note taking, and other effective methods used by the members.

## University of Massachusetts

Several seniors at the University of Massachusetts were asked to summarize their honors projects and honors program.

## Longwood College Chapter

The Longwood College Chapter seems to be particularly creative in recognizing scholarship. Each initiate is given a door sign to be posted; a banner is awarded to the freshmen hall group with the highest averages; posters are used recommending early study for exams.

## William and Mary College

Perhaps the most unique activity was William and Mary's presentation of an award to Miss America, a member of Alpha Lambda Delta, on her visit to Williamsburg.

## Florida State

Florida State began a tutoring program for grade school children.

## University of Miami

The University of Miami chapter honored faculty and administrators who received national or local recognition.

## University of South Carolina

The University of South Carolina chapters joined with Mortar Board in sponsoring a "women's week."

## Illinois State

Illinois State's chapter cooperated with Phi Eta Sigma in sponsoring dialog dinners with faculty members.

## Northwestern

Northwestern's chapter invited academic deans to the initiation.

## Purdue

Purdue chapter presented a trophy to the residence hall having the largest number of freshmen tapped for Alpha Lambda Delta.

## Newly Elected Officers Take Office in June '70

Newly elected council officers who are scheduled to take office in June, 1970 are:

President-elect—Kathryn Cater, Auburn University, succeeding May A. Brunson, University of Miami.

First vice president-elect—Mary Jane Stevenson, Bucknell University, succeeding Sarah Healy, University of Alabama.

Miss Jean Liedman, Secretary for Alpha Lambda Delta will be acting in the combined position of secretary-treasurer since Kathryn Cater is now president-elect. You will be hearing more about these outstanding women in a future edition of *The Flame*.

The following district advisors were elected and will be taking office in June, 1970:

District I—Liana Larabee, George Washington University, replacing Mary Jane Stevenson, who becomes First Vice President-Elect.

District VII, Irma Anderson, University of Denver, succeeding Christine Moon, Colorado College.

District VIII—Mrs. Jean Smith, University of Arizona, succeeding Margery Warmer, San Diego State College.

## Drake University Chapter Initiates 31 Members

The Drake University, Des Moines, Iowa, chapter of Alpha Lambda Delta initiated 31 girls into membership on September 18, 1969. Twelve other girls were pledged for membership October 7 and will be activated November 19.

Martha Winschantz was elected president. Other officers include: Jan Stout, vice president; Linda Dougherty, secretary; Mary Alice Ditto, treasurer; Janet Sandstrom, historian; and Julie Hughes, Drake's editor of *The Flame*.

Seventy-three percent of the eligible students in District VII accepted membership and were initiated.

# ALD Junior Adviser's Function Outlined

by Marcia Gibbs Bauer  
Junior Advisor, Colo. State Univ.

As in many organizations, Alpha Lambda Delta changes its active membership yearly. Newly initiated freshmen serve the organization during their sophomore year and new officers are elected with very little knowledge and experience of the workings of the organization. This situation necessitates advice from a former member and thus the presence of a Junior Advisor.



Marcia Gibbs Bauer

What is the defined role of a Junior Advisor? It is to be present in an advisory capacity at all executive officer and membership meetings. What amount of work does this actually involve? This depends on each chapter's needs and the amount

of active participation on campus.

Most chapters do not initiate the first new group of freshmen women until late in the year and do not elect officers until the end of the school year. New officers can be instructed in their duties by former officers, but they are all new to the organization and need the advice of someone who has spent a full year as an active member.

As the new officers begin their term of office in the fall and with a clean slate, the Junior Advisor can give suggestions, relate past experiences and try to answer any question that concerns the national and local workings of the chapter.

A past officer serving as a Junior Advisor provides helpful suggestions. However, any member having served the organization actively for a year can prove to be valuable in time of question or crisis.

There is a second side to the Junior Advisor's ability to advise. Being recognized by the University or College demands participation in the duties of campus-oriented organizations. Alpha Lambda Delta may be one of the freshman's first opportunities to become involved in a campus organization. Thus, the awareness of campus participation

that a Junior Advisor has will enable the organization to continue a smooth working relationship between the chapter and student leaders, faculty and administrators.

