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Memberships Requirements Changed

At its annual meeting in June, the National Council voted no longer to exclude men from membership in Alpha Lambda Delta.

This action, which was taken because the Guidelines for the Implementation of Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972 became effective on July 21, will make it possible for chapters to comply with the Guidelines as they are put into effect on their own campuses. During the year a Task Force of students, Faculty and Administrative Advisers, and Council Members will meet to make necessary changes in the Constitution, By-Laws, and Statutes. The National Officers of Alpha Lambda Delta will meet with the National Officers of Phi Eta Sigma to explore the directions in which the two organizations may go.

The Council took this action with reluctance, for the Council members feel strongly that there is a need for an honor society for freshman women and that Alpha Lambda Delta has answered that need in encouraging superior scholastic attainment and in helping young women develop to their fullest potential. They have been especially proud of Alpha Lambda Delta's fine fellowship program.

During this transition period, each chapter is encouraged to work out the solutions that will be best for its own campus. The District Advisers and the National Officers will be glad to assist in any way they can. Although the future will be different, it is hoped that Alpha Lambda Delta will make as great a contribution in the years ahead as it made during its first half century of existence.

Katharine Cater
National President



SAY "YES" TO LIFE

By Beverley Stone

My warm, personal congratulations to each new member of Alpha Lambda Delta! This should have special meaning for each of you selected in the Golden Anniversary Year of the establishment at the University of Illinois of this national honor society. This is the most important honor a freshman woman can achieve in the first semester of her University experience—but from past observation, I know that for most of you it is only the beginning of a list of honors and successes each of you will accrue through your lifetime.

The Purdue Mortar Board Chapter has annually hosted such a party as this to recognize you and to say that senior women who are student leaders, and members of the staff of the Dean of Women, look to you for using your talents creatively for campus leadership and service and for distinguished professional contributions in your chosen career field. Most of you will probably combine marriage and career. We know that most married women will work at least 25 years—most single women will work 40 years—and that married or single the more education a woman has, the more likely she is to be employed.

You have the opportunity to play a significant role in resolving some of society's most critical problems—energy, pollution, poverty, international relationships, overpopulation, feeding the people of the world, disease. Today the best minds—be they male or female are needed to assist in attacking these. These great tasks call for women as well as men to explore their potentialities and talents—and to seek their maximum reali-

zation. Equally important is the critical need for able women sharing in the restoration of integrity in government and other societal institutions and for the rebuilding in our society of that fragile, delicate quality called "human trust."

As to the Purdue environment—the strength of Purdue in the future and certainly the quality or the climate of student life will be directly proportionate to the personal standards of the majority of students as well as faculty—academic standards—personal standards—social standards, ethical and moral standards. We need your imagination, your vision, vitality, hard work, and support in assuring that programs outside the classroom will have relevance to the total educational goals and climate of Purdue.

Many of you may be familiar with Dag Hammarskjöld's *Markings* from which I quote: "I don't know who—or what—put the question. I don't know when it was put. I don't even remember answering. But at some moment I did answer 'Yes' to someone or something—and from that hour I was certain that existence is meaningful and that, therefore, my life in self-surrender, had a goal."

One hundred years ago this month—back in March 1874, the following excerpt from an article appeared in the Lafayette Journal Courier: "The subject of female education in this institution (Purdue) is reserved for future consideration, but the probabilities are that by the time the University is ready for final opening, arrangements will be made to admit ladies to equal rights with gentlemen." Women were admitted very shortly thereafter—but only in the past several years have women actually had equal access to essentially all curricula and programs. Through the years the staff of the Dean of Women has encouraged women students to develop their

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The recipient of a Fellowship Award or Honor Fellow designation of Alpha Lambda Delta is a distinction of considerable significance. This year one hundred seventy-eight young women, representing eighty colleges and universities applied for a total of eight fellowships. If an applicant is successful in securing substantial financial aid from other sources, she is designated as an Honor Fellow and the monetary award is then offered to another outstanding applicant.

This year we had two Honor Fellows: **Arlene Ascherman** of Ohio State University, and **Mary Catherine Harter** of Butler University bring distinction to their universities and to Alpha Lambda Delta with their outstanding records during their college careers.

Arlene plans to work toward a PhD in Clinical Psychology. While at Ohio State she was an Orientation Leader, a teaching assistant and worked in the Dean of Student's Office. In addition she was a volunteer counselor and section supervisor in the men's and women's programs in Columbus, Ohio workhouses. She was a member of the University and Concert Choirs and the Cleveland Orchestra Summer Chorus; held membership in Scarlet 'N Grey Women's Service Organization. Besides being a member of Alpha Lambda Delta she was president of the Honors Student Council, a member of the executive board of the Ohio Area Honors Association, a member of the National Sociology Honorary and the B'nai Brith Hillel Foundation. She was a member of Phi Beta Kappa and graduated **summa cum laude**.

Mary Catherine earned her bachelor's degree at Butler University and plans to pursue a JD degree, perhaps combining law study with a joint master's program.

While at Butler she was a member of the Quiz Bowl, participated in Meals on Wheels, was a dormitory counselor and a volunteer tutor. She was a member of the Curriculum Committee, AWS,



Young Republicans, and was editor of the literary magazine. Besides being a member of Alpha Lambda Delta she belonged to Butler Honors Society, Mortar Board, Phi Kappa Phi and Sigma Tau Delta. As an English major with a straight 4.0 academic record her interest in writing will no doubt find outlets besides legal briefs. Long range goals include possible specializing in "geriatrics law" and a PhD to prepare for teaching in college or law school.

MARIA LEONARD FELLOWSHIP

Helen Jean Birky earned her bachelor's degree from Illinois Wesleyan University and will study for a Masters in Social Work with the aid of the *Maria Leonard Fellowship*. Her plans are to attend the Jane Addams Graduate School of Social Work at the University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign.



At Illinois Wesleyan she was active as an Orientation Leader, on both the University Student Life and Social Action Committees, and was a member of the Student Senate. Besides being an Alpha Lambda Delta, she was a member of Alpha Mu Gamma (foreign language), Alpha Kappa Delta (sociology), and Egas, the senior women's honorary. Her campus employment as a dormitory Resident Assistant and in the Dean of Students office, and her work as a Psychiatric Aide in a mental health center and church intern during one summer will be invaluable experience for her career goals.

ALICE CROCKER LLOYD FELLOWSHIP

Jo Marie Simkins earned her bachelor's degree from Illinois Wesleyan University and will study at the St. Louis University School of Medicine with the aid of the *Alice Crocker Lloyd Fellowship*.

At Illinois Wesleyan she was a tutor in biology and math, took part in the biological and chemical study of Lake Evergreen for community planning and was



an Open Set member (Math Club). Besides being a member of Alpha Lambda Delta she was a member of Alpha Mu Gamma (Foreign Languages), Green Medallion, Phi Kappa Phi, Egas, the Senior Women's Honorary, and President of Beta Beta Beta (Biology). She worked as a biology lab assistant and as a research assistant for a professor.

ADELE HAGNER STAMP FELLOWSHIP

Barbara Helene Sohmer earned her bachelor's degree in Zoology at the University of Maryland and will study at the Johns Hopkins School of Medicine with the aid of the *Adele Hagner Stamp Fellowship*.

At the University of Maryland she was a member of the Advisory Board of the Office of Student Development. She was treasurer of the Pre-Med Society and a chairperson on the Women's Symposium. Besides being a member of Alpha Lambda Delta of which she was president, she was a member of Mortar Board. She worked as a Resident Assistant and did extensive hospital and research work at Johns Hopkins and the University of Maryland Hospital as well as independent study and research.



KATHRYN SISSON PHILLIPS FELLOWSHIP

Brenda E. Palmer earned her bachelor's degree in English at the University of Evansville and her masters at the University of Miami - Ohio. She will study toward the JD degree at the Indiana University School of Law with the aid of the *Kathryn Sisson Phillips Fellowship*.

