

**ALPHA DELTA DELTA**, established on 1 November 1895, at the University of California, Berkeley, California, by James Alfred Bardin, Ralph Walton Bender, Fred Albert Bordwell, Charles Francis Craig, Clyde Algernon Allen Cross, Daniel Hinds Laubersheimer, Robert Graham Laws, Percy Gilmore McDonnell, Homer Charles Parker, Edwin John Sherman, William Whitney Wells, and William Graham Wood. Gamma, James Owen Watson, ΓΔ'96; Zeta, Theodore Frederic Laist, Ψ'88, William Chauncey Pond, H'48, and Leon Greenbaum, Ξ'85.

**I**N THE SPRING OF 1895 a charter in Chi Psi was granted to petitioners from Stanford University, and Alpha Gamma Delta was duly established at that institution. At the time it was thought desirable to strengthen the rather precarious position of this isolated Alpha by the formation of a second Alpha at the University of California whenever a good opportunity should present itself. Thus when, in the fall of the same year, application was received from students of the latter University, investigations were promptly made as to their merits, and, on favorable report, a charter was granted them.

At the initiation banquet which took place at Delmonico's Cafe in San Francisco, the following twelve men were ushered into the brotherhood of Chi Psi as charter members of Alpha Delta Delta: Clyde A. A. Cross, Fred A. Bordwell, Percy G. McDonnell, Homer C. Parker, William G. Wood, Edwin J. Sherman, Charles F. Craig, R. G. Laws, D. H. Laubersheimer, J. A. Bardin, W. W. Wells, and Ralph Bender.

It is highly significant that the Fraternity deferred to the decision of Gamma Delta in the matter of granting the charter, and that at the initiation an active Brother from Gamma Delta, Brother Watson, presided as master of ceremonies, assisted by Brothers Laist, Ψ'88, Pond, H'48, and Greenbaum, Ξ'85. All members of the Stanford Alpha were present, and of the Chi Psi alumni there was a notable gathering at the banquet which succeeded the formalities of the evening.

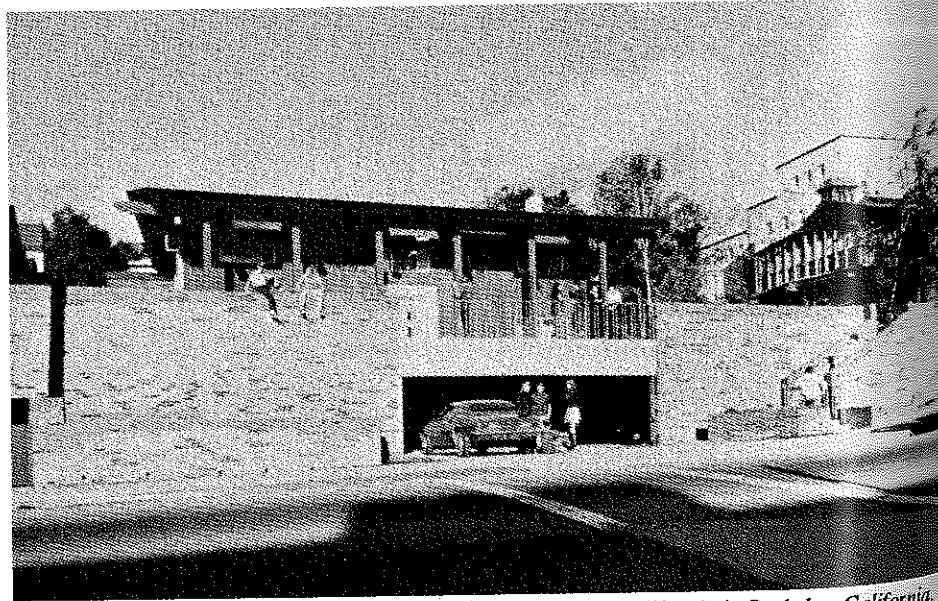
Since the founding of Zeta Psi in 1870 fraternities have existed at the University of California. Chi Psi was not a pioneer in the field. This is her boast and not her reproach, for in the beginning the field was not a good one. Time has revealed the wisdom of a

conservative policy.