An advisor of some capacity is a must for most organizations. The Junior Advisor in Alpha Lambda Delta should help fill the bill.

## Scholarship Namesakes' Background Noted

*Alpha Lambda Deltas everywhere are proud of their fellowship winners. They are equally proud of the outstanding women after whom the scholarships are named. With this in mind, we would like to share with you some information about these outstanding women.*

Maria Leonard Fellowship—Miss Leonard, for many years, was Dean of Women at the University of Illinois. It was under her aegis that National Alpha Lambda Delta became a reality. It was her belief that high scholarship attained by freshman women should be encouraged. She not only was the founder but has continued an active interest in Alpha Lambda Delta even through her years of retirement. In the event you should like to correspond with her, her address is P. O. Box 1278, Palo Alto, California.

Alice Crocker Lloyd Fellowship—Miss Lloyd was outstanding in the field of women's education and in the professional deans association. She was a member of the National Council of Alpha Lambda Delta and made many contributions to our organization.

Adele Hagner Stamp Fellowship—Miss Stamp was for many years the treasurer of the National Council of Alpha Lambda Delta. It is largely due to her keen financial abilities that monies have accrued which are available for the fellowships. Miss Stamp has retired as Dean of Women at the University of Maryland and is now residing near there. In the event that you would like to correspond with her, her address is 7013 Fordham Street, College Park, Maryland.

Kathryn Sisson Phillips Fellowship—Mrs. Phillips has been an outstanding woman in the field of education for many years. She contributed importantly to the establishment of the Department of Guidance and Student Personnel Administration at the Teachers College, Columbia University, New York and was one of the founders of the National Association of Women Deans and Coun-

selors. As a board member of the Phillips Foundation, she has been instrumental in making many foundation grants available to educational programs for women. In April, 1965, Mrs. Phillips was made an honorary member of Alpha Lambda Delta.

Christine Yerges Conaway Fellowship—Dr. Conaway was a long-time member of the National Alpha Lambda Delta Council and was the first editor of *The Flame*.

## New Chapter Installations

A number of new chapters were installed during the 1968-69 academic year. The following chapters are new to Alpha Lambda Delta.

- Washington State University at Pullman, Washington, was installed December 7, 1968 bringing the total number of chapters to 21 in District VIII.

- Frances T. Nicholls State College at Thibodaux, Louisiana, was installed on December 7, 1968. A total of 67 members including two honoraries were initiated at this installation.

- Georgetown College, Georgetown, Kentucky, was installed on November 18, 1968. Twenty-seven students and two honorary members were initiated. The district adviser, Miss Ann Meierhofer, dean of students of Illinois Wesleyan University was the installing officer.

- Carthage College in Kenosha, Wisconsin, was installed February 11, 1969. Dr. Jean Liedman, national secretary, was installing officer.

- Three new chapters were installed in District II. They are Carson-Newman College on October, 1968; Tift College in April, 1969; and the University of Alabama at Birmingham also in April.

- West Georgia College, Carrollton, Georgia, was installed on Tuesday, November 19, 1969. Dr. M. Louise McBee, District II Advisor, was the installing officer.

## District One Engaged in Chapter Research

District I is doing some research on trying to achieve a sense of "groupness" in large Alpha Lambda Delta chapters.

By large, they mean groups with at least 130 or more. When they have finished their research, we will share their ideas with you. Are there special concerns that you have as a chapter? If so, share your concerns with your district advisor and we will try to find out what other chapters are doing about these same concerns.



# Alpha Lambda Delta on Campus

## *William and Mary*

Peggy Morris, Editor of The Flame from William and Mary chapter reports that Miss America for 1969, Miss Judith Ford, was in Williamsburg, Virginia, on April 18, 1969, to participate in the annual Miss Williamsburg Pageant. Upon her arrival at the Williamsburg Inn, Miss Ford, who is an Alpha Lambda Delta member, was greeted by representatives of the College of William and Mary chapter. Miss Ford was presented a silver Jefferson cup with the college seal engraved on it as a gift from the local chapter. Those greeting Miss Ford as representatives of the William and Mary chapter included: Miss Birdena Donaldson, Dean of Women at William and Mary and former national vice-president of Alpha Lambda Delta; Miss Martha Barksdale, chapter advisor; Miss Barbara Massie, chapter president for the 1968-69 year; Miss Peggy Morris, Editor of The Flame chapter of Alpha Lambda Delta; and Miss Frances Mitchell, Miss Williamsburg of 1969 and an Alpha Lambda Delta member at the College of William and Mary.