At Evansville she was treasurer of the Student Government, a member of the Administrative Board of the Student Senate, secretary of Phi Mu sorority, Little Sister to Sigma Alpha Epsilon and a member of the French Club. She was one of ten Campus Notables, Outstanding Senior of Phi Mu besides being a member of Alpha Lambda Delta. She was a member of the National Scholastic Society of Phi



Kappa Phi, the Senior Women's Honorary Cap and Gown, and of Phi Alpha Delta (Law). In 1971 she was listed in *Outstanding Young Women of America*. Miss Palmer taught freshman English at Concord College.

CHRISTINE YERGES CONAWAY FELLOWSHIP

Julie Ann Yaroch earned her bachelor's degree at Albion College. She will study at Notre Dame Law School with the aid of the Conaway fellow-Conaway Fellowship. She wishes the JD degree to work in Community Legal Services and for welfare rights.



At Albion College she placed third in the National Forensic Competition, had the leading role in a production of the Albion College Players and was a member of the Briton Forensic Union. She was a member of Delta Sigma Rho, Tau Kappa Alpha (Speech), was an Albion Fellow, a member of Phi Beta Kappa and was listed in *Who's Who in American Colleges and Universities*. She worked as a Head Resident and a Teacher's Aid.

MAY AUGUSTA BRUNSON FELLOWSHIP

Katherine Hope Latvala earned her bachelor's degree in French and Mathematics at Auburn University. She will study at either the University of Dallas or the University of Georgia toward an MBA in International Management with the aid of the May Augusta Brunson Fellowship.



While at Auburn she was vice president of the Intercollegiate Association of Women Students, treasurer of AWS, a member of the University Jurisprudence Committee and graduated *summa cum laude* in Arts and Science. Besides being a member and president of Alpha Lambda Delta, she was a member of Mortar Board, Pi Delta Phi (French), Pi Mu Epsilon (Math) of which she was secretary/treasurer, and a member of Kappa Delta Pi (Education).

MIRIAM A. SHELDEN FELLOWSHIP

Diane Lee Defenbaugh earned her bachelor's degree at the University of Illinois, Chicago Circle. She will work toward a degree in veterinary medicine at the University of Illinois, Champaign - Urbana with the aid of the 50th Anniversary Miriam A. Sheldon Fellowship.



While attending the University she was a Friend of the Library, a member of the National Audubon Society and the American Museum of Natural History. She was a member of Alpha Lambda Delta. Her work as a surgical assistant and receptionist at Wright Animal Hospital should be very helpful in her studies toward a degree in her chosen field. In spite of this part-time employment she finished her degree in three years. Recommendations picture a young woman dedicated to becoming a first-rate veterinarian.

GLADYS PENNINGTON HOUSER FELLOWSHIP

Deborah Charlene Smith earned her bachelor's degree in mathematics and education at the University of Tennessee, Chattanooga. She will work towards a degree in counseling and personnel work with the aid of the Gladys Pennington Houser Fellowship.



As an undergraduate at UT, Chattanooga she was an Orientation Leader, a member of the Orientation Board, and vice-president of Chi Omega sorority. She was treasurer of both Alpha Lambda Delta and Pi Mu Epsilon (Mathematics), and a committee chairman in the University Christian Fellowship. She was a member of Kappa Delta Pi (Education), and received both the mathematics awards and the education award for the outstanding junior woman. In addition to activities, Debbie worked much of her way through the University as a student assistant and sales and office work.

Since the last issue word has been received of the death of two of Alpha Lambda Delta's former Council members and distinguished women educators. We honor them in this way, although no words can describe the indelible influence they had on our honor society, and on the lives of thousands of young people whom they served.

Miriam A. Sheldon was Associate Chancellor and Dean of Student Personnel at the University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign at the time of her death, having begun her work there as Dean of Women in 1947. Her varied career included training at Russell-Sage College and master's and doctor's degrees from New York University. She taught at Berea College in Kentucky and at the Women's College of the University of North Carolina, Greensboro. She became a Commander in the U.S. Naval Reserve and received a commendation ribbon for her naval air station work in Hawaii. Additional significant awards were: an Alumnae Award, Russell-Sage, the University of Illinois Mother's Association Award, and the University Board of Trustees' Distinguished Service Medallion. Alpha Lambda Delta named the 50th Anniversary Fellowship for Miriam as a lasting way to honor her and the recipients through the years. Perhaps what we all know and feel about Miriam can be voiced in the tribute paid her by the University Chancellor: "The entire university community is sad to have learned of the death of a brave and noble person, Miriam Sheldon. She was an inspiration to all of us, never more so than in the last several years. She was a dedicated woman, brilliant, understanding, committed and competent."

She became a National Council member in 1954 and served as a District III Adviser, as Secretary and became Archivist in 1959. We are grateful for her years of service, and the inspiration she was to all who knew her.

Katherine Warren former Dean of Women at Florida State University, was an alumna of the predecessor institution, Florida State

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The Baylor University chapter of Alpha Lambda Delta has been active this year in many areas. Striving to make our organization meaningful to other groups as well as to ourselves, the chapter contributed to the salary of a performing musician in the Waco Symphony Orchestra. Also, we have provided tickets for the children of a local children's home to attend All University Sing, Baylor's annual musical-theatrical production.

At the 1974 fall initiation banquet, Professor Mary Ellen Proudfit, our faculty adviser, spoke to us from her experiences with Latin American women. She brought us enlightenment through a descriptive survey of their present social status, along with greater appreciation for the advancement that we as American women have been able to achieve over the years. In comparison, we found that we have unique opportunities as citizens of this country.

On April 7, 107 freshman women were initiated into Alpha Lambda Delta. A banquet honoring all of the past and present members of the Baylor Chapter of Alpha Lambda Delta followed the ceremony. Retired law professor, Mrs. Margaret Amsler, Alpha Lambda Delta honorary member, gave an excellent after dinner speech. She is a distinguished attorney who has brought credit to herself and to the University through her contributions as a teacher for 40 years in the School of Law, and as a member of the Texas Legislature. Her speech traced the history of women's position in the law through the centuries, and it was a stimulating and interesting presentation. At the banquet the advisers, Mrs. Virginia Crump, Associate Dean of Students, and Professor Mary Ellen Proudfit, Associate Professor of Music, were honored. Officers for the year 1975-76 were elected.

The chapter expressed appreciation to the officers of the 1974-75 chapter, who were Lebbie Lee, President; Martha Anderson, Vice President; Cathy Compere, Secretary; Sandi Lewis, Treasurer; and Lyn McCrary, Parliamentarian/Historian.

UNIVERSITY OF MARYLAND College Park, Maryland

As of April 24, 1974, the University of Maryland chapter of Alpha Lambda Delta embarked on a new phase in the course of its history. The initiation of one hundred and eight new members into this chapter is the largest group ever initiated and marks the beginning of a more active existence on the campus.

As a result of this activity, a program on career opportunities for women was held on October 2, 1974. Also, a joint celebration with the men of Phi Eta Sigma was arranged and the tutoring program was expanded in close co-ordination with the other scholastic societies on this campus to be more available to all students.

At the annual Spring banquet in April, the University of Maryland chapter of Alpha Lambda Delta honored the retiring adviser, Dean Helen Clarke, and introduced the new adviser, Dr. Virginia Beauchamp. The past president, Barbara Sohmer, introduced the officers who served during the 1974-75 academic year: Penny Jo Barth, president; Marie Hall, vice president; Judy Helsing, secretary; Gail Sumter, treasurer; Karen Loomis, tutoring chairwoman; Deanie Wright, editor; and Patricia Marney, historian.

This past spring one hundred and thirty-three freshman and sophomore women were initiated into the chapter. The ceremony, which took place on April 22, 1975, was held at the Golden Pagoda Restaurant in College Park. Present at the banquet were advisers Dr. Virginia Beauchamp and Dean Helen Clarke, who is District I Adviser on the National Council.

The initiation ceremony included the presentation of the Book Award to senior Margaret Ann Dunlavey for maintaining the highest grade point average.

The officers for the 1975-76 year are: Christine Chiosi, president; Dorothy Williams, vice president; Mary Kinney, treasurer; Vicki Domenick, secretary; Debra Friedland, historian and editor; and Kathy Keegan and Leslie Glass, tutoring chairmen.

