



Phi Gamma Delta

Founded at O. U. in 1917

The Phi Gamma Delta Fraternity was founded on April 22, 1848, at Jefferson College, Canonsburg, Pennsylvania. The high degree of spirit and organization since attained by this vast brotherhood is typified on a smaller scale by Nu Omega chapter located at the University.

On Saturday, March 24, 1917, thirteen days prior to the entry of the United States into World War I, Nu Omega was installed as a branch of Phi Gamma Delta.

The group which was that day installed, had been affiliated under the Greek letters Phi Kappa Pi, an organization of purely local character. This organization had been given its original impetus in the fall of 1913 by two men, Bettice A. Garside, '13ba, and Sherman, Huffman, '15ba, '26ma, whose desire it was to establish a different sort of fraternity, one which placed more emphasis on scholastics than was generally in style in the Greek organizations then on the campus.

At the time of installation, the 25 members of the Phi Kappa Pi who had signed the original petition to Phi Gamma Delta had a monopoly on individual and collective honors. In that group

were found the editor of the *Sooner Yearbook*, and the National Collegiate Oratorical champion, Josh Lee. There were three members of Phi Alpha Delta, honorary Engineering fraternity, two members of Delta Sigma Rho, debating society, two members of Phi Delta Phi, Law, one of Phi Beta Phi, Medical, and one of Alpha Kappa Psi, honorary commercial society.

The roll include: W. L. Ditzler, '14ba, '17Law, Dallas; Louis D. Abney, '16Law; W. B. Beasley, '15Law, Amarillo; W. W. Isle, '15ba, Cheney, Washington; William W. Busby, '14-'18; Virgil Alexander, '24ba, Tulsa; J. Roy Orr, '17Law; Lee Field, '15, Pauls Valley; Clyde M. Howell, '15ba, '36m.ed, Edmond; Sherman Huffman, '15ba, '26ma, Claremore; Phil C. Baird, Jr., '19ba, Welfare Island, New York; A. J. Douglas, '19ba, El Cafan, California; Josh Lee, '17ba, Washington, D.C.; William J. Crowe, '15Law, Oklahoma City; H. Paul Craker, '16, Tulsa; W. W. Gilbert, '17, Wewoka; Norman Brillhart, '17ba, Madill; Victor Wade, '17Law, Batesville, Arkansas; George H. Jennings, '16Law, Sapulpa; Dr. James A. Bivens, '17bs, Ardmore; M. M. Heath, '16ba, '17ma, Ray-

mond Harf, '18med; Earnest Howell, '15ba, '35 m.ed, deceased; W. J. Donovan and Herbert Phillips.

Since that day in March, 1917, when these men who composed Phi Kappa Pi became charter members of Nu Omega of Phi Gamma Delta, great strides have been taken.

Among the more prominent men to have lived within the chapter halls are Mike Monroney, '24ba, Oklahoma City and Washington, D.C., and Josh Lee . . . honor Fijis and U. S. Congressmen . . . All-American athletes Andy Beck, '33bus, deceased . . . Dub Lamb, '39-'43, Tulsa . . . and Hal Niemann, '34-'36, Sooner polo player who was killed while participating in a polo game, and for whom Niemann Field now the site of Niemann Apartments, is named.

Nu Omega chapter was one of the first in the country to realize the advantage of having a house-mother. Fiji Frederick B. Owen inaugurated the scholarship advisory plan which is now used nationally by many fraternities.

New WNAD Programs Set

Spring programming for WNAD, the University radio station, includes a wealth of new discussion topics, as well as more music and news, John W. Dunn, director, said today.

Ranging from topics on the makers of the constitution and American colonial life, to poetry, philosophy, biology, home-making, the American Indian and the Orient, the twelve new program series began February 1, and will be heard at various times during each week until the last of May.

The new programs include "Legislative Report," a weekly broadcast from the state capitol by state legislative leaders during the current sessions of the House and Senate. This report begins at 5:15 on Wednesdays.

Others are "Mankind Under Discussion," presented by members of the University anthropology department Mondays at 4:15; "Makers of the Constitution," by Dr. A. K. Christian, Tuesdays at 9:30 a.m.; "The Orient in the News," featuring Dr.

Percy Buchanan, Mondays at 4:30 p.m.; "Biology in Public Health," with speakers from the zoological sciences department, Wednesdays at 4:15 p.m.

And also "American Colonial Life," by Dr. Donnell Owings, Thursdays at 9:30 a.m.; "Gateway to Poetry" by faculty and students in the speech department, Thursdays at 3:45 p.m.; "You and Your Home," in charge of Miss Susan Millier, Fridays at 9:30 a.m.; "Portraits in Miniature," by members of the faculty interest in music, Fridays at 10:30 a.m.; and "Basic World Philosophies," by Dr. Carlton Berenda, Fridays at 4:15 p.m.

Musical groups being presented over WNAD during the spring months include University string ensembles, the University band, Norman high school groups, and students of state music teachers in addition to campus music fraternities, and music faculty recitals.

Also planned for FM listeners are evening programs carried by WNAD-FM, which began operation January 14. The FM station, located at 90.9

megacycles, broadcasts simultaneously with WNAD during the day, and presents dinner organ music, news, the evening concert, and special campus events after 6:15 p.m.

Age Is No Bar To Enrollment

The days are gone when you could tell a college freshman by glancing at him. Today he may look like a pre-war senior. For example, University records reveal that one-fifth of the men enrolled during the first semester were over 25 years of age.

Another 20 per cent was 22 and 23 years old. Between 900 and 1,000 men were enrolled in each of the 19, 20 and 21-year-old groups. Only four men students of 16 attended, figures show. Women's ages ranged lower, with the greatest representation of 414 in the 19-year-old bracket. The next largest group included 392 over 25 years. Total on-campus men enrolled numbered 9,568 and women 2,232, not counting medical and nursing students at Oklahoma City.