## *University of Georgia*

Linda Wilkes, historian, writes that Alice Garrard, president of Alpha Lambda Delta at the University of Georgia, was named winner of the 1969 National College Queen Pageant in Palm Beach, Florida, on April 20.

The National College Queen entrants engaged in forums and contests. The college queen who accumulated the highest score in the judging was named National Queen. The judging was based on scholastic achievement, intelligence, campus leadership, and record of community service.

Alice will receive more than \$5,000 in prizes, including a trip to Europe, a Pontiac Firebird convertible, Corn Products stock, and a trip to California to be a special guest at the Rose Bowl

game and the Tournament of Roses Parade on New Year's Day.

## *University of Oregon*

Mary Terjeson reports a pizza party held with the men's honorary, Phi Eta Sigma. The party was a great success with group singing and lots of pizza. The day before the party the University of Oregon group had initiated 20 new members raising their 1968-69 membership to 70.

## *Louisiana State University*

Patricia Thompson reports from Louisiana State University that during the fall, members presented a skit in all freshmen women's dormitories. This short play helped explain Alpha Lambda Delta activities, as well as scholastic requirements for membership. In December a B-average tea was given for all freshmen girls with a 3.0 average at mid-term. On April 14, 85 new members were initiated. A joint banquet with Phi Eta Sigma, an honorary fraternity for freshmen, was held.

## *Miami University, Oxford, Ohio*

Peg Svenson reports that Sandra Althoff, member of Alpha Lambda Delta and now a senior at Miami University, looks forward to a promising career in music. Sandy, a piano major, has received a scholarship to the Pious XII Institute, a select graduate school of fine arts, in Florence, Italy. She will study there for at least one and possibly two years. She has been extremely active in the musical field of Miami's campus. Sandy attends Miami University on both music and alumni scholarships, is a Fulbright nominee, and is a member of Phi Beta Kappa.

## **Chapters Urged to Stimulate Fellowship Fund Donations**

One of the projects given special consideration by all ALD Chapters this year is contributions to the Fellowship Fund.

You may want to write to recent Al-

pha Lambda Delta alumni of your institution to stimulate their interest in contributing to the fellowship awards.

You may also want to have a special money-making project for the Fund or to encourage voluntary contributions from your chapter. The latter suggestion might be of special interest for those chapters consistently carrying large unused balances.

If your chapter is interested in making such a contribution, send it directly to Dr. Katherine Cater, National Treasurer, Alpha Lambda Delta, Dean of Women, Auburn University, Auburn, Alabama 36380.

## **You Too Can Be a Fellowship Winner**

If you think you have the qualifications to become a fellowship winner, see your personnel dean after October 15 for application forms. The completed form must be in the hands of the fellowship director no later than January 15, 1970.

## **You Can Nominate For Honorary Membership**

Is there someone on your campus you would like to honor?

The constitution of Alpha Lambda Delta provides for the recognition of women faculty members and administrators through honorary membership. On every campus there are women whose scholarly achievements are noteworthy, who make noble contributions to the intellectual community, and who merit the distinction of belonging to our society. In turn, professors and administrators so recognized bring honor to the group.

Many distinguished faculty and administrative women in the United States wear the badge of Alpha Lambda Delta with pride and give wholehearted support to the organization. Chapters are encouraged each year to invite one or more outstanding women professors or administrators to become members of the society.

Usually, faculty advisors and deans of women are happy to recommend able and outstanding women to whom invitations may be extended.