A continuing project of the University of Maryland chapter is a tutoring service. The service is open to all students of the University. When each girl joins she fills out a card indicating at least three subjects she is willing to tutor. The tutoring chairmen's job is to publicize the program, to match interested students with the appropriate tutor, and to keep the file of tutors up to date. Because of the large size of our chapter we offer tutoring in a wide variety of courses and no one person is called upon to tutor too often.

Our chapter is very proud that one of its senior members and former chapter president, Barbara Helene Sohmer, was awarded one of the eight national fellowships this year.

Editor's Note: The article, written by two editors of the University of Maryland chapter, has been edited into one article since the 1974 material could not be accommodated in *The Flame* last year.



OREGON STATE OFFICERS: From left to right—Kim Rouse, Pres.; Linda Schroeter, Hist.; Karen Wilson, V-Pres.; Professor Meehan, Jan Carkin, Treas.; Cindy Fields, Dr. Dowell, and Rita Pratt.

OREGON STATE UNIVERSITY Corvallis, Oregon

We started the year off with lots of enthusiasm and spirit . . . and an ice cream social to get things going! Fall term projects included helping with a children's Halloween and Christmas party, volunteer work at the university blood drive, and helping a neighboring grade school buy a much needed television set.

Along with winter term came more work on the blood drive, adopting 'grandparents' at Olsen's Nursing Home, and the beginning of our newsletter publications. Winter term's newsletter discussed activities and meetings and . . . "the sophomore slump"—an attempt by the officers to share the frustrations of college life, and in doing so, dispel some of them. We wanted to create a sense of unity toward the pursuit of knowledge.

Spring term started with an exciting event. Alpha Lambda Delta sponsored a dessert with prominent women speakers in various fields. "Women in Professional Roles" featured Dr. Margaret Dowell, a physician for the University Health Service, Professor Margaret Meehan, History teacher and Head of the Honors Department, and Mary Maples, our beloved adviser and O. S. U. Administrator. The speeches were very inspirational in their own right and motivating as well coming from very successful and happy women. It also gave our prospective members an opportunity to get to know one another. To finish this busy year, we will be initiating about seventy-five new members during the beginning of June.

Finally, we would like to extend a challenge to the new members and to all other chapters, to surpass the amount of fun and service we have had this year.



OREGON STATE OFFICERS: Front left to right—Lauretta Richards, Sec.; Jan Carkin, Treas. Rear left to right—Rita Pratt, Karen Wilson, V-Pres.

**GEORGETOWN COLLEGE
Georgetown, Kentucky**

Eighteen new members were initiated into the Georgetown College chapter of Alpha Lambda Delta on May 1, 1975. Ceremonies were held in the private dining room of the Craille Student Center.

Installation of officers was also conducted at this time. Officers for this year are: Debbie Redden, President; Nancy Newman, Vice President; Laura Wheeler, Secretary; Audrey Cleveland, Treasurer, Cathy Wehrle, Historian; Susan Elliott, Editor; Barbara Gray, Junior Adviser; and Tanya Wilhoite, Senior Adviser.

Chapter projects during the past year were: Woman of the Month program instituted to honor women from the college and community; tray favors made for the patients at the local hospital; and the chapter organized a booth in an activity fair for prospective students.

**MONTANA STATE UNIVERSITY
Bozeman, Montana**

On March 6, 1975, 65 new members were formally initiated into National Alpha Lambda Delta from Montana State University. A business meeting followed which included election of new officers, Woman of the Month project, high school week proctoring, and other activities.

Our Woman of the Month project, originating during observance of our 50th Anniversary, and continued as a bi-centennial project, is going strong. Joan Stoval, Professor of German, was chosen for November, 1974; Jeanne Claus, Professor of Nursing, was chosen for December 1974; Alice McClain, Librarian, was chosen for January, 1975; and Frankie Larson, Secretary in the Animal and Range Science Department, was chosen for February, 1975.

Twins are not so rare these days, but the University of South Alabama chapter of Alpha Lambda Delta has established a membership precedent which is at least extraordinary and possibly unique.

For three consecutive academic years twin sisters have been inducted into the campus organization of the National scholastic honor society for freshman women.

In 1973 there were Sharon Sue and Sherry Lou Compton of Satsuma, now living in Eight Mile. Both are majoring in mathematics, and are active members of Shiloh Baptist Church in Saraland. have held student jobs on campus, and will be seniors next fall.

Identical in appearance and sharing a number of interests, the attractive pair do not compete with each other in important matters—such as sewing. They make their own clothes, and occasional swapping enhances their choices of what to wear. But when it comes to pants suits it is understood that Sharon makes the tops and Sherry the bottoms.

Inevitably, the future will separate the Compton twins. Sharon is already engaged to be married next year on the dual birthday, June 30. Sherry is not committed as yet, but there is time to plan a double wedding, and that could confuse the bridal parties.

Athena Gay and Katrina Faye Summerlin of Mobile, graduates of Shaw High School, were initiated into Alpha Lambda Delta in 1974. Wedding bells separated these effervescent twins when Katrina changed her last name to McCrory. The event itself gave the wedding consultant and photographer something of a headache when Athena was scolded for not wearing her wedding gown. In fact, their brief young careers sparkle with humorous—and not so humorous—

Katrina is not currently enrolled in college, but holds a position in a firm of local physicians. Athena will return in the fall as a junior with a double major in political science and history. She has worked at the Mobile Public Library and is keeping her options open for the future with graduate school looming as a possibility.

Earlier this month another set of twins were initiated into the honor society. Deborah Lynn and Susan Coral Mahan are daughters of Dr. Howard F. Mahan, Professor and Chairman of the Department of History at South Alabama. Their mother, Mrs. Janet Mahan, is on the faculty of Shaw High School and once taught the Summerlin pair.

The two young sophomores, graduates of Davidson High School, are easy to tell apart since they are fraternal and not identical twins. While they have much in common—musical talent, love of travel, gardening, baking bread, and enjoying the natural things—they parted company in selecting their major fields of study at college. Deborah decided upon psychology. Susan chose art and finds additional self-expression in the guitar and photography.

Both young women played string instruments in the Mobile Student Symphony Orchestra. Not subject to the "double image syndrome," these twins are more like sisters of the same age.

Membership in Alpha Lambda Delta places all six of these bright coeds in a mutual category. They have demonstrated leadership qualities, character, good citizenship, and a strong scholastic record.

The South Alabama chapter of the honor society for freshman women will not contrive to continue the unusual series of twin selections and probably odds are against it. In this regard, the future is interesting to contemplate.



THREE PAIRS SET A RECORD—University of South Alabama chapter of Alpha Lambda Delta freshman women's honor society has inducted twin sisters into its membership for three consecutive years. Rounded up for the above campus photo were, from left, Sherry and Sharon Compton, 1973; Katrina and Athena Summerlin, 1974; and Susan and Deborah Mahan, 1975.

College for Women, with a major in mathematics. She received a master's degree from Teacher's College, Columbia University and did additional graduate study at the University of North Carolina and Columbia. She was not only an outstanding undergraduate with membership in Alpha Lambda Delta, Kappa Delta Pi and Mortar Board, but served in elective capacities as chairman of the University Section and Recording Secretary of NAWDAC and was appointed to the Florida Governor's Commission on the Status of Women.

As a member of the National Council of Alpha Lambda Delta she served five years as Adviser for District II. All of us who were privileged to know and work with her would agree with President John Champion who stated upon Kay's retirement: "I know of no person who has contributed more to the excellence of this University. Although I know how much she richly deserves the opportunity to pursue a more leisurely life, I personally shall miss the wise counsel and the dedicated leadership that have characterized her years of respected, responsible service to the Florida State University, and to its predecessor, the Florida State College for Women She is recognized everywhere as one of the outstanding deans of women in this country."

Four Chapters To Be Installed, 1975-1976

Four new Alpha Lambda Delta chapters will be installed this academic year in New Jersey, Ohio and two in Tennessee institutions. Rider College, Laurenceville, New Jersey will be installed by Dr. Helen Clarke, Adviser for District I; and the installing officer for the University of Toledo in Ohio will be District III Adviser, Dean Heimtraut Dietrich. In Tennessee, Maryville College will be installed by Editor-Archivist, Dr. Margaret Cuninggim, and Dean Susan Deloney, District II Adviser, will install the chapter at Tennessee State University in Nashville. We offer warm pre-installation welcomes to each of these new chapters.

