Building Scholarship

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How do the Phi Gams do it?

This question is again a leading one among Greeks at Oklahoma, since recently released averages reveal the fact that Phi Gamma Delta, for the tenth time in the past eleven semesters, led all other fraternities in scholarship with a record-breaking mark of 1.672. The answer is—the chapter adviser system, which, at the time of its adoption in 1926, was an innovation in the fraternity world.

The man primarily responsible for its inception and development is Judge Fred B. Owen of Oklahoma City, who has been a moving force in the Oklahoma chapter of Phi Gamma Delta since its installation, and is a member of the national fraternity's Permanent Committee on Scholarship. It was Judge Owen who, while seeking a solution to the ever-potential problem of poor fraternity scholarship, conceived the idea of employing a chapter tutor to aid the boys in adjusting themselves to University life. Through his efforts, a graduate student at the University was selected in 1926 to take his meals at the chapter house and counsel the members on matters of scholarship.

While this step alone caused some improvement in chapter scholarship, it was generally felt that further action was necessary. In the following year, accordingly, the Phi Gamma Delta scholarship was first offered at the University, and the system as it now exists came into being. Under the present arrangement, the chapter and alumni each year select a graduate member of Phi Gamma Delta from some other institution, who lives in the chapter house, receives his remuneration through the joint efforts of the chapter and its alumni, and is ready at all times to serve the fraternity's scholastic interests. The University likewise cooperates by providing tuition to the adviser in the form of a scholarship. Of course, when the man selected applies himself successfully to the task, his term extends beyond a year; Bill Rodgers, '33aw, whose capability and efficiency were vital factors in the system's development, held the position for four years. Perhaps the most serious accusation which fraternities have always had to face, both from parents and from universities, is that they detract from the scholastic efficiency of students. In the adviser system, the Oklahoma chapter of Phi Gamma Delta and its alumni feel that they have found the answer.

Following are the first semester grade averages:

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Conspicuous success of this system at Oklahoma, and the fundamental soundness of the ideas behind it, have caused its rapid expansion, until today almost every large national fraternity whole-heartedly endorses it, and large universities in every part of the United States and Canada are espousing it as a means of bringing out the latent possibilities of fraternity into the fullest degree. Recently Dean James Findley of the University of Oklahoma received word that the University of Michigan hopes to install a method of supervision in its fraternities closely patterned after that used by Phi Gamma Delta here, and this is only one of many instances.

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Sooner Roll Call

Directory Changes

Wille B. Bliss, '33bus, 225 East Tenth, Oklahoma City.
Dr. Gains Levy Brightwell, '31med, Station Hospital, Ft. Logan, Colorado.
Mrs. Elizabeth Burke Champion, '28fa, 203 West Magnolia, San Antonio, Texas.
Ernest C. Hicks, '22as, Hollis.
Mrs. Cecilia Bonfield Jouyer, Box 57, Byrtherville, Arkansas.

Hugh A. Kearns, '29pharm, 1540 East Sixteenth, Tulsa.
Dr. John F. Kupka, '25pharm, '28as, Haskell.
Ruby Pearl Nichols, '30home-e., Rush Springs.
Phil J. Lehnhard, '31eng, Box 518, Bellville, Texas.
Harold Arthur Oliver, '32eng, Box 81, Texon, Texas.
Deane Raley, '33pharm, care Hollis Drug company, Hollis.
Mrs. Geneviee Keyes Rector, '26as, 1317 North Beard, Shawnee.
Mrs. Mildred Thornton Rice, '32as, 603 Diamond Street, Holdenville.
Margaret Cordelia Robinson, ’31as, 3524 Foothill Boulevard, Oakland Avenue, California.

Robert E. Rogers, ir., ’29eng, San Nicholas, Aruba.

Dutch West Indies.

Leslie C. Spencer, ’29geo, care Empire Oil company, Lyons, Kansas.


Mrs. Isabelle Thomasson Nauman, ’25as, Box 59B, El Paso, Texas.

Mrs. Christine Alexander Virgin, ’26as, 1616 Linden Street, Oklahoma City.

Mrs. Dorothy Arnot West, ’26as, Shawnee.


Hugh M. Zenor, ’32M.L., 1031 East Eleventh Street, Houston, Texas.

Marriages


CARTLIDGE-SCATTAFFTERS: Miss Mary Cartlidge and Paul L. Scheefers, ’35eng, February 17 in Oklahoma City, Home, Duncan.

STEVINSON-BUSH: Miss Dorothy Stevenson and James Edward Bush, ’30law, February 19, Sigma Nu, Home, Flamingo Apartments, Tulsa.


SMITH-BURKE: Miss Audrey Smith, ’30ex, and Byron V. Boone, February 17, Pi Beta Phi, Home, Tulsa.


MERRIT-DENNING: Miss Margaret Elizabeth Meredith, ’33ex, and Morse F. Webber, ’32ex, February 17, Alpha Chi Omega-Delta Chi. Home, Oklahoma City.