## National Council

President—May A. Brunson, University of Miami, Coral Gables, Florida

First Vice President—Sarah Healy, University of Alabama, University, Alabama

Second Vice President—Marjorie Cunningham, Drake University, Des Moines, Iowa

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District I, Atlantic States—Connecticut, Maryland, Massachusetts, New York, Pennsylvania, Vermont, Virginia, Washington, D.C., West Virginia  
Advisor—Mary Jane Stevenson, Bucknell University, Lewisburg, Pennsylvania

District II, Southeast—Alabama, Florida, Georgia, Mississippi, South Carolina, Tennessee  
Advisor—Mary Louise McBee, University of Georgia, Athens, Georgia

District III, Great Lakes—Michigan, Ohio, Wisconsin  
Advisor—Barbara Bechtell, Central Michigan University, Mt. Pleasant, Michigan

District IV, Midwest—Illinois, Indiana, Kentucky  
Advisor—Anne Meierhofer, Illinois Wesleyan University, Bloomington, Illinois

District V, Mississippi Valley—Arkansas, Iowa, Minnesota, Missouri  
Advisor—Peggy Stroud, Arkansas State University, State University, Arkansas

District VI, South Central—Louisiana, New Mexico, Texas  
Advisor—Margaret Berry, University of Texas, Austin, Texas

District VII, Plains States—Colorado, Kansas, Nebraska, North Dakota, Oklahoma, South Dakota  
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

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## Katherine C. Cater To Be New Alpha Lambda Delta President

Katherine Cooper Cater, dean of women and social director at Auburn University, Auburn, Ala., will take over as national president of Alpha Lambda Delta following the National Council Meeting which will be held in June 1970.

Dean Cater, whose home is Macon, Ga., has been dean of women and social director at Auburn University since 1946. Prior to that she was director of student personnel at Furman University, Greenville, S. C. She also taught for three years on the English faculty of Limestone College, Gaffney, S. C., and for a time was an English teacher at Boiling Springs High School, Boiling Springs, S. C.

Dean Cater has an associate degree, Magna Cum Laude, from Limestone College. Her masters degrees are from Mercer University, Macon, Ga., and Syracuse University, Syracuse, N. Y. She has also done advanced studies at Syracuse and in 1958 was awarded a doctor of letters degree from Limestone College.

In 1952, Limestone College recognized Dean Cater as "Alumna of the Year." The Alabama division of the American Association of University Women has also paid her special tribute by naming an international study grant after her, calling it the "Katharine Cater Grant." That grant was established in 1952 in her honor. She is listed in "Who's Who in American Women."

Dean Cater is a member of the Alabama Association of Women Deans and Advisers and for two years, 1947-49, was president of that organization.

She is also a member of the Alabama Citizens Advisory Committee on Education, the Alabama Education Association



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and the Alabama Federation of Women's Clubs. She was third vice president of the latter group from 1955-56.

Dean Cater has held two offices in the Alabama Guidance Association, being vice president from 1954-56 and serving as the organization's treasurer from 1957-58.

Other organizations of which Dean Cater is a member include the American College Personnel Association, the American Personnel and Guidance Association, the Auburn Campus Club and the Auburn Community Chest.

She was vice president of the Auburn League of Women Voters from 1957-59.

Dean Cater's membership in the American Association of University Wo-

men has resulted in a long history of service to that organization as an officer and committee member.

For two years, from 1947-49, she was president of the Auburn branch of the A.A.U.W. and was named first vice president of the Alabama division in 1950 in which capacity she served until 1953. In 1954 she took over the presidency of the state division for two years and from 1961-63 was on the National Membership Committee.

Dean Cater also has a notable background in Alpha Lambda Delta as she was adviser in district two for six years, 1960-66, and was named national treasurer in 1966.

Listed among her many professional and civic organizations is the National Association of Women Deans and Counselors, a group which has called upon Dean Cater to serve on a number of its committees.

Among those committees is a special liaison committee which she headed from 1963-65. She was also chairman of the Special Events Committee in 1968 and the Program Committee in the following year.

From 1963-66 Dean Cater was an executive board member of the Association of College and University Concert Managers.

The Pi Chapter of Delta Kappa Gamma has called upon her to be vice president and she is also committee chairman.

Reflected in her professional role of working with students is her advisership from 1963-64 of the Southern Intercollegiate Association of Student Governments and from 1963-66 of the Southern Universities Student Government Association.