Introducing New Council Members

Peggy Stroud, who became a member of National Council in 1969 as Adviser to District V, has served two terms in that position and was elected by the Council to assume the position of First Vice President. A graduate of Millsaps College and the University of Mississippi, she is currently Associate Dean of Students at Arkansas State University.

Peggy is an organizer having begun the Jonesboro City Panhellenic, the state AWS and has held offices in Arkansas Association of women deans, ACPA, APGA and membership in numerous committees and professional groups.

The duties of the First Vice President's office include, among other things, being chairman of the Committee on Fellowships. Although Peggy was "introduced" to Alpha Lambda Delta members some years ago, we wanted you to know of her new responsibilities and her continued loyal and efficient service to the National Council and the society.

Beverly Stone joined the National Council in 1973 as Advisor to District IV, the mid-western states of Illinois, Indiana and Kentucky. She was elected to the position of Second Vice President recently vacated by the resignation of Margery Warmer.

Since she was introduced in the Fall 1973 issue of *The Flame*, and this issue carries a speech made by Dean Stone we will simply add it is a pleasure to reintroduce her to you in this new office. As Second Vice President she will be concerned with expansion and the establishment of new chapters.

Dean M. Margaret Jameson, Dean of Women at Louisiana State University in Baton Rouge, joins the National Council

as adviser for District VI. Dean Jameson has had broad experience both in her training and the varied positions she has held. After graduating from Winthrop College with a double major of mathematics and history, she received her MA degree in Student Personnel Administration from Syracuse University. Additional study has been in North Carolina both at



Duke and North Carolina State University.

Dean Jameson has taught high school mathematics, has done research as an engineering aide for Pratt and Whitney Aircraft Company and has been a personnel administrator at Vanderbilt University, Texas Western College, and the University of Maryland. Prior to her present position she was Dean of Students at Mississippi University for Women.

She has held prominent leadership roles in the National, Texas and Louisiana Associations of Women Deans, Administrators and Counselors, currently serving as Local Arrangements Chairman for the 1976 Conference. A member of Delta Kappa Gamma and Alpha Lambda Delta as well as many civic organizations, she is listed in *Who's Who of American Women* and several other Marquis Who's Who publications.

Martha G. Wade is now the adviser for District V, encompassing Alpha Lambda Delta chapters in Arkansas.

Iowa, Minnesota, Missouri and Mississippi. Her training includes a BA degree with a mathematics major from the University of Tennessee, Knoxville, and a masters degree in Student Personnel Services from Indiana University.



After her graduate study she became Assistant Dean of Students at Stephens College and in 1971 was made Dean of Student Life at that institution.

As an undergraduate Dean Wade was very active in campus activities; president of her social fraternity Phi Mu, member of Phi Kappa Phi, Alpha Lambda Delta, Sigma Delta Pi and Mortar Board. She also served as a residence hall counselor.

Before graduate studies she travelled as a field secretary for Phi Mu fraternity. She was chosen as an Outstanding Young Woman of America, and is in *Who's Who in American Women*, and *Leaders in Education*. In addition, Dean Wade is active in various civic groups and student personnel professional organizations.

MISSISSIPPI STATE UNIVERSITY State College, Mississippi

On April 28, 1975, the Alpha Lambda Delta chapter at Mississippi State University held an initiation ceremony for fifty-nine new initiates. Sixty-seven actually paid the initiation fee. There were no honorary members. Following the ceremony, nine graduating seniors received certificates of recognition for having maintained the Alpha Lambda Delta cumulative average for four years of college: Sandra Kay Milican, Jane Stewart Roper, Dixie Lee Adams, Martha Elizabeth Armstrong, Janice Marie Bragg, Helen Elizabeth Cook, Margaret Ann Davis, Marilyn Virginia Fortner, Jessica Ann Oswalt, and Ruth Suzanne Thomas. Jessica Ann Oswalt of Mathiston, Mississippi, received the Maria Leonard award for achieving the highest scholarship record of any Alpha Lambda Delta of the senior class. Miss Oswalt is an engineering major and has maintained a 4.0 average throughout five years of college.

At the business meeting which followed the initiation, the 1975-76 officers were elected. Serving as President is Martha Metcalf Mullins; Vice President, Rachel McCann; Secretary-Treasurer, Sherry Kay Porter; and Editor for *The Flame* Mary Ann Miley.

VANDERBILT UNIVERSITY Nashville, Tennessee

Vanderbilt's Alpha Lambda Delta chapter initiated 76 freshman women in the Spring, 1975 ceremonies. Project support was established to raise funds for

the annual scholarship awarded to a rising sophomore woman by a survey of coeds' preferences for silver patterns sponsored by Wallace Sterling Company.

Other annual projects enjoyed by the Chapter included an ice cream study break to inform new freshman women of Alpha Lambda Delta's purpose, a book sale with the help of faculty wives, and serving as co-hosts with Omicron Delta Kappa for Parents Weekend. The chapter also donated extra funds to a local charity.

ELIZABETHTOWN COLLEGE Elizabethtown, Pennsylvania

The Elizabethtown chapter of Alpha Lambda Delta held its initiation ceremony for twenty-two freshmen on Sunday, March 9, 1975. Chemistry Professor Zoe Proctor, was inducted as an honorary member. She will now be serving as faculty adviser for the organization.

Dr. Jane Wenger was the speaker for the occasion. She spoke of the experiences she encountered in combining marriage and a career. Following the ceremony, a reception tea was held for parents, friends, and other guests of the initiates.

Officers for '74-'75 are as follows: Nancy Mondero, President; Marlys Witkovsky, Vice President, Joan Linkins, Secretary-Treasurer; Joanna Johnson, Historian; Trinell Sorensen, Editor; and Ms. Ann Carper, Alpha Lambda Delta adviser for the Elizabethtown College chapter.

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full potential and has fought to help break down barriers to women in education and employment. Hopefully each of you will have an opportunity to know members of the staff—each of whom is interested in assisting every woman student in any way possible. Our doors are always open to you.

My hope and dream for each of you is that you may find Purdue a truly intellectual community where ideas flourish—where debate and questioning and genuine scholarship abound—where there is flexibility and not rigidity—where each of you may be challenged to use your creativity and talents to the fullest—where compassion, caring and serving others are qualities which are taken for granted—where men and women of all races work together as full partners with the educational process—where students are willing to say, "this is right" and "that is wrong"—where the highest ethical and moral standards prevail—where each student is a human being carrying her or his responsibility for making the University, the nation, the world a better place—where every life has love and meaning—where there is awareness that to have a set of principles is not to be a starry-eyed dreamer, but a woman who knows simply and convincingly what she stands for. If you—as new members of Alpha Lambda Delta, in its 50th Anniversary Year—can reach these goals, you will not only have said, "yes" to Life, but Life will say "yes" back to you.

Editor's Note: This speech was made to new initiates at a 50th Anniversary initiation, Purdue University.

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ON BEING SELF-CENTERED

By Geraldine Hammond

This is a time for congratulations, and I am going to do something today I have not done before on occasions like this—I am going to congratulate you heartily and sincerely. When I have been asked to address



students who have achieved high grades and other honors I have always insisted on reminding them that they have shown only potential and possibility, not absolute achievement. In your case I will make an exception.

You can stand praise. You deserve it, and perhaps some of you may even need it, and that is a little sad. You have at this point made a bright beginning. You have achieved much and you are facing even greater possibilities, some of which you may not even be aware of and some of which you may not even wish to know about. So I will tell you, right now while there is still time.

I'm not going to ask you how you won your A. . . . But I am going to ask you what you intend to do with it, not only professionally but personally.

Any time of celebration, and this truly is one, any historic moment, and this is one, is a time for assessment, for retrospect and prospect. I am going to talk to you as women, as modern women, woman to woman talk, in fact, as the best hope all of us have for significant change and progress. Whether you like it or not you are liberationists, and you can botch it or you can help by just so much to improve the human situation, including of course, your own.

