

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 the 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 coöperates 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, '33law, whose capability and efficiency were vital factors in the system's development, held the position for four years.

Most important of all the chapter adviser's duties is his function of assisting new students in their orientation to the University. He provides the directing hand often so necessary in enabling boys to take

the long step from high school to college. He aids them in planning their courses, and teaches them how to study, how to concentrate, and how to apply themselves. The peculiarity of his position enables him to counsel with them in their minor crises, and enables him to develop in them mental breadth and strong character, as well as an aptitude for study. If, in his relations with each year's pledges, he is able to engender in them an interest in knowledge for its own sake, and a wholesome pride in scholastic achievement, his job is already more than three-fourths done.

In a sense, the chapter adviser is also a liaison officer between the boys and the faculty. By constant checks on the members' grades, and by frequent interviews with the professors of those who are having difficulties in their work, he can create a closer understanding between instructor and student. Once this is done, failures become rare indeed.

While the chapter adviser is in no way to be regarded as replacing the commercial tutor, he can usually be of much aid to the boys in their classwork. Since one of the qualifications for the position is high undergraduate scholarship, he will generally be well-informed on several subjects. This enables him to assist students in courses which they find difficult to master, by providing advice and information which is necessarily unavailable in the classroom. In a way, this personal instruction serves to bridge the gap created by our modern system of large classes.

The 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 fraternities to 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.

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 panacea.

Following are the first semester grade averages:

1. Phi Gamma Delta	1.672
2. Delta Tau Delta	1.549
3. Sigma Alpha Mu	1.498
4. Phi Kappa Psi	1.454
5. Beta Theta Pi	1.413
6. Sigma Nu	1.367
7. Kappa Sigma	1.287
8. Pi Kappa Alpha	1.244
9. Delta Chi	1.216
10. Sigma Epsilon	1.170
11. Pi Kappa Phi	1.087
12. Sigma Chi	1.017
13. Delta Upsilon	.983
14. Phi Beta Delta	.978
15. Sigma Alpha Epsilon	.949
16. Alpha Sigma Phi	.933
17. Phi Kappa Sigma	.900
18. Kappa Alpha	.874
19. Phi Delta Theta	.852
20. Lambda Chi Alpha	.807
21. Theta Kappa Phi	.790
22. Acacia	.743
23. Alpha Tau Omega	.661

Sooner Roll Call

Directory Changes

Robert Alexander, '26as, '32M.A., 219 West Jackson Street, Wewoka.
 Willie E. Bliss, '33bus, 225 East Tenth, Oklahoma City.
 Dr. Gaines Levy Brightwell, '31med, Station Hospital, Ft. Logan, Colorado.
 Mrs. Elizabeth Burke Champion, '28fa, 203 West Magnolia, San Antonio, Texas.
 Jack W. Dunn, '27eng, care Sheldon-Burden, Cut Bank, Montana.
 Ernest C. Hicks, '22as, Hollis.
 Mrs. Cecilia Bonifield Joyner, Box 57, Blytheville, Arkansas.

Hugh A. Kearns, '29pharm, 1540 East Sixteenth, Tulsa.
 Dr. John F. Kupka, '25pharm, '28as, Haskell.
 Ruby Pearl Nichols, '30home-ec, Rush Springs.
 Phil J. Lehnhard, '31eng, Box 518, Bellville, Texas.
 Harold Arthur Olivey, '32eng, Box 81, Texon, Texas.
 Patti Ann Owens, '23nurse, Britton.
 Deane Raley, '33pharm, care Hollis Drug company, Hollis.
 Mrs. Genevieve Keyes Rector, '26as, 1317 North Beard, Shawnee.
 Mrs. Mildred Thornton Rice, '32as, 603 Diamond Street, Holdenville.

