

New Members Of Phi Beta Kappa Fraternity



members of all Phi Beta Kappa chapters within distance were invited.

Of the Class of 1920 deemed worthy of membership in Beta Chapter eight entered Goucher College from Baltimore schools. The students and the schools from which they entered are:

Frances Elizabeth Baldwin, Bryn Mawr School, Baltimore; A. Dorothy Bergner and Ruth Neuhausen, Eastern High School, Baltimore; Edna M. Biddison, Elizabeth Lynn Bryan, Mildred Watkins Grafflin and Selma Van Leer Hamburger, all of the Western High School, Baltimore; Hilda Cohen, Friends School, Baltimore; Mary A. Brower, State Normal School, Bloomburg, Pa.; Winifred Brown, Cathedral School, Orlando, Fla.; L. Christine Dann, Western High School, Washington; Anna Loise Ellery, High School, Chester, Pa.; B. Lenna Erwood, Girls' High School, Philadelphia, Pa.; Sara Haardt, Margaret Booth School, Montgomery, Ala., and Frances Louise Wales, Oxford High School, Oxford, Pa.

Of this group, two Baltimore girls, Miss Frances Elizabeth Baldwin and Miss Edna M. Biddison, of the class of 1920, have been awarded by Goucher College resident fellowships in Johns Hopkins University for the year 1920-21.

Officers of Beta Chapter for the ensuing year are: President, Mrs. Andrew H. Krug; vice-president, Miss Van Meter; secretary, Miss Dorothy Getz; treasurer, Miss Florence Hooper.

The college fraternities thus founded by youth and recruited with youth have exercised over American and Canadian educational institutions a peculiarly happy influence in many respects. They have been, as acorns planted by the light-hearted in the springtime of life that have developed into oak trees to shelter the Alma Maters that nurtured them. Students join during the most impressionable years of their lives, the fraternity brings them into fellowship with others of like tastes and aspirations. They are bound together by ties of peculiar and lasting strength; they feel themselves responsible for carrying on the torch of scholarship and they give cheerfully of their material substance to encourage learning and to uphold the honor and traditions of their own colleges and universities.

Eight Baltimore Girls New Fraternity Members

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Youth, what man's age is like to be, doth show.
We may our ends by our beginnings know.
—Sir John Denham.

IF American college students gave to the months of the Gregorian calendar picturesquely descriptive names; as do the Japanese and American Indians, April and May would doubtless be designated as the months of the college fraternities, for in these months fraternities usually elect and initiate new members and hold their annual banquets or réceptions.

During the present month 15 members of the senior class of Goucher College, who will receive their graduating diplomas the last of May, have also had conferred upon them an intensely coveted scholastic honor, that of being initiated as members of the Phi Beta Kappa Society, the oldest Greek letter fraternity in existence.

The name Phi Beta Kappa is derived from three Greek words signifying Philosophy, the Guide of Life. The fraternity had its beginning during the stirring period of the American Revolution, having been founded in 1776 at the College of William and Mary at Williamsburg, Va. Its original purposes were encouragement of patriotism and scholarship—especially encouragement of literature.

The society began with a little social group of five students—John Heath, Richard Booker, Thomas Smith, Armstead Smith and John Jones. Its badge was a square silver medal, displaying the Greek letters of its name and a few symbols. In 1770 the fraternity authorized Elisha Parmelee, one of the members, to establish chapters at Yale and Harvard universities, these chapters being permitted to organize subordinate branches in their respective States.

In 1781 the college of William and Mary was closed, its buildings being occupied in turn by British, French and American troops and the original Phi Beta Kappa fraternity ceased to exist. The two branches, however, were well established, that at Yale having been organized in 1780 and that at Harvard in 1781. Chapters were formed at Dartmouth in 1787, at Union in 1817, at Bowdoin in 1824 and at Brown in 1830. In 1781, at the entrance of Harvard Chapter, delegates met and a national council was formed, and in recent years the number of chapters has been greatly enlarged.

Membership in the society is conferred upon undergraduates, and only scholars of highest standing in their classes are eligible to membership. Honorary members later in life are occasionally chosen from among scholars of the country not previously elected. The society changed somewhat in character in 1826. It became nonsecret and purely honorary. Members are entitled to wear as a badge a gold watch key with simple symbols and

Goucher College is Beta Chapter, its charter having been granted Goucher College in 1904. Seniors whose work has been of exceptionally high character throughout the whole of their college course are elected to membership in Beta Chapter by members of the faculty who belong to the Phi Beta Kappa Society. Beta Chapter numbers about 150 members, and the 15 seniors elected this year are the largest number ever before received at one time.

The initiation was held at Alumnae Lodge and addresses upon the significance of the society were delivered by Mrs. Andrew H. Krug and by

Dr. William H. Maltbie, the latter one of the charter members of the chapter. A reception followed, to which

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