## "The Courage To Speak Out"

*Following is the text of a speech delivered by Barbara I. Cook, associate dean of women at Purdue University. The talk was made at that university and is entitled "The Courage To Speak Out."*

*Dr. Cook received her doctors degree from Purdue in 1967 in counseling and guidance. Her masters degree is from Syracuse University in student personnel administration and her bachelors degree in sociology is from the University of Arkansas.*

*After graduation from Arkansas she became acting supervisor of women's residence halls and while working toward her masters was student dean at Syracuse. She then returned to the University of Arkansas as assistant dean of women and joined the Purdue staff in 1956 as counselor, assistant dean of women and director of placement service for women.*

*She is a member of several organizations and besides her work in Alpha Lambda Delta is section director for Mortar Board.*

Let us assume at the outset that, as all sociologists know, institutions are constantly involved in cultural lags. Changes in structure and in procedure come only after the needs of the members of various groups have been clearly identified and articulately and sometimes dramatically and painfully verbalized. In government, we see these "lags" in still needed civil rights legislation, in problems of massive urbanization, in an inequitable tax structure, just to name a few of the problems.

In education we see these "lags" in sometimes obsolete curriculae, in a structure subject to the control of legislators who are often uninformed, in a system which does not yet allow for enough student or faculty involvement in decision-making. We would agree, I think, that many changes in our societal structure are needed. We do not always agree however on the priority of change; we do not always agree on the method of change. The multiple problems evident on our campuses today reflect problems of the total society, and it is urgent

that a method of problem solving be evolved which permits speedy responsiveness to human needs without violence, destruction, and mistrust.

There is now, for the first time in American history, a student movement. Radicalized and "politicalized" student groups on both the far left and far right proselytize their own brand of dogmatic idealism. Both claim for themselves the only "moral" and "right" approach. In such a rationalized moral framework, fed by emotionalism and the call for simple solutions to complex problems, the climate for perpetuating a host of injustices in the name of justice is fostered.

I should make it very clear here that when I speak of the student radicals, I am referring to a hard core group which represents numerically, on most campuses a relatively small number. However, this small group is well organized and well disciplined and because it pushes issues, it manages to pick up support from other students—support which varies from issue to issue. The methods used by this group are largely non-rational, and it is these methods which I would like to speak about in the hope that you might recognize and understand them better.

The radical groups speak a great deal today of "humanism"—a term most people in Western society find easily acceptable. In the name of "humanism" it becomes possible to degrade the human experience so that meaning, kindness, sensitivity, privacy and respect have little place. The position or point of view of another human being has no relevance if it is in disagreement with that of the "new humanist."

An example of this on our own campus has been the editorial assassination of our institution's president by two student newspapers. The technique is that of using emotional language liberally sprinkled with obscene words. The articles have been personally degrading, and yet as one student said to me this fall, "no University president is going to put himself in the position of suing a student newspaper." So, in the name

of "liberal humanism," an individual reputation can be easily tarnished and subject to future mistrust. In other words, the ends dictate fully whatever means may be useful at a particular time. The fact that an individual was subject to ridicule and abuse was somehow not important. The issue here was not the newspaper's rights to criticize but rather the method of criticism used. Along with most of today's college students, I find, as a human being, to be quite concerned over the large issues of poverty, violence, discrimination and disease; I do not, however, find it inconsistent at the same time to be concerned with propriety and ethics and standards of behavior.

### Tell It Like It Is

The radical groups speak also of individual freedoms and often these freedoms exploited by the radicals are pushed to their very outer limits. Freedom of speech is translated into dirty speech. Techniques of communication become shock techniques justifiable as the "only way to make people think." Liberality of thought becomes measurable apparently by the frequency and violent use of four letter words. "Tell it like it is," which may have started as an honest approach to truth seeking, has come to mean tell and show everything in the most basic way possible, being particularly careful to avoid good taste or private sensibilities dictated by custom or generally acceptable word usage.

To the radical freedom of the press means control of an editorial policy in order to hammer again and again at what is wrong and what is negative; it makes people too guilty or too afraid or too distrustful to accept situations at face value. It dramatizes and generalizes from individual judgment, to institutional judgment, to societal judgment. It ridicules those who support policy or establishment or law as apathetic, unconcerned sheep who are obviously too stupid to recognize the abuses of power which by definition must reside in any who hold positions of authority.