Externally the new Brothers were exceedingly well equipped, if they were to be judged by the standards usually set for pioneers. They were represented in all forms of college activities, holding such honors as the captaincy of both freshman and varsity football elevens, juniors class presidency, and the management of the college annual, besides being active socially. Whilst it might require prevarication to make of them a model chapter of Phi Beta Kappa, there is reason to believe that they stood better than the scholastic average. They were also not unmindful of the necessity of organic strength. The first step in this latter direction was the acquisition of a Lodge. A house was leased, and the Brothers took up residence under a common roof. Constant association, one with another, strengthened the ties which already bound them together, and shortly

effected the consolidation into a working unit of what before had been merely a congenial group. The first year of the Alpha, terminating with the spring semester of 1896, and which had opened so happily, closed with a single loss, and but one addition to the little band which had entered upon it together.

Alpha Delta Delta began the second year of its existence at its Lodge on Bancroft Way, two doors above Chapel Street. But seven Brothers out of the twelve of the preceding term were on hand when college opened. After a couple of weeks of rushing this number was increased to eleven. On September 15, the Alpha again changed its quarters, moving into a new Lodge at 2643 Durant Avenue. On the following evening a farewell stag party was given Brother Bardin '98, who was about to depart for Ann Arbor. The first term of 1897 opened with all the Brothers back except Brother Laubersheimer,



The current Lodge of Alpha Delta Delta at the University of California in Berkeley, California.

who was compelled to give up his college career. The college year closed on the twelfth of May. The Alpha's part in college activities was just about on a par with that of previous semesters.

The fall term of 1897 opened with several gaps in the ranks caused by the graduation of Brother Craig, and the withdrawal from college of Brothers Sherman, Ladd and McDonnell. Brother Laughlin '99, returned to college and affiliated with the class of '01. Two joint initiations with Gamma Delta were held during the term, at which two juniors and two freshman were initiated, bringing the active membership to thirteen. Just before the close of the term a joint banquet was held with Alpha Gamma Delta. After the close of the term, the Brothers moved into a new Lodge on Warring Street, having outgrown the old Lodge.

The spring term of 1898 opened with eleven old men ready to resume their college work. The new Lodge was most suitable for fraternity purposes in every sense of the word, and there was not a better one on the campus.

The semester was characterized by social events as well as the usual participation in college affairs. About the middle of the term a smoker was given at which some thirty guests were entertained, most of whom were attending preparatory school. The following day was Charter Day for the university, and the Alpha entertained during the afternoon, after the custom on the campus of keeping open house in honor of the occasion.

Alpha Delta Delta began the fourth year of its existence with seven active Brothers back in college. Quite a setback was suffered on account of the fact that five upperclassmen failed to return. And added was the fact that the Alpha initiated only one man from the class of 1902.

The last part of November the Alpha gave another demonstration of its early nomadic character by moving into a new abode. The new Lodge was well furnished and fitted up for the purpose, and seemed more suitable to the needs at the time. The second term commenced with ten active Brothers on hand. The annual banquet was held in San Francisco together with the alumni. Immediately after the affair the alumni organized the San Francisco Chi Psi Alumni Association.

This period in the Alpha's life was dark and discouraging. In 1899 only six of the old

men had returned, and, through difficulty with the landlady, there was no house in which to live. During the summer, in spite of a lawful lease, she packed and stored the furniture, informing the expressman to hold it for the payment of his fees. From a legal standpoint, there was sufficient cause for a suit, but disliking unpleasant newspaper notoriety, the Brothers let the matter drop and redeemed the furniture. Just at this time