Margaret Cordellia Robinson, '31as, 3524 Foothill Boulevard, Oakland Avenue, California.
 Robert E. Rogers, jr., '29eng, San Nicholas, Aruba, Dutch West Indies.
 Leslie C. Spencer, '29geol, care Empire Oil company, Lyons, Kansas.
 Robert J. Sullivan, '29eng, 406 Hadley, Houston, Texas
 Mrs. Isabelle Thomasson Nauman, '25as, Box 59B, El Paso, Texas.
 Mrs. Christine Alexander Virgin, '26as, 1616 Linden Street, Oklahoma City.
 Mrs. Dorothy Arnote West, '23as, Shawnee.
 Mrs. Odile Berry Whetzel, '31home-ec, Flanagan, Illinois.
 M. T. Whetzel, '31bus, Flanagan, Illinois.
 Hughes M. Zenor, '32M.S., 1031 East Eleventh Street, Houston, Texas.

Marriages

CHASE-GORDON: Miss Mildred Chase, '34, and Murray Gordon, '33law, February 23. Kappa Kappa Gamma-Phi Gamma Delta. Home, 3400 North Robinson, Oklahoma City.

OWEN-DENTON: Miss Margaret Elizabeth Owen, '31dram-art, and William Delmer Denton, '30eng, February 24 in Enid. Alpha Chi Omega-Phi Kappa Sigma. Home, Bartlesville.

POTTER-JOHNS: Miss Mary Helen Potter, '30as, and Percy Manton Johns, jr., '26ex, February 12. Kappa Kappa Gamma-Beta Theta Pi. Home, Ardmore.

CARTLIDGE-SCHEEFERS: Miss Mary Cartlidge and Paul E. Scheefers, '33eng, February 17 in Oklahoma City. Home, Duncan.

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

GWINN-SIGMON: Miss Anna Kiley Gwinn and R. C. Sigmon, '29pharm, February 12 in Oklahoma City. Home, Holdenville.

SIPES-BOONE: Miss Audrey Sipes, '30ex, and Byron V. Boone, February 17. Pi Beta Phi. Home, Tulsa.

FRAME-HUDSON: Miss Ruth Tom Frame, '32ex, and Charles Milburn Hudson, '30ex, February 14 at Ardmore. Pi Beta Phi-Phi Gamma Delta. Home, McPherson, Kansas.

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

BRIDGE-TOMLIN: Miss Kathryn Bridge and Marion R. Tomlin, '30ex, recently in Norman. Home, 1003½ Northwest Twenty-second Street, Oklahoma City.

SWARTZ-BLOCK: Miss Jeanette Swartz, '33ex, and Shelton Block, February 25 in Oklahoma City. Home, Houston, Texas.

WILLIS-ROBINSON: Miss Jane Elizabeth Willis, '32ex, and Dwight Robinson, '25ex, March 3 in Sapulpa. Pi Beta Phi-Phi Delta Theta. Home, Tulsa.

Births

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

Mrs. Mary Ray Sexton, '20as, and L. H. Sexton, a daughter, March 5. Home, 538 East Twelfth, Bartlesville.

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 acting state geologist of Mississippi. Morse has been an assistant professor of geology at the University of Mississippi, University, Mississippi, since 1930.

Richard L. McBrien, '33eng, 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, '14bs, '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 Paoli consolidated school six miles north of Pauls Valley. Brand, a Sooner baseball letterman, is baseball, basketball, track coach and history teacher at the Paoli 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, '28as, is assistant manager for the Home Loan Association of New York in Oklahoma City.

Katherine Mehl, '29as, is teaching English and Spanish at the Roosevelt Junior high school in Oklahoma City.

Ruth Meister, '31as, is assistant society editor of the *Oklahoma City Times* in Oklahoma City.

Herbert von Tungeln, '33as, has accepted a position on the advertising staff of the *Blackwell Morning Tribune*.

Maurice Crownover, '27ex, is a candidate for reelection 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, '32ex, 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, '27bs, 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 Ludwig, '33eng, is working with the United States Coast and Geodetic survey in plotting topographic maps of uncharted parts of the state.

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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's.

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

"Tess' Tea Table Talk" in the *Oklahoma 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; Betty Lou Dunning, '32as, who is working in the Harbour-Longmire store; Kaye Replogle, '28as, who is working in the office of her father's construction company; Nell 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, Ciudad Bolivar, Venezuela, South America.

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