To the student radical, freedom of assembly is a means whereby organizational meetings and functions can be exploited for the radical's own ends. Techniques are used to excite, entertain and alarm to emotional action those in attendance. The assemblies carry a new brand of excitement and for the un



initiated, the emotionality is itself often enough to enlist support. Freedom of assembly, to the radical, however, does not allow free expression of another point of view.

### **The Radical Approach**

The student radical speaks of racism, of power, of control, of destruction. He is a revolutionary who is more concerned with ends than with means. He is perfectly willing to destroy the rights of others along the way. His way of life is basic, and he attacks those symbols of society which he conceives of as phoney. Because he is concerned with "basic good" he finds it easy to reject and ridicule certain standards and life styles of others. He would return us all to a simple era wherein man's concerns are all totally basic—an anti-civilization.

Man's progress through life has been built on organization, on law, on respect for one another. Societies have adopted customs, mores, and values which have served specific functions for that society at a point in time. Most etiquette stems from one primary concept—consideration for the other person. When a man dresses to go to work, he tries to be neat and well groomed because this reflects a feeling that his job is important and his place in the work to be done is important. When a man shakes hands or rises when another person enters the room, he is giving signs which acknowledge the other's presence as important—as worthy of note. Language of importance is written or spoken in rational or logical ways so that reason rather than emotion may decide important issues. Words, conversation, habits of dress, and behavior in certain situations reflect respect for others, for institutions, for societal values.

Barbarism, a product of anti-civilization, is, and must be by definition, an anti-societal force. It implies contempt for tradition, institutions, symbols of meaning, refinement, gentleness, and rationality. It creates an atmosphere of distrust of all things; it undermines law and the processes of an orderly society. It assumes no respect for anything except individual power and control and whim. It is anarchy in its largest sense. The student radical movement in today's colleges and universities is largely an anti-civilization movement and it is important that it be viewed in this light. It has offered thus far no constructive

solutions. It is built on nihilism—on destruction, on nothingness. It is built on a doctrine which denies any objective or real ground of truth.

### **What Should We Keep?**

I cannot, as an educator, or as a human being dedicated to American democratic principles (which I confess are too often not practiced), accept the idea that there is nothing left in our culture which is worth preserving. We need desperately to reshape our institutions so that they and we are responsive to the great task of this democratic society—developing the full potential of all human resources.

At our institution this year, I have applauded newly gained student freedoms and the desire of students to have more responsibility for shaping their environment. I am heartened by the widened concern of students for problems in this country and by their increasing personal involvement in community action programs. I have not worried really about student confrontation and active involvement (even though I sometimes shudder at language and tactics used), nor have I worried about student desires to have more direct input in all areas of the University. These are good and long overdue signs of awareness and sensitivity. These are active signs of concern about the possibility of shaping a better academic community.

I have worried, however, about disregard for the rights and sensibilities of other people. I do worry when property and facilities belonging to the whole community are destroyed or mutilated or left in shambles; I do worry when all restraints and regulations necessary for the safety of all are defied simply because such defiance suits the particular pleasure and convenience of small groups dedicated to show disdain for the "rules of an autocratic management"—regardless of how much sense such rules might make. I do worry when student journalism cares so little about the truth that no real effort is made to check the facts before publications, or that it presents only one side of a news issue, or resorts to shoddy and emotional techniques to retain readership. I do worry when character assassination is allowed only because everyone knows that "a university president will not sue a student press." I

do worry when the whole focus of emphasis is a negative one!

### **The Courage to Speak Out**

So the question I would ask you as young, emerging leaders in a time of crisis is what kind of university do you want? Is there anything in your academic environment which you think is worth saving? I would ask you to continue feeling, of course, but I would also ask you to use moral courage in discriminating, as intelligent, and responsible human beings, the rational from the emotional, and to analyze the techniques used by small, radical groups. Lastly, I would ask you to consider what is left when all standards, values and respect for one another as imperfect human beings is destroyed. I would ask you to look at the resultant ugly and scarred wasteland which has occurred at Berkeley and Columbia and other institutions, and I would ask you as intelligent student leaders not to let your college become such an ugly wasteland.

I would hope that your superior record of past achievement and intelligence will be used in working for needed change, in attempting to close communication gaps and generation gaps, in creating, not destroying. Finally, I would hope that if there is any meaning in this environment that you will have the moral courage to speak out—that you will count yourself in that small group of problem-solvers who create and are articulate about the kind of campus environment which will serve to free and develop all the human potentials of our academic community.