SCHENK-TOMLIN: Miss Kathryn Bridge and Marion R. Tomlin, ’30ex, recently in Norman. Home, 1003 1/2 Northwest Twenty-second Street, Oklahoma City.


Births

Mrs. Faye LeCrore Rigney, ’31fa, and Mr. Rigney, a daughter, Minta Jean, February 22. Home, Depew.


Here and There

Orville W. Cole, ’30M.D., a lieutenant in the United States medical corps, recently was stationed at San Diego, California. Cole had spent two years in the Orient previous to his transfer to the west coast. He spent one year on the United States possession, the Island of Guan,

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Paul Walker, ’12law, chairman of the state corporation commission, was principal speaker at the annual St. Pat’s celebration at the University.

Hugh H. Morse, ’25as, is serving as assistant geologist of Mississippi. Morse has been an assistant professor of geology at the University of Mississippi, University, Mississippi, since 1930.

Richard L. McBrien, ’32eng, a scholarship student at the Boeing School of Aeronautics, has become editor of the Boeing School Super-charger, a monthly paper started recently.

Clarence Nichols, ’14as, ’17as, Anadarko, recently attended the national convention of Phi Delta Chi, national pharmaceutical fraternity, at Detroit. Nichols is national treasurer of the professional fraternity.

Clifton Shearer, ’29ex, Shawnee, one of the "greats" in basketball history, has moved to Wood River, Illinois, to accept a position there with the Shell Refinery company. Shearer played with Carl Hubbell’s Cities Service basketball team at Shawnee during the past season. Shearer’s family will join him later at Wood River, which is a suburb of Chicago.

J. Forrest West, ’33fa, Anadarko, was guest soloist at the spring concert of the University band recently on the campus. West is teaching school in Anadarko.

Ralph Brand, ’33as, formerly of Moore, is principal of the Pauli consolidated school six miles north of Pauls Valley. Brand, a Sooners baseball letterman, is baseball, basketball, track coach and history teacher at the Pauli school.

Dr. John Pickards, ’24M.D., and Mrs. Marjorie Mehl Pickard, ’24as, are living in Dubuque, Iowa, where Dr. Pickards is an ear, nose and throat specialist at the Bell View hospital. They formerly lived in Oklahoma City.

Stewart Meyers, ’26as, is assistant manager for the Home Loan Association of New York in Oklahoma City.

Katherine Mehl, ’26as, is teaching English and Spanish at the Roosevelt Junior high school in Oklahoma City.

Ruth McElr, ’31as, is assistant society editor of the Oklahoma City Times in Oklahoma City.

Herbert von Tungel, ’33as, has accepted a position on the advertising staff of the Rollman Morning Tribune.

Maurice Crownover, ’27ex, is a candidate for re-election to the post of county treasurer in Cleveland county. He has served two terms in that position. He is opposed for the office by Ernest J. Wall, ’33ex, also a former student in the college of business administration.

LeRoy Heine, ’33as, has become advertising manager for the Anadarko Daily News.

G. E. Meador, ’20as, ’23M.A., faculty member at Oklahoma City University, has two sons attending O. C. U.

Glen Mead, ’27as, is affiliated with the accounting department of the Southwestern Bell Telephone company in Oklahoma City.

James Downing, ’21pharm, has been elected president of the Norman chamber of commerce to succeed T. Jack Foster, ’29ex.

Charles Ludwick, ’33eng, is working with the United States Coast and Geodetic survey in plotting topographic maps of uncharted parts of the state.

University Book Exchange

Charles C. Miles, Manager
where he was a member of the staff which was attempting to better health conditions of the natives.

Edwin Mims, jr., who was a member of the English department faculty in 1925, is associate editor of the Encyclopedia of Social Science published at Washington, D. C. Mims recently contributed an article, "German Refugees and American Bureaucrats," to the weekly news magazine, Today, which is edited by Raymond Moley, a close friend of President Roosevelt.

Louise Green, '32as, Oklahoma City, spent a month during February and March in Mexico. She visited many of the cities and places of interest.

"Tea' Tea Table Talk" in the Oklahoman News, of Oklahoma City, brings word that "society has rolled up its sleeves and gone to work." Among the prominent Oklahoma City persons mentioned who are Sooner alumni were Margaret Thurman Ralston, '32as, who is right-hand-man in her father's law office; Rosemary Lamb, '31as, who is working at the bookstore of Mrs. Allen Brooks; Kaye Replogle, '28as, who is working in the Harbour-Longmire store; Kaye Replogle, '28as, who is working in the office of her father's construction company; Nellie Marie Berry, '31ex, who is working for her father in the printing business; and Mary Elizabeth Edwards, '31as, who is doing social welfare work for the government.

Cliff Peery, jr., a graduate of the petroleum engineering school in 1933, is employed by the Venezuela Gulf Oil company as junior geologist in Venezuela. His address is Venezuela Gulf Oil company, Cuidad Bolivar, Venezuela, South America.

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