



## Phi Kappa Psi

*Founded at O.U. in 1920*

Phi Kappa Psi, in distinct contrast to other fraternities, which normally grew from local clubs, was originally founded for the purpose of becoming a national brotherhood of educated men interested in cultivating the humanities.

It was founded on February 19, 1852, by Charles P. T. Moore and William H. Letterman in Canonsburg, Pennsylvania, at a college then called Jefferson. The origin of the fraternity lay in the common bond which grew between Moore and Letterman as they watched and nursed stricken friends during a typhoid fever epidemic.

Following this, Phi Psi began its greatest period of expansion which lasted until 1880, with a general interruption for the Civil War. It is interesting to note that the Fraternity's tradition of service was carried on as 452 of the 600 members enlisted to fight for the causes of their localities. The original chapter at Jefferson College was itself forced to suspend activities as all but one of its members joined the Federal Army. One chapter in Mississippi University simply disappeared be-

cause all of its members save two were killed in the war.

Since this great period of expansion, Phi Psi has established itself as one of the best conservative fraternities. Few new chapters have been established, and those only at universities of the first order. Phi Psi is one of two fraternities which have remained in the top ten of Baird's ratings since the founding of his manual.

Phi Kappa Psi came to the University of Oklahoma campus in 1920 when Kappa Psi, a strong local and the third local on the campus to petition the national, was admitted as a chapter of the fraternity on its record of scholarship and extra-curricular achievement.

Phi Kappa Psi followed after this in the footsteps of the original Kappa Psi, first in the activities and first in scholarship on the campus. Successful years of rush continued and, still in the twenties, the old brick and wood house on DeBarr was exchanged for the new house at 720 Elm, the address of Phi Psi's since then. The houses drifted

away from old "fraternity row" and soon the neighborhood about the house was the center of Greek activities on the campus. The house has mellowed a little now, but the cement drive and the extra few feet on the hedges are the only changes in the traditional Phi Psi chapter home.

The chapter is still active in school affairs, and Phi Psi retains its old feeling of interest in and friendliness toward the personal accomplishments of its pledges and members.

Phi Psi has, of course, been gravely hurt and concerned by the late war as well as those before it. The lost brothers and pledges, the strain placed on members on the campus have left their mark on the members of the chapter. New pledges and members, however, strengthened, matured, and unified, as was Phi Psi as a whole, look forward to stronger and newer things developing from the war experiences. The old feelings and traditions continue.

attended a conference on application for NATTC equipment April 18 in New Orleans.

▶ William B. Lewis, assistant professor of electrical engineering, escorted a group of senior students on an inspection of the Network Calculator at Texas A.&M. College April 17.

▶ Robert W. Ross, assistant professor, Chester L. Francis, associate professor and E. J. Schults, professor of music education attended the Music Educators National Conference in Colorado Springs, Colorado, April 18-24.

▶ Allan Rodgers, assistant professor of geography, presented a paper at the Southwestern Social Science meeting at Fort Worth April 14-16 on "Taconite and the Steel Industry."

▶ D. R. Kimrey, '40ba, director of purchasing, was in Boston May 10-15 attending the national convention of the National Association of Educational Buyers.

▶ Dud Giezentanner, '39bus, internal auditor, attended the meeting of the Southern Association of College and University Business officers at Berea, Kentucky, April 28-May 1.

▶ Glenn C. Couch, '31bs, '37ms, dean of University college, represented the University at the faculty consultation on Religion in Higher Education at Dallas April 30.

▶ Dr. J. J. Rhyne, chairman of the school of social work, has been studying social agencies in Little Rock, Arkansas, to determine suitability as field centers for students.

▶ F. C. Fowler, professor of chemical engineering, and R. L. Huntington, '17ba, chairman of the school of chemical engineering, were in Fort Worth, Texas, April 21-22 attending the annual meeting of the Natural Gasoline Association of America. They had a conference with the Richardson Oil Company in regard to a proposed research project on catalytic.

▶ E. D. Meacham, '14ba, dean of the college of arts and sciences, attended the faculty conference on Religion in Higher Education held April 30-May 1 in Dallas.

▶ I. J. Sollenberger, professor of finance, attended the second annual Educational Conference sponsored by the Committee on Education of the

National Association of Real Estate Boards April 28-30 in Chicago.

▶ William B. Lemmon, associate professor of psychology, attended the Midwestern Psychology Association meetings April 26-May 1 in Chicago.

▶ Mary A. Warren, assistant professor of home economics, attended the faculty consultation on Religion in Higher Education April 30-May 1 in Dallas.

▶ Alfred B. Sears, chairman of the department of history, attended the faculty consultation on Religion in Higher Education April 30-May 1 in Dallas.

▶ Gaston Litton, '34ba, '40ma, University archivist, was in Washington, D.C., April 26-May 5 to orientate one of the Rockefeller Foundation fellowship grantees in the details of his assignment at the National Archives in Washington.

▶ E. Lee Hoffman, '48ba, graduate assistant in psychology, has been notified of his acceptance as a research fellow to study psychology and mathematics at Princeton University next year. He will assume his duties in July.