Let me explain first about labels like "liberationist," which I much prefer to "Libber" myself. Some of you, I have no doubt, have resisted, even vehemently, the label, have said things like, "I am not one of those women's lib nuts." Labels are powerful and as dangerous as they are necessary. You know about truth in advertising, about honest, and dishonest, in packaging. Well, you and I happen to be packages that already have a whole lot of labels, many of which are not at all honest, are indeed put-downs. You, and sometimes even I, are called by complete strangers, things like baggages, bags, frills, dolls, skirts, dishes, chicks, hens, birds, dogs, cats, kittens, bunnies, witches, bitches, playmates, and dozens of others, almost all implying physical looks, cute helplessness, downright dependency, and non-humanness. A long time ago we were called simply chattel and were legally some "real" person's possessions. That is not entirely changed even yet.

My point to you, my charge to you, is that in order to realize yourself fully, and thereby the potential that you have already clearly demonstrated, you must know what psychological, sociological, economic, and human damage to yourself and to all of us the attitudes represented by these labels can do. Realize it and reject it. To be whistled at is not altogether flattering unless your mind and human worth are showing too.

So I come to my real charge to you on being self-centered. You probably assumed that I would urge you not to be self-centered. Not true. I ask you, I implore you to be self-centered, not selfish but truly and firmly centered in yourself. An unselfish person who is genuinely self-centered is the strongest and most productive in our society. Not enough women have made it. You can if you know what you are and what you are doing. Intelligence, native, well-used

intelligence, is the base. It makes effective and wise choice possible. And choice is the whole thing, the key to achieving, to becoming, and remaining your own person. In my view it works like this. A lot of people, probably including you, assume and have often said to you that you will ultimately and naturally be a wife and mother. I am not going to say you will not or should not be. I ask only that you choose not to be a wife but rather to be *the* wife of someone whom you choose because you wish to be that wife. There is a great difference. The prospect of thousands of what we call marriageable young girls (men we always call eligible bachelors) lined up like wall-flowers at a dance, waiting to be chosen is disheartening to say the least, especially when it is assumed that their not being chosen means that they inevitably face a useless, miserable, bare existence.

Let me illustrate the strength of labels and built-in, accepted social strictures. I saw "Rhoda" on television a few weeks ago. Rhoda and Mary Richards are almost our only TV examples of liberated women and you see how liberated they are. In this segment of "Rhoda" she appeared at Joe's apartment uninvited and unannounced one evening. He was startled to see her and she was obviously embarrassed. He, and we, assumed that there was certainly some sudden emergency or even a catastrophe. She said simply that he often dropped by her place when he was in the neighborhood and she just thought she would do the same. Something in my mind went, "Click!" What a ridiculous, unreasonable social stricture that such friendly informalities should never go both ways. It's a small form of the larger assumption that men will choose the mothers of their children, especially their sons, making women only vehicles or vessels or even passages from and to someone else's life. People who say that women actually do the choosing even though they seem not to are only perpetuating and endorsing games of sexual coyness and deceit, none of which can be described as honest or

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Three Chapters Installed In Ohio and Tennessee

MARYVILLE COLLEGE MARYVILLE, TENNESSEE

Alpha Lambda Delta was installed at Maryville College on February 13, 1976, in the Proffitt Dining Room in Pearsons Hall. The installing officer presenting the charter was Dr. Margaret Cuninggim, the National Editor of *the Flame*, and Archivist. Thirty members formed the charter group.

Honorary members installed were Frances Massey, Associate Dean of Student Relations, Dr. Carolyn L. Blair, Dean of the College and Professor of English, Dr. Katherine W. Nelson, Professor and Chairman of the Department of Sociology, and Dr. Arda S. Walker, Professor and Chairman of the Department of History. Dr. Elizabeth Fowler, Faculty Adviser, was a charter member of the Birmingham-Southern Chapter installed in 1934.

Officers of the chapter are: Donna Baines, president; Jean Shultz, vice president; Linda Stritter, secretary; Deborah Burton, treasurer; Margaret Maher, historian; Cynthia Stockdale, editor; and Lisa Wilson, junior adviser.

Parents, faculty, administrators, and friends attended the reception held in the Fine Arts Center Lounge following the installation service. This reception was sponsored by Alpha Gamma Sigma, the local honor society for seniors.



Maryville College chapter including three honorary members installed in February.

TENNESSEE STATE UNIVERSITY NASHVILLE, TENNESSEE

Tennessee State University became the first predominantly black institution to be affiliated with Alpha Lambda Delta. In 1971 Dr. Lois McDougald organized WSHS (Women's Scholastic Honor Society) and the petition to become a chapter of the national honor society was granted in June 1975. Installation took place October 31, 1975 with Dean Susan G. Delony, Associate Dean of Students at Clemson University presiding.

Twenty-three charter members were initiated including Dr. McDougald, Assistant Professor of History, Lucille Seibert, Dean of Women, and Barbara Murrell, Director of Student Activities.

Officers of the chapter are: Mattie Grace, president; Tanya Hill, vice president; Sandra Jeter, secretary; Charlie Denise Law, treasurer; and Carolyn Flake, historian.

A reception was held following the installation ceremony to which parents, faculty and friends were invited. Representatives of the Vanderbilt University chapter were present to offer their congratulations. Others who assisted the organization were the Student Government Association and Mrs. Mabel Boddie, Director of Public Relations.



Dean Susan Delony poses with the newly initiated student and honorary members of Tennessee State University.

UNIVERSITY OF TOLEDO TOLEDO, OHIO

The University of Toledo freshman women's honorary, Tower Torch, was affiliated with Alpha Lambda Delta on November 23, 1975, at 2:00 PM in the Student Union. District III Adviser, Heimtraut Dietrich, Associate Dean of Students, Wittenberg University, presided over the installation of the chapter.

Among the initiates were three distinguished honorary members: Marianne C. Bigney, Adviser for European Studies; Mrs. Glen R. Driscoll, wife of the University President; and Dr. Ethel M. Wilcox, Instructor in Speech-Communications.

During the ceremonies, Mary Henkel, Assistant Dean of Student Affairs and the chapter's administrative liaison, and Dr. Alice Skeens, Assistant Dean of the College of Arts and Sciences, were also recognized as honorary members. Dr. Skeens will serve as the chapter's faculty adviser.

A lovely reception followed hosted by the Peppers, the senior women's honorary. Over 100 parents and friends attended and were received by President Driscoll, the honorary members, Dean Dietrich, and the current chapter president. A scrap book containing the steps necessary for affiliation was on display.

This year's officers are: Annette Rooney, president; Linda Allen, vice president; Deborah Stanford, secretary; Barbara Eichhorn, treasurer; Sandra Traxler, historian; Barbara Jones, junior adviser; Teresa Pahl, senior adviser; and Rosemarie Ohliger, editor.



New initiates in the University of Toledo chapter installed November, 1975.

South Alabama Professors and Their Alpha Lambda Delta Daughters

Since 1973, the University of South Alabama chapter of Alpha Lambda Delta has awarded a certificate each term to the Professor of the Quarter. The professor chosen has the privilege of selecting a book to be added to the University Library. He/she is also honored at the Spring Quarter.

This year, the executive committee recommended that all faculty members who are parents of 1975-76 members be honored as Professors of the Quarter during this academic year. As a result of this decision, five father-daughter combinations were spotlighted:



Barbie Beyers and Robert J. Beyers

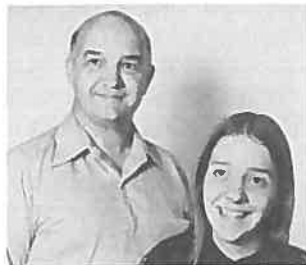
BARBIE BEYERS is a computer science major who is considering statistical computing as a career. Born in Waco, Texas, Barbie graduated from high school in South Carolina and is now president of Alpha Lambda Delta at South Alabama. Presently she is participating in a cooperative work program at the Alabama Air Pollution Agency in Montgomery.

DR. ROBERT J. BEYERS, chairman of biological sciences, has degrees from the University of Miami (Florida) and the University of Texas. He has served as the director of the Savannah River Ecology Laboratory and was an associate professor of zoology at the University of Georgia. At present, he is a member of the South Alabama Research Committee and a fellow of the American Association for the Advancement of Science.