### **Special Notice**

Many of us have been saddened to learn of the death of Mrs. Kathryn Sisson Phillips. At the time of her death, Mrs. Phillips was Vice President of the Ellis L. Phillips Foundation. She was a former Dean of Women at Chadron State College and at Ohio Wesleyan University. Mrs. Phillips was a past president of NAWDC and was the first National Council initiate of Alpha Lambda Delta. All Alpha Lambda Delta members recognize that Mrs. Phillips has been honored by having one of our fellowships named after her.



The University of Southern Mississippi Alpha Lambda Delta chapter has had a busy first quarter with orientation and annual party for foreign students.

## *Alpha Lambda Delta on Campus*

### *DePaul University, Chicago, Illinois*

The Alpha Lambda chapter of DePaul University helped to make September a less frightening experience for incoming freshmen. Letters were sent to women scholarship winners, welcoming them to DePaul and introducing them to Alpha Lambda Delta. At the annual Orientation Jamboree, the Alpha Lambda Delta booth featured members, dressed as schoolmams, who distributed colorful tissue flowers and booklets of helpful hints to students. Information about Alpha Lambda Delta and its goals were also freely distributed to those interested.

### *University of Alabama*

The members of Alpha Lambda Delta at the University of Alabama decided that their group was not taken very seriously by the rest of the campus. So they decided to do something about it. They started a service project. Every week a group of girls go to nearby Hale Hospital, a tuberculosis hospital, to read and entertain the children there. It is a very rewarding experience to be with these children. The members of Alpha Lambda Delta at the University of Ala-

bama may still be almost unknown on the campus, but they now have that good feeling that comes when a person does something that helps another.

### *Stamford, Alabama*

The Stamford, Alabama, chapter of Alpha Lambda Delta had an impressive meeting to plan projects for the year. They include tutorial services, scholarship tea and other programs to promote scholarship on the campus that help raise the standards of students in academic difficulty.

### *Oklahoma State University*

Alpha Lambda Delta at Oklahoma State University joined with Phi Eta Sigma to sponsor a booth at "Activities Night," a display of campus activities and organizations sponsored by the Student Union Activities Board. A colorful poster, leaflets, and the chapter's scrapbook informed freshman women about Alpha Lambda Delta, stressing grades and service, and encouraged them to obtain the grade point necessary for initiation.

Combining a career with marriage was discussed by a panel of three women at the next meeting as well as the contribu-

tions a woman may make to her chosen career.

### *University of Southern Mississippi*

The University of Southern Mississippi chapter of Alpha Lambda Delta has had a busy first quarter. After an orientation session with freshman women, goals of the chapter were explained, and now many freshman women have obtained scholastic excellence. Halloween found Southern's Alpha Lambs hosting their annual foreign students party. They acquainted Southern's cross section of the world with the true American holiday, serving the U. S. hot dog type meal.

In addition, many of their Alpha Lambs have distinguished themselves on campus. Fourteen of their former members were tapped for Who's Who in American Colleges and Universities.

### *North Dakota State University*

Connie Johnson, a past president of Alpha Lambda Delta at North Dakota State University, was selected to spend her junior year abroad on the World Campus Afloat. She recommends this experience for as many coeds as possible.

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## Alpha Lambda Delta Chapters Welcomed

Alpha Lambda Delta is proud to welcome new chapters to membership in the organization. We know that the chapters at these fine institutions will make a contribution not only to their campus and national organizations, but to the many undergraduate women aspiring to high scholastic endeavor.

### Vanderbilt University

The Vanderbilt University chapter of Alpha Lambda Delta was officially installed on Dec. 6, 1969, by Dr. Mary Louise McBee, Associate Dean of Student Affairs at the University of Georgia and regional adviser of Alpha Lambda Delta. Fifty-three Vanderbilt women, who were members of Vanderbilt's local freshman women's honor society, Delphians, were initiated as charter members into Alpha Lambda Delta.

Dr. Margaret Cuninggim, Dean of Women at Vanderbilt, who served as adviser to the local honor society, and Dr. Julia Hereford, professor of nursing and the faculty adviser of the charter group, assisted Dean McBee in the installation services.