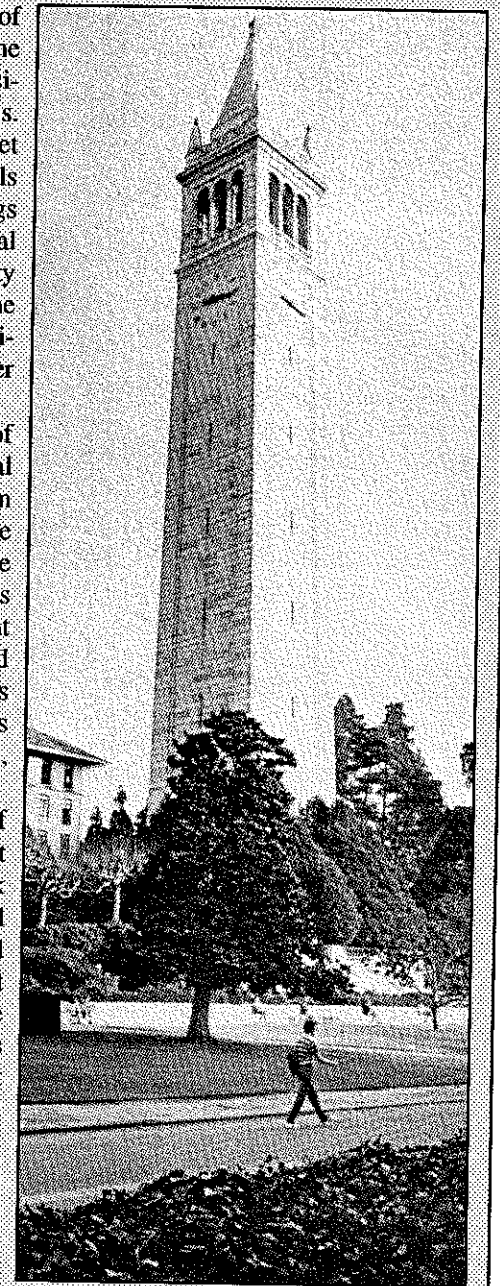
a resident of Berkeley came forward with an offer to build a new Lodge. This offer was seriously considered, but upon mature deliberation was rejected. Later developments proved the wisdom of this action. Instead, the Brothers decided to rent, and furnish the house themselves, which proved thoroughly satisfactory. Three of them furnished financial assistance, thus making it possible to carry on.

### The University of California

**F**OUNDED IN 1868, the University of California has grown to be one of the nation's most prestigious public universities, in one of the most beautiful settings. The campus is located in a small city set on a hillside between the Berkeley hills and San Francisco Bay, with buildings that range from the stunning classical amphitheater to the modern University Art Museum with its neon sculpture. The various colleges and institutes of the university are located on a campus of over five hundred acres.

The student body is composed of 22,300 undergraduates, and 31,500 total students, with almost eighty percent from in-state. The academic requirements are not overly extensive, but they sustain the university's commitment to liberal arts education. Special programs abound at Berkeley, and students may study abroad on fellowships at one of fifty centers around the world. The library system is extensive, with over 6.5 million volumes, one of the largest in the nation.

Most students seem to spend part of every day people watching, and the most frequently heard remark is said to be "Look at that one." The diversity of the town and campus make an extraordinarily free and exciting college environment for almost everyone, where it is perhaps worst to be dull than to be odd. The trend today is away from the Free Speech movement and the '60s, and business majors and fraternity members increasingly outnumber the Young Communists and peaceniks. Sixteen percent of students are in fraternities or sororities, and over 100 student groups of varying descriptions are registered on campus.