HOLLY LAMB is majoring in early childhood education and hopes to become a teacher. Born in Texas, Holly attended Florida State University before transferring to South Alabama. She has worked in the Student Health Center and has served as a volunteer in a day-care center. She enjoys travel and music.

DR. GEORGE M. LAMB has degrees from the University of Colorado and Emory University and is chairman of the department of geology and geography at

the University of South Alabama. He has also worked in Texas, New Mexico, and



Holly Lamb and George M. Lamb

Venezuela for Standard Oil. He has consistently encouraged annual geology field trips; students have traveled to the Florida Keys, the Rocky Mountains, Mexico, Guatemala, and Canada. He has authored papers on ecology and geology in the Mobile area. Dr. Lamb is a member of the Geological Society of America and the American Association of Petroleum Geologists. He also coaches the South Alabama soccer team.

SUSAN CAROL MAHAN and **DEBORAH MAHAN GARTMAN** are twins who are interested in gardening and travel. Susan's major is art; Deborah's is dance. Susan has attended Eckerd College; she enjoys cooking and photography. Deborah's hobby is sewing. Both play string instruments in the Mobile Student Symphony.



Deborah Mahan Gartman and Howard Mahan

DR. HOWARD MAHAN is chairman of the department of history at the University of South Alabama and has degrees from Drew University and Columbia University. He has chaired the University Library Committee and works with Phi Alpha Theta, history honorary. He was the recipient of the Southern Fellowship Foundation Award. His particular interests include the origins of war, and the early history of the republic. Among his many professional organizations are the American Historical Association, the American Studies Association, and the American Political Science Association.

LILLIAN WILSON is majoring in medical technology. Besides her involvement with Alpha Lambda Delta, she is a member of the University tennis team. During summers, she earns money as a lifeguard; swimming and science are her interests.

DR. EUGENE M. WILSON is an associate professor of geography. His degrees are from the University of Alabama and Louisiana State University. He is a member of Sigma Gamma Epsilon, earth science honorary, and Gamma Theta Upsilon, geography honorary. His professional organizations include the Association of American Geographers and the Pioneer American Society. He has headed faculty-student study groups which visited Central America and Yucatan. One of his recent publications concerns early Alabama houses.



Lillian Wilson and Eugene M. Wilson

JOAN ELLEN ZEHRT is majoring in civil engineering. She is a member of student chapters of the Alabama Society and the National Society of Engineers. She is a Red Cross volunteer and has served as a Water Safety Instructor for the handicapped; she has also worked with the Girl Scouts as a lifeguard. She enjoys camping and canoeing.

DR. WILLIAM H. ZEHRT is chairman of the civil engineering department at the University of South Alabama. His degrees are from the University of Wisconsin. He serves as faculty adviser to student chapters of the engineering societies; he is vice-president of the Alabama Society of Professional Engineers and has received several service awards. He is a member of AAUP, ASEE, American Institute of Economic Research and Sigma Xi.



Joan Ellen Zehrt and William H. Zehrt

IOWA STATE UNIVERSITY AMES, IOWA

The Iowa State Chapter of Alpha Lambda Delta began the year with the election of officers. Leading this year's members are President, Mary Beth Howe; Vice President, Jill Lehman; Secretary, Cathy Hertz; Treasurer, Marilyn Sullivan; and our Alpha Lambda Delta Adviser, Corinne Colantonio, Program Adviser, Office of Student Life.

The first activity of the year was a joint pizza party with the men of Phi Eta Sigma in order for the two groups to become better acquainted.

Later in the fall the officers conducted a survey of the 187 members to determine the level of interest in Alpha Lambda Delta sponsored activities. Interest areas surveyed included social activities, service projects, women's programs, and educational programs. Of those responding, most expressed an interest in an educational program related to women's concerns.

As a result of this indication, the officers planned a group discussion focusing upon women's career roles related to their personal life. Four very active women from the community with divergent family and professional lives shared their experiences and ideas with us.

In order to keep the members informed throughout the year, the officers sent out two newsletters. These included special announcements about activities as well as general organizational information.

We are currently planning this spring's initiation and are looking forward to welcoming a new group.

TEMPLE UNIVERSITY PHILADELPHIA, PENNSYLVANIA

Alpha Lambda Delta welcomed thirty initiates at Temple University in a beautiful candlelight ceremony on October 6, 1975.

The induction was held at 3:00 PM in the Student Activities Center. Lucile Scheuer, former national president of



Temple University chapter enjoying an international covered-dish dinner and ethnic fellowship.

Alpha Lambda Delta and present Head of Student Affairs at Temple, and Elyse Wolf, Alpha Lambda Delta Temple chapter president 1974-75, installed the new members.

After the ceremony, the girls chatted with their fellow Alpha Lambda Delta's and refreshments were served.

Eager to head an active chapter, the newly elected officers soon arranged for the group's first activity. The result was an "international covered-dish dinner" sponsored by President Fran Viola, Vice President Sylvia Perel, Secretary Cindy Mann and Historian Denise Wiercinski. The dinner, held on November 16 at President Fran Viola's house was a delicious success. Each girl brought a dish that represented her ethnic background. The meal consisted of Polish kielbasa (sausage), Irish stew, Italian lasagna, Spanish chicken and rice, Hebrew callah bread, and good 'ol American cherry pie, among other international delicacies. After dinner, two Dutch foreign exchange students at Temple entertained the girls with a slide presentation on the land, people and culture of Holland. The event even had a Bicentennial flair, for the girls were able to share a "melting pot" of ideas concerning their ancestors' culture, customs, and cuisine.

The girls have planned the activities for Spring semester with the same eagerness and spirit. The calendar of events includes a co-op with Temple's tutoring services, a wine and cheese luncheon, a film viewing of "Executive Action" open to all students, and a bicentennial slide project.

WEST GEORGIA COLLEGE CARROLLTON, GEORGIA

The Alpha Lambda Delta chapter at West Georgia College increased its membership to forty-three with the induction of ten initiates in November 1975. Officers for 1975-76 are as follows: President, Jan Perkins; Vice President, Terri Wilson; Secretary, Jennifer Hampton; Treasurer, Gail Williams; Historian, Judy Latimer; Editor, Bonnie Bar.

Projects for summer and fall quarter were: A booth at the Activities Fair during all four summer orientations for new students; the first meeting in the fall was a tea for freshmen who were members of an honorary society in high school. This was given by Phi Eta Sigma. The fall meeting heard a talk on scholarships and loans by the Director of Financial Aid.

Coming events include: participation

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in a Career Conference for Women; co-hosting a Bicentennial Program for the West Georgia community; and providing a tutoring service to dormitory students.

WAYNE STATE COLLEGE WAYNE, NEBRASKA

The Alpha Lambda Delta chapter at Wayne State College had a very unusual 50th Anniversary celebration with a distinguished visitor on campus whom they initiated as an honorary member of their chapter.



Pat Gwendolyn Brooks becomes an honorary member of Alpha Lambda Delta chapter at Wayne State University, Wayne, Nebraska.

Gwendolyn Brooks, Poet Laureate of Illinois and a Pulitzer Prize Winner, was entertained on the campus by a tea and a faculty dinner. She contributed greatly to campus cultural life by speaking to classes, reading her works and informal visiting with college students and area high school students who were invited to the campus.

Acclaimed as one of the outstanding poets of our time, Miss Brooks is kept busy lecturing, conducting seminars and workshops at colleges and universities across the United States.

UNIVERSITY OF DENVER DENVER, COLORADO

Members of the 1975-76 University of Denver chapter of Alpha Lambda Delta met with the 1974-75 members for the last time at the annual Spring Banquet, held at an area restaurant on May 18, 1975. The guest speaker was paralegalist Jennifer Moulton, who elaborated on her views of women in today's professional society. Other features of the program included the presentation of the Book Award from National Council of Alpha Lambda Delta to senior Nancy Reed, and the installation of the 1975-76 officers. The officers are:

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Debbie Downs, President; Hali Fieldman, Vice President; Becky Shellenberger, Secretary-Treasurer; Donna Marcotte, Social Chairman; Marcie McRorie, Historian; and Julie Mackay, News Editor.

