Past Royalty

By BESSIE KNISELEY, '35

We have had 22 St. Patricks and as many queens to reign over our annual celebrations.

To be selected as St. Patrick is the greatest honor which can be attained by a graduating senior engineer, because it indicates that he has been our most valuable student.

These men who have played the role of St. Patrick were selected in recognition of their many fine qualities, as well as their service and devotion to the college of engineering.

St. Patrick’s Lady, the engineers’ queen, may be chosen from any college or school in the University (this would hardly include the school of law).

Every year the lawyers have tried, usually unsuccessfully, to take the beautiful lady from us. Of the four queens that have been kidnapped, all were returned in time for the coronation but one.

Up to the present time the Thetas have contributed more queens to us than any other sorority, with a record of four.

Here are the honored ones as far back as we can trace them:

Queen: Verna Holcomb, '35; Sue Aycock, '34; Bessie Kniseley, '33; Marian Mills, '32; Antoinette Halko, '31; Sally Collier, '30; Marian Harrison, '29; Louise Hutchens, '28; Patricia McMurry, '27; Marion Olinger, '26; Maude Gardner, '25; Eleanor Kincaid, '24; Margaret McKinney, '23; Sybil Tinkelpaugh, '22; Iris Leademan, '21; Virginia Hancock, '20; Ruth Williams, '18.

St. Patrick: J. Bruce Wiley, '35; Lewis McBride, '34; Lee Minter, '33; Ray Lynch, '32; Paul Thurber, '31; Herbert Pernell, '30; Paul Turabull, '29; Lloyd L. Gray, '28; George Wills, '27; John Coffman, '26; Frank Martin, '22; C. D. Reason, '18.

Ward Heads Chicago Fijis

The current issue of Phi Gamma Delta’s national magazine carries a picture of Fred “Pinky” Ward, ‘21, as president of the Marsh school of cartooning and commercial art, Chicago, and gives him credit for the successful year the Fiji graduate chapter of Chicago has enjoyed.

The magazine says that Ward’s unflagging zeal as president has been responsible for the successes of the year. It declares: “The increasing number of Fiji pledges from the Chicago area during recent years can be attributed to organized and systematic rushing under alumni auspices, chiefly during the summer. ‘Pinky’ has provided many speakers and other entertainment at the luncheons.”