The Campanile at Berkeley

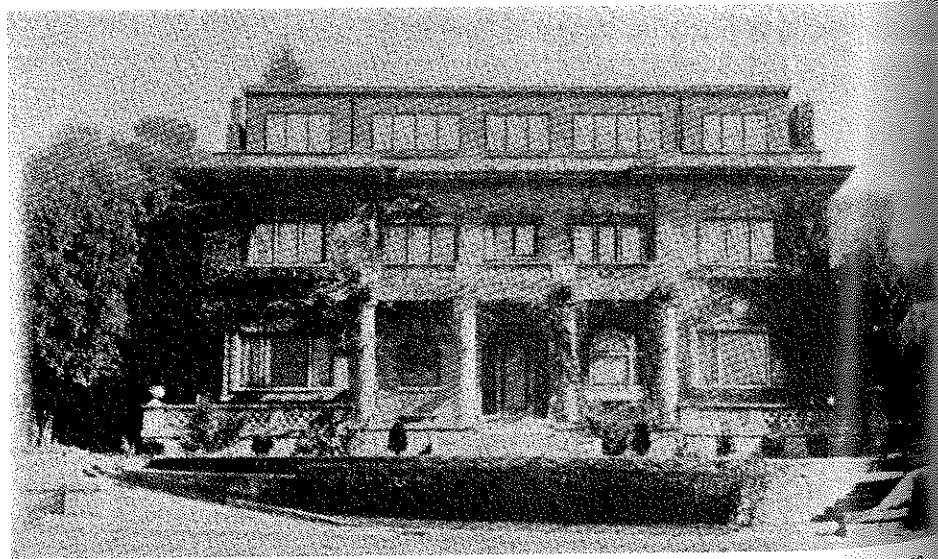
Although many men were rushed only two were initiated during the fall. The third annual joint banquet with Alpha Gamma Delta was held on the evening of 17 February in San Francisco. It is interesting to note with what enthusiasm and enjoyment the alumni and active members attended these earlier banquets. These, together with the frequent inter-visiting, especially at initiation, served as much as any other factor to bind Delta Delta and Gamma Delta together for almost 70 years.

Again in 1900, there was a very small delegation that returned to college, but they were imbued with the spirit of success. During the semester three men were pledged and initiated. The spirit of these men was further increased when Benjamin Ide Wheeler, newly installed as president of the university, paid the Alpha a visit, during the course of which he made a remark of vast interest and satisfaction to every loyal Chi Psi. Himself a member of Alpha Delta Phi, he said that he recognized the very high standing of Chi Psi, and pledged his assistance in placing our Fraternity in a position as one of the leaders in things fraternal at the University of California. Seven men returned for the spring of 1901, and each one was active in some line of endeavor. Three men were pledged and initiated during the semester, and several were pledged for the ensuing year. It was at this time that a movement was started in conjunction with the alumni to build a new Lodge. This movement assumed a definite form, and later resulted in the organization of the Delta Delta Lodge Association. Owing to their small numbers, the Brothers were somewhat handicapped in the struggle for college honors with the other organizations on the campus. The close of the term found the Alpha in the most prosperous condition since her founding. Only two men were lost by graduation, thereby leaving a comparatively large number of active Brothers and likewise one pledge to open the next college year.

In the fall semester of 1901 Alpha Delta Delta began to assume the place at California which she had been striving for during the past years. Six old men were on hand when the term opened, and as a result of their efforts, four men were pledged in competition with other fraternities prominent on the campus, and all were initiated. Not a bid was lost.

The first initiation this semester, as on several previous occasions, was held in conjunction with Alpha Gamma Delta, and the banquet that followed was a very successful affair. Plans for the new Lodge were not forgotten, and the work went steadily forward, both among the alumni and the active Brothers. It was during the spring of 1902 that the Delta Delta Lodge Association was definitely organized. A site was purchased just a block from the president's mansion, and directly across the street from the campus. Negotiations were also started for a loan in order to build at the earliest possible moment. The Alpha took a very active part in college activities during the term, pointing to a gradual advance for the better.

Rare, indeed, is that organization, be it a statehood or brotherhood, that enjoys a uniform prosperity. Dame Fortune's frown close follows on her smile. This simple adage is plentifully illustrated in the history of Delta Delta, for she has struggled to her present position over a most uneven course, and can look back alike upon multifarious bounty, and upon manifold tribulation. In this respect the fall term of 1902 is not hard to catechise. The recorder of that administration has marked it with gratifying unction, "one of the most successful years in the history of Alpha Delta Delta." All of the Brothers enrolled the spring semester previous returned to register that fall and they were further strengthened by the addition of B. M. Ray, ΓΔ '04. This bright opening was rendered more auspicious by the newly acquired asset



The Lodge of Alpha Delta Delta at Berkeley before the substantial remodeling in the late 1960s.

of a commodious and attractive Lodge, embellished with the recent purchase of furnishings. The change of quarters had a pronounced effect during the rushing season, which was a busy one, as may be judged from the size of the incoming class, which numbered 816, with a majority of males—record figures for the time. Even then Chi Psi conservatism showed itself in the selection of four men.