The installation was followed by a banquet at which Chancellor Alexander Heard welcomed the new Alpha Lambda Delta chapter to Vanderbilt.

The officers of the chapter are: President, Ann Hutcheson; Vice President, Susan Wodicka; Secretary, Leslie Jones; Treasurer, Mae King Go; Historian, Susan Estes; Editor, Debbie Stewart; Senior Adviser, Sandra Page, and Junior Adviser, Rebecca Cochran.

### West Georgia College, Carrollton, Georgia

On Nov. 19, 1969 at 5 p.m., the twenty-third chapter of Alpha Lambda Delta in District II was installed at West Georgia College in Carrollton, Georgia. Dr. Mary Louise McBee, Associate Dean of Student Affairs at the University of Georgia and Adviser of District II, was the installing officer. She was assisted by Miss Birdie Bondurant, Adviser to the University of Georgia Alpha Lambda Delta chapter.

The installation was held in the West Georgia College Student Union and was followed by a reception in the same building to which all new initiates, past



Officers of the newly installed Vanderbilt University chapter are, left to right, Sandy Page, Senior Adviser; Becky Cochran, Junior Adviser; Debbie Knapp; Donna Sanders; Susan Estes, Historian and Debbie Stewart, Editor. Not pictured are Ann Hutcheson, President; Susan Wodicka, Vice President; Leslie Jones, Secretary; Mae Go, treasurer and Julia Hereford, Faculty Adviser.

members of the local honor society, and members of the Student Affairs staff were invited. Twenty-eight students and two honorary members were initiated into the West Georgia chapter. The Associate Dean of Students, Dr. Georgia Martin, was already a member of Alpha Lambda Delta.

Officers and advisers for the association are as follows: President, Rebecca Hammock; Vice President, Mrs. Nancy Stager Brown; Secretary, Patricia Gallman; Treasurer, Lura Kathy Smith; Historian, Carla Ann James; Faculty Adviser, Miss Ann Mackey and Associate Dean of Students, Dr. Georgia Martin.

### Texas A & I University, Kingsville, Texas

At 4 p.m. Friday, Nov. 21, 1969, the Texas A & I University chapter of Alpha Lambda Delta was formally installed. The service was held in the presence of a few faculty members and friends. The service included the initiation of chapter officers, the installation of chapter officers and the initiation of honorary members, the initiation of members, the installation of the chapter, and presentation of the charter.

The installing officer, Miss Margaret Berry, District VI adviser, served as banquet speaker.

### Syracuse University

On February 22 a new Alpha Lambda Delta chapter was installed on the Syracuse University campus. Since the installation will occur after THE FLAME has gone to press and prior to distribution, we can only report at this time that 38 members plan to be initiated.

## Alpha Lambda Delta Sets Breakfast At NAWDC Convention

"Factors Contributing to a Successful Honor Society" will be the focus of the Alpha Lambda Delta Breakfast, a feature of this spring's National Association of Women Deans and Counselors Convention at the Biltmore Hotel in Los Angeles. The breakfast is to be held Friday, April 10, at 7:30 a.m.

A penetrating look into characteristics of successful honor societies, possible new directions, and actual program ideas for chapters on urban campuses is planned.

Reservations may be made by sending a check or money order (\$4.00), payable to Alpha Lambda Delta, to Mrs. Margery Warmer, Associate Dean of Students, San Diego State College, San Diego, California 92115.

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### Colorado State University

The members of the Alpha Lambda Delta chapter at Colorado State University are offering their services as tutors for students involved in Project GO (Generating Opportunity)—a minority group of students who are here on campus through the sponsorship and financial aid of the University. They can

contact the members for academic help in any field in which they find themselves weak.

The chapter also has several new projects on the drawing board. First of all, they are planning a poll of the various colleges in the University to correlate information on discrimination against women students in certain academic areas. They are also planning to sponsor informal student-faculty get-to-

gethers in the students' own living units. These evenings should prove to be beneficial in creating better relations between faculty and students.

In November, our chapter honored all new freshman women with scholarships at the university to a tea. The Freshman Scholarship Tea is an annual event, and this year we were honored to have as a guest speaker our new University President, Dr. A. R. Chamberlain.

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