The new officers started fall quarter off well with a well-attended ice cream social held in honor of all freshman women scholarship holders. This was followed by an orientation meeting for eligible freshmen on January 18, which also met with an enthusiastic response. Other definite plans for the year include the initiation of new members in February, the election of new officers in April, and the Spring Banquet in May.

Encouraged by the response of the 1976-77 membership, the present officers are in the process of planning several get-togethers for new and active members. Ideas under consideration include the sponsoring of well-known speakers; social gatherings, such as picnics and parties; group study nights during final exam week; and informal rap sessions which will give the student an opportunity to discuss his major field with others who share his interest. On another level of participation, arrangements have been made to purchase "t-shirts" lettered with "ALD" to give members a new sense of identity with the organization.

It is with enthusiasm that the officers look forward to the remainder of the year, hopeful that they will be able to make our Alpha Lambda Delta chapter a more active force on campus.

ARIZONA STATE UNIVERSITY TEMPE, ARIZONA

The first official meeting of the Alpha Lambda Delta chapter of Arizona State University was held on September 3, 1975. The officers were elected at that meeting. Serving as President is Kay Jett; Vice President, Margaret Schroeder; Corresponding Secretary, Marianne Dinanne; Recording Secretary, Sue Whittig; Treasurer, Donna Locker; and Editor-Historian, Maggie Kenyon.

Our main money making project was the Hallmark Card Display, held on October 17. It was very successful and was very popular with the students who enjoyed taking a few minutes between classes and rating all the beautiful cards. They

also enjoyed receiving a poster for every survey they turned in.

The highlight of the year was the Halloween party, held on October 31 at the Tempe Center for the Retarded. This is a place where mentally and physically handicapped children and adults can get together for parties, dances, and other fun activities.

Our chapter brought lots of food and punch and many games. We all bobbed for apples, jumped for doughnuts hanging from a string, and pinned the nose on the Jack-o-Lantern. The highlight of the evening was the pumpkin carving contest. Groups of six to eight sat around outside and created faces ranging from the scariest to the funniest, and also happy and sad faces. By the end of the evening, no one could really tell who had more fun, them—or us!

STEPHENS COLLEGE COLUMBIA, MISSOURI

Efforts were strong at Stephens College throughout the year to emphasize Alpha Lambda Delta in conjunction with academic excellence. The chapter began early introducing freshmen to the Alpha Lambda Delta goals of scholarship through mailings, dormitory discussions, and course fair participation. During finals week the freshmen received small candies attached to a note that read "Good luck to Freshwomen on their exams from Alpha Lambda Delta!" Needless to say, that project was a big success.

The chapter also worked with the Director of Public Information at Stephens on new ways to circulate the college name across the country. Through these efforts the Alpha Lambda Delta name was publicized and attention was drawn to its desire for strong student scholarship. Another project in the name of scholarship includes chapter research into the possibility of bringing Phi Beta Kappa to our campus.

The first annual Spring Banquet was held for fall and spring initiates, inactive members, and honored guests. Officers present included President Linda Jo Clugston, Vice President Lisa Driscoll, Secretary Laura Jungmichel, and Treasurer Lauri Kempson. The officers reacted favorably toward their first banquet, commenting that it gave the chapter a warm feeling of fellowship and unity. The evening was highlighted with comments by Martha Wade, Dean of Student Life at Stephens. Dean Wace is currently serving

as an Alpha Lambda Delta District Adviser.

UNIVERSITY OF HOUSTON HOUSTON, TEXAS

Thirty-six men and women pledged membership in the University of Houston chapter of Alpha Lambda Delta in candle-lighting ceremonies December 3.



University of Houston officers for their local Alpha Lambda Delta-Phi Eta Sigma chapter.

The campus chapter of Phi Eta Sigma participated in the ceremonies in which the initiates were given an opportunity to join both national honor societies. In November 1975 Alpha Lambda Delta and Phi Eta Sigma chapters announced a decision to operate as one on campus while maintaining distinct national allegiances.

Two weeks prior to the evening initiation, officers of Alpha Lambda Delta and Phi Eta Sigma invited eligible students to an orientation during which they explained the clubs' histories, purposes, and plans.

Dr. Samye Cimerhanzel, faculty adviser, was initiated as an honorary member of Phi Eta Sigma at the ceremonies.

University of Houston officers pictured on this page include a president, vice president, editor and historian with two secretaries and two treasurers to carry out independent business procedures with the two national offices.

MOORHEAD STATE UNIVERSITY MOORHEAD, MINNESOTA

The Moorhead State University chapter of Alpha Lambda Delta began the 1975-76 school year with a goal in mind: to become better known on campus through group projects. Working towards this goal has kept the members extremely busy.

In October the chapter made and sold popcorn balls for Halloween. November found Alpha Lambda Delta well-advertised around the MSU campus, since the chapter designed a tee-shirt for members to wear on designated meeting days. The chapter sponsored a program in the campus coffeehouse during December, which

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featured a speaker who talked about various career opportunities available for women today. The speaker, Mr. John Johnson of the MSU Counseling Department, spoke on many interesting careers and the qualifications needed to get those types of jobs.

1976 was initiated quite well for the chapter because the reception held for new men and women prospective members totalled about 35 in attendance. During January the chapter also took a survey among the faculty to see how many teachers had belonged to honorary societies such as Alpha Lambda Delta, and what kind of activities their societies had sponsored. A get-acquainted meeting was held in February for the new members so they could become better acquainted with each other before electing officers in March. Spring activities will include a St. Patrick's Day popcorn ball sale, an assertiveness workshop and the annual banquet and initiation for new members.

The year has not been "all work and no play." Alpha Lambda Delta members held a pizza party and a Christmas party . . . a tasty and fun way to get better acquainted with Alpha Lambda Delta friends!

KENT STATE UNIVERSITY KENT, OHIO

In May, 1974, the Kent State University chapter of Alpha Lambda Delta initiated fifty-six members. New Officers selected for the 1974-75 school year were Darlene Ban, President; Sharon Sweebe, Vice President; Candice Featherstone, Secretary; Linda Poropat, Treasurer; Marsha Brugler, Editor; Lorin Senft, Historian; and Elain Stana, Jr. Adviser. Miss Esther Sump is our Faculty Adviser.

So far this year we have only had two major activities. In November there was an initiation for those girls that did not qualify in the spring. This was combined with a belated Halloween party — with donuts and cider topping off the evening. Early this year, after everyone was rested up from Christmas vacation, we had an ice skating party. Some of the girls can really skate!

Future plans include sponsoring a movie and Women's Careers Day. The movie is our big money-making project of the year and I think it should turn out well. Women's Careers Day is to be held sometime in the spring. Tentative plans have

women from the university and the surrounding communities coming to speak and hold workshops. We hope to expose the women on campus to as many different job opportunities as possible—and we also hope that the men on campus will come too.

In May, at the close of the year, we will be holding initiation again and a new group of girls will take over. We've had an enjoyable year working together and I know the rest of the year will be just as good.

DePAUL UNIVERSITY CHICAGO, ILLINOIS

As part of the Carnival festivities during Orientation Week, September 8-12, 1975, the Alpha Lambda Delta Chapter at DePaul University presented its very own "computer."



Orientation Carnival attraction at DePaul University was the Alpha Lambda Delta Handwriting Computer.

The computer's main objective was to analyze the handwriting of anyone who was willing to pay a nickel fee. This task was accomplished by having the person write his or her name on a slip of paper and then deposit it in the computer's input slot. An Alpha Lambda Delta member, sitting behind the box and concealed by a curtain, retrieved the slip and then released a typed answer through the out-put slot. The answers, typed in advance, contained various anecdotes about what their life would be like during the coming year at DePaul.

The lighted, green contraption, which was constructed by the members themselves, was in reality a television box, decorated with green tissue paper and lit by means of a string of Christmas tree lights. One could have never guessed that such a mechanical wonder had such humble beginnings. The computer drew a large amount of curiosity from those attending the Carnival on Wednesday of that week.

On Friday, Alpha Lambda Delta had a booth in the gym on the Lincoln Park campus. The booth displayed our insignia

and the theme "Alpha Lambda Delta for a Bright Future" on posterboards artistically colored. A scrapbook was on display, as well as our altarcloth, on which we stood three tall blue candles in a triangle. We also had a gold antique flower basket on the table in which we arranged golden glittered bookmarks we made ourselves. The bookmark carried our Greek letters on the front in glitter and also a brief description of our organization on the reverse side. These bookmarks were given to all those students who inquired about our honor society. We found many women interested in joining our group. We are anticipating an active year from the enthusiasm shown by both current members and prospective initiates.

WEST CHESTER STATE COLLEGE WEST CHESTER, PENNSYLVANIA

The West Chester State College chapter of Alpha Lambda Delta commenced its 1975-76 year with much fervor and high spirits. Our fall term projects included a trip to Friend's Home, a home for the elderly, where a Halloween party was given. In addition, a small initiation of twenty-two members was conducted on Monday, November 24, 1975 for those sophomores who were unable, during their freshman year, to attend the Spring initiation of 1975. Dr. Alice Marko and Dean Bernice Bernatz, Advisers of the West Chester State College chapter of Alpha Lambda Delta, were present for this event.

Both their presence and enthusiasm added to the special air of this occasion for the officers, the new initiates, and the other members.

The Spring term of 1976 will include a community ecology project and another, larger initiation of those freshman men and women who qualify for Alpha Lambda Delta membership. Afterwards, a dinner-theatre will be held in order to give both the new initiates and members of the alumni an opportunity to become acquainted.

Officers for 1975-76 are as follows: Bonnie Riddle, President; Carol Anderson, Vice President; Lori Mattingly, Secretary; Mary Beth Stanton, Treasurer; Deborah Scheffey, Historian; and Deborah Grifa, News Editor. The present officers and members of Alpha Lambda Delta would like to extend a word of encouragement to all other chapters for a successful Spring initiation. Let us continue to uphold the ideals which have made us become what we are!

reasonable, adult ways to establish so important a partnership as parenthood or the choosing of a lifelong companion.

In fact, no one should ever just be chosen; everyone, including you certainly, should choose. The same with being a mother. The woman who chooses her children never has to say or feel that she should say, "I'm only a housewife" or "I'm just someone's mother." A woman is a person who can and sometimes does bear children, not somebody to bear someone else's children and then to be there to come home to, because it's her socially predetermined role.

You see, in this world certain assumptions are made, and decisions, attitudes, and actions are then based on these assumptions. The process itself is right and efficient. But the assumptions must be scrutinized, the source of them, the reasons for them, and their consequences. It is rightly assumed, for instance, that you are bright and accomplished students, capable of continued excellence. It is not generally assumed however, that you should aspire to becoming doctors, lawyers, government leaders, career politicians, creative artists, engineers, managers, corporation executives, college presidents, vice presidents, or deans, school superintendents, governors, mayors, and hundreds of other such things. And yet at the same time it is assumed that your male colleagues with averages and intellectual potential far below yours do and should aspire to all these and much more. What this means is that you have to know the crippling effect that other people's assumptions can have on you and simply ignore such limitations on personal choice and goal. There is no way even to imagine the awful waste of the minds and energies of generations of women. Nor is this to downgrade in any way the importance of bringing up children or of helping husbands to achieve. What it does mean is that you have to believe in yourself and your life no matter what limited view of you others may express. Just remember, they don't know you and are merely voicing social, built-in prejudices in general terms. It is not enough for you, nor for us, for you to be content to remain on the side lines or behind the scenes, outside the main stream. Someone sometime will undoubtedly ask you how many words a minute you can type. Ask him, politely if you must, how many can he type and why should it be of any interest to him.

You do, indeed, have more options than women before you realized. The options were always there but the strength that

comes in numbers of others also knowing it was not.

You may have got your "A" by doing what you were told, by not asking rather than by asking questions. However that was it may well be that you will have to assert yourself more. In order to do that effectively you will have to know who you are. The sad cases of women who have lost not only their own names and identity but their legal, social, and economic rights to operate as full-grown members of our society are at the least disquieting and at the most eminently unjust, sometimes even tragic. We have to help each other and the very least any of us can do is to understand and support the attempts of other women to become and to remain equal and fully human beings.

Most of you probably have it easier in some ways than many of your sisters, and your brothers too. And I am speaking of a whole society, each one related to all the others as sisters and brothers, concerned and caring *and* equal.

Here is another example of limiting assumptions: the situation of secretaries in the business, economic, and academic world. Secretaries are very often valued by their employers. Sometimes the boss even says, when he finally detects a flagging of the spirit, a discouragement in his "girl," "I couldn't run this place without you." He half-way means it. The awful irony is that it is true, that she knows it, but that neither she nor anyone else can really accept and act on it because she is not paid as if it were true, and she has no upward mobility, no apparent choices except one: take it or leave it. That is because of the traditional, current, tight structure, the lid clamped down, assumptions about woman's place, her uses, and her limits. Society expresses its real value in wages and money income. That is one big reason housewives sometimes say or feel that they are "only" housewives. Society does not pay them directly. They live on hand-outs in effect, sometimes even feeling like pets or domesticated animals, no doubt.

So you see how necessary it is for you to become firmly, consciously, and genuinely self-centered now. Every phase of life offers opportunity and choice. To assume that yours are limited is to accept docilely a view of yourself that was formulated long before you were even born, the assumption that babies dressed in blue were to be developed into complete, self-operating human beings and that the pink ones were to stand by, waiting to see if the others needed help and support.

The best support, as I have said, always

comes from someone who is also able to stand alone. Other kinds of support are only temporary comfort or the convenience of a well-run house that any efficient servant could supply, needed but limited far below full human potential, especially yours.

You have already demonstrated well that you have brains, you have discipline, you have vision, and you have the drive to accomplish your own goals. You have an authentic center that is you. You are launched on a course that can take you into and establish your own life, that can strengthen the humanness of the rest of us by your continued and developing ability and willingness to choose, to grow, and to be.

You can and must assume leadership more broadly and more vigorously. It is you we were all waiting for. Insist on being heard; insist on making an effective contribution to all phases of campus and community life, in government as well as in service organizations. The assumptions that men are presidents and vice presidents and women may be, if they are very, *very* good, secretaries and even treasurers must go. We have to break barriers of misconception and tradition, expand horizons, and declare ourselves as equal human beings with equal human power and possibility. Women are often accused of or praised for having a kind of wish to fail lest they be looked upon as unfeminine or even unwomanly. What is really unwomanly is to waste oneself, throw away energy, power, and possibility, unwomanly because it is not fully human. College women sometimes, or so it is said, coyly pretend to be less intelligent and efficient than they really are because of possible damage to the male ego. I have to say that an ego so weak or so sick that it requires the subjection and suppression of another human being may be beyond hope in the first place. Don't give yourself away. It is not a gift but a waste, and becomes a burden ultimately.

I do congratulate you today and what's more, if you understand where you are now and how unlimited your world really is, then I can rejoice for all the rest of us too.

Don't be selfish with possessions or with power; don't be vain; but don't ever settle for less than your own complete life. Be everlastingly and beautifully *self-centered*.

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Denise Diamond of Montgomery, Alabama and Buddy McClennan of Orlando, Florida on the flying trapeze.

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DENISE FLIES HIGH!

The girl on the flying trapeze is none other than a former president of the Alpha Lambda chapter at Florida State University when she was a freshman there. Denise is talented in so many ways: academically she maintains a 3.5 average on a 4.0 system, but fills her life with constructive extracurricular activities and honors such as Mortar Board and Gold Key. In her freshman year she received a Danforth Award as an outstanding home economics student.

Now she is majoring in accounting and is a member of Beta Alpha Psi. She has been elected to Omicron Delta Kappa and

to "Who's Who in American Colleges and Universities."

The picture shows Denise in a "Double Trapeze" act, one of many at which she is very accomplished. Although she had little formal training in dancing, she won a special talent award in acrobatics in the 1974 Miss Alabama contest. She practices twelve to fifteen hours a week to be one of twelve young women performers in the FSU Flying High Circus. This circus has gained the reputation of being "the greatest collegiate show on earth." How could it be otherwise with stars like Denise performing!

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