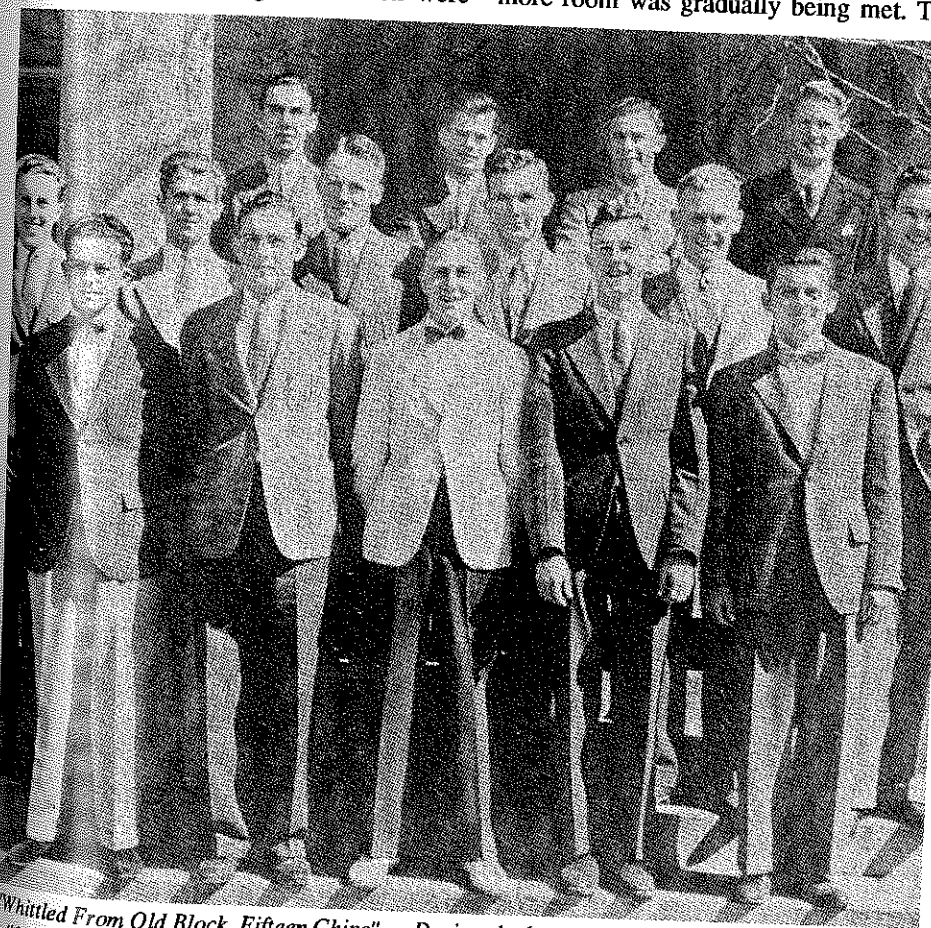
For the first time in several years the Brothers manifested a considerable interest in outside activities, and, as a result, reaped a fine harvest of the much sought after "college honors."

The Alpha opened the second semester with eleven of her original twelve men back in college. Later in the term two pledges were secured. Of interest in connection with the University is the work upon the site of the famous Greek Theater which was commenced about this time.

At the opening of the college year in August, 1903, nine active Brothers were back and prepared for a strenuous rushing season. After especially trying circumstances five good men were pledged and initiated. This was exceptional, for the entering class numbered only 718 men and women, and was very weak in fraternity material. The university had received as a gift the Greek Theater, having a seating capacity of over 10,000 people. Construction on the new mining building was under way, and California Hall was soon to be started. This general building up of the University was reflected in Alpha Delta Delta. Never before

had there been so many active members. This was certainly the awakening period of the Alpha. She had served her term as a "new" fraternity on the campus and was assuming her place with the other leading fraternities. During the spring term two more men were initiated and here again we see the prosperity of the university extending to and influencing the Alpha. Delta Delta took another stride forward. For ten years she had rented Lodges—she had lived in five different homes. At last, at this time, the plans had matured for the building of the new Lodge. A more desirable building site was secured, and the Alpha's new home was soon under construction. President Elbridge T. Gerry, Z'57, paid the Pacific coast Alphas a visit during this semester, and by a most generous gift materially helped Delta Delta with the building of her new home.

Ground was broken for the new Lodge in May 1904, but it was not ready for occupancy until October of that same year. Naturally, since college opened in August, this was a handicap in rushing, but nevertheless, six much sought-after men were



Whittled From Old Block, Fifteen Chips"—During the late 1930s, Delta Delta was very much a "family" fraternity, with at least seventeen legacies in the Lodge, fifteen of them pictured here.

pledged, and initiated at a joint ceremony with Alpha Gamma Delta. Upon completion, the opening of the new Lodge was celebrated by quite an elaborate reception. The Alpha began the year with nine old men, one transfer from Alpha Iota, and six freshmen. During the spring term two more men were initiated. Year by year the Alpha had grown in numbers, and, at the same time, in importance on the campus. The list of college honors held had steadily increased, until at this time many Chi Psis held important athletic and managerial positions, and claimed many athletic honors.

During the summer of 1905 many improvements were made in and about the Lodge. Most important of these was the fitting up of a Lodge room and the arrangement of a freshman dormitory on the third floor. Mrs. Helen A. Cross, mother of Clyde A. A. Cross '96, one of the founders of Alpha Delta Delta, presented the Lodge with a handsome silver service in memory of her son. The enrollment in the university was constantly increasing and the pressure for more room was gradually being met. The

Hearst Memorial Mining Building and California Hall, the new administration building, were being rushed as fast as possible, while plans for the great Doe Library, eventually to cost a million dollars, were put well under way. Progress in every sense of the word served to depict the condition of Alpha Delta Delta in the fall of 1905. In 1895 Chi Psi was the least known of the fraternities at California; in 1905 Chi Psi was universally known and respected and still on the upgrade.

With the withdrawal of three men from college, Alpha Delta Delta opened the spring term with but ten old men. A vigorous rushing season netted three men, who were initiated on the evening of 3 February, following which ceremony the Brothers from Gamma Delta and alumni in the bay region gathered for a joint banquet and to inculcate into the neophytes their first true glimpse of the Chi Psi spirit.

The memorable earthquake and fire of 18 April 1906, which devastated the City of San Francisco and played havoc with the buildings on the Stanford Campus, caused but little damage to the University of California. All university exercises were suspended for a number of days while the university cadet corps, comprising all undergraduates and many from the junior and senior years, patrolled the streets of San Francisco and helped civil and military authorities to maintain order. The only misfortune suffered by the Lodge was the demolition of its chimneys, which, thanks to the generosity of Brother Gerry, were soon rebuilt without expense or inconvenience to the active Brothers. Ray Gabbert '07, as editor-in-chief of the 1907 Blue and Gold, as well as other members of that class, mourned over the few charred remains of the college annual, the entire edition of which, with the exception of a few stray sheets of copy, was destroyed in the bindery in San Francisco. Due to the complications arising out of the work of reconstruction of San Francisco, it was deemed advisable to terminate the college term a month earlier than usual, and when the Brothers dispersed early in April for a four months' vacation, they left behind them a record of worthy achievements and a stronger position in the college world than ever held before.

Despite the presence of only one name on the rushing list at the opening of the fall semester, the thirteen men who returned to

college for the fall term in 1906 set to work with a vengeance and pledged six men, five of whom were initiated on 1 September and the other on 15 September. On 24 November, Alpha Delta Delta was host at a smoker given primarily for fraternity freshmen. Continued interest was displayed by the Brothers in college activities and consequently the Alpha reached its highest mark in college honors. Brother Gabbert, who was without doubt one of the most prominent undergraduates the university has ever had, proved more than an ordinary leader and under his able guidance Chi Psi had a banner year in 1906 and 1907. For various reasons, five of the Brothers either failed to return to college or dropped out early in the spring semester and the number of active men in the Alpha dropped to fourteen. Theodore B. ("Dode") Brown, II '98, Fraternity Visitor, made a stay of several weeks at the Lodge early in the spring and with his experience was able to help Delta Delta in innumerable ways. The spirit of interest and enthusiasm in purely fraternity matters grew greatly during the semester and the Alpha was blessed with a harmony and closeness of personal sympathy that rendered the internal organization of the Alpha well nigh as perfect as could be.

With the opening of the college in the fall of 1907, Alpha Delta found her numbers reduced to nine. These men, with the aid of R. H. Lyons, I '09, who transferred from Stanford, succeeded in pledging seven freshmen, three of whom were initiated early in the term. On 1 November active and alumni members of Alpha Delta Delta gathered to commemorate her birthday at a theatre and supper party. And again on Thanksgiving evening the Alpha gathered to partake of a banquet, following an initiation of one neophyte. A new concrete sidewalk and steps were laid in front of the Lodge just before college closed and during the vacation a spacious veranda was built.

With seven pledges to help them, the eleven old Brothers had little difficulty in rushing and three more buttons were soon out. Early in September 1908, nine freshmen were initiated into Chi Psi. With the increased number of men living in the Lodge it was found necessary to partition off the large freshman dormitory. With the Lodge in better shape than ever and with a harmonious group of men, the Alpha made consistent progress

throughout the year. The annual joint banquet of Alpha Gamma Delta, Alpha Delta Delta and the San Francisco alumni association was held on the evening of 20 January following a joint initiation held by the Alphas at the Delta Delta Lodge. Excavation for a new Lodge room in the basement was started and changes were made so that the old Lodge room was made available for living purposes.

With fifteen old men and seven neophytes, Alpha Delta Delta became greater in numbers during the fall of 1909 than she had ever been before. The first initiation of the college year was held on 2 September when one sophomore and seven freshmen were taken in. On 19 November one more freshman was initiated into the Bonds. Poor scholarship brought an unexpected end to the collegiate careers of four of the Alpha and with the opening of the spring semester of 1910 but fifteen men answered the roll. This number was raised to seventeen by the initiation of two freshmen on 29 January. Following the initiation came the joint banquet with the Brothers from Stanford and the alumni of the bay region.

On registration day in August 1910,



Alumni and undergraduates from Berkeley attending the Centennial Convention at Union in 1941.

Delta Delta reassembled with eleven old men. Soon the Alpha roll was raised to seventeen by the initiation of three sophomores and four freshmen. During the term John K. MacDonald, I '07, the Fraternity Visitor, paid the Alpha a visit. Many suggestions and considerable help were the results of his stay. During this year the Alpha took a very active part in college affairs with much profit to the individuals and a widened reputation for the Fraternity. The mid-year entering class, besides being small, was singularly weak in fraternity material, and but a single man was pledged and initiated.

An improved set of house rules was adopted during the term. Among other things, underclassmen were forbidden to enter any place where liquor was sold, on college days or nights. Stricter study rules for lower-classmen insured better scholarship. By the end of the semester the Alpha had secured two pledges as a nucleus for the next year's delegation. Affairs were somewhat handicapped by the fact that there were no active seniors in college, but as all of the exceptionally strong junior class were expected to return, the coming fall semester of 1911 was looked forward to as the brightest yet.

The Alpha returned twelve men in the fall of 1911, which number was increased to nineteen by the initiation of two sophomores and five freshmen. Of these sixteen men returned for the opening of the spring semester, and this number was increased to eighteen by the return of Brother Johnson, '13, and the initiation of a freshman. The Alpha maintained to quite an extent her active position on the campus, but nevertheless, the departure of the 1912 class left quite a gap.

The fall term of 1912 found twelve of the Brothers back at the Lodge. This number was raised to twenty-three by the addition of Brother Hegeman, who transferred from Beta Delta and entered with the class of 1914, and by the initiation of one junior and eight freshmen. A couple of weeks later still another addition was made to the freshman class. During the summer, Brother Cartwright '12, with assistance, financial and otherwise, of some of the Brothers and alumni, had done wonders for the Lodge in improving its appearance. During the year scholarship was given a boost in the Alpha by the presentation of a scholarship cup by members of the 1912 class. The spirit of progress was further increased by the acquisition of another lot adjoining the Lodge.

With the initiation in the fall of 1913 the membership of the Alpha was raised to twenty-seven and the next year it grew to thirty, the largest in her history to date.

From 1914 to 1918 Delta Delta enjoyed a period of exceptional prosperity and strength on the campus. Conditions in the Lodge were excellent from the point of view of numbers, finances and personnel. In 1915, added impetus was felt through the very successful convention of the Fraternity, which was held for the first time on the Pacific Coast, under the auspices of Gamma Delta, Delta Delta and the local alumni. The Panama Pacific International Exposition at San Francisco was in full swing at this time, and constituted the seat of much of the entertainment of the visiting delegates, officers and alumni of Chi Psi.

At about this time, there began a general movement for the acquisition of a new Lodge for the Alpha which did not cease until the objective was attained. The increased numbers, and the constant necessity of repairing the existing Lodge on Hearst Avenue, just north of the campus, were two impelling motives behind the movement, but in addi-

tion there was a well-founded feeling that the majority of the best houses were located south of the campus. The actives felt that these conditions were a handicap in the securing of new men. That they were right about this became apparent after 1917, when the Lodge became so run down that the expense of annual repair became an extreme burden, both to alumni and actives. Various plans and programs of reconstruction on the existing site or for financing the purchase or erection of a new Lodge south of the campus were considered but nothing came of the efforts for some years.

During these four years, it is safe to say that Delta Delta was among the three outstanding fraternities on the California campus, and for at least two of the four years, was the leading house of all. Practically every man of the several dozen who were members of Delta Delta at that time was a member of some one or other of the honor societies and other prominent organizations on the campus. Others distinguished themselves in sports, literary work, scholarship, managerial positions and a variety of other fields.

The entry of the United States into the World War in 1917, naturally played havoc with Delta Delta of Chi Psi, as it did with every house in the campus, and for that matter, in every other university in the country. The Alpha can remember with pride the glorious part played by her sons in conflict. They were found in every branch of the service, dedicating themselves with energy and devotion to the task at hand. No fraternity on the campus could show a higher proportionate number of stars in its service flag. The record of conspicuous and brilliant achievements by members of the Alpha organization was also a notable one.

In spite of the losses from enlistment in the war, a few of the actives kept up the good fight, and the Alpha went along, but not so strongly as in the years preceding. Even after the war ended, young men seemed to have other things on their minds than colleges and fraternities and in 1919, 1920 and 1921 a decided let down in fraternity spirit was apparent at Delta Delta, although a number of very good men still carried on the work. The general tone and the strong personnel that were in evidence in the years immediately preceding the war were, however, somehow lacking. Complaint was constantly made by the actives that they would never be

able to get anywhere at all without a new Lodge. The alumni were appealed to again, and at last things began to move.

In 1920, the real movement, toward securing a new house got under way. Through the aid of Edgar A. Jones, I '03, an option was obtained on the present property on Piedmont Avenue, south of the campus, and committees were organized among the alumni and the actives to raise funds by subscription to purchase this property. The actives in the Lodge at this time did wonderful work here, not only liberally subscribing themselves, but giving up a great deal of their time to soliciting subscriptions from alumni. One of them Ed Lyman '23, in order to help the cause along, took a leave of absence for a semester and traveled up and down the coast states gathering in subscriptions. He had great success. A total sum of some thirty-three thousand dollars was raised in this manner and the balance of the purchase price, which exceeded fifty thousand dollars, together with the cost of making additions to and improvements on the property, including the furnishings, was taken care of by trading in the old property, and assuming certain mortgages on the new. The building purchased was a very handsome residence, and the location is amongst the most desirable on the campus. Delta Delta made a record in this adventure. The property having been secured by option in November 1921, sufficient money had been raised by February 1922, not only to make a substantial down payment on it, but also to make necessary changes and additions, and purchase furniture, a substantial part of which was donated by Edgar Jones '03, and Mrs. Jones. The new Lodge was occupied in February 1922.

Following the occupation of the new Lodge, the actives seemed to drift into a general atmosphere of self-satisfaction, so that the period from 1923 to 1926 witnessed less activity in college affairs, a looser internal organization, and a lack of cohesion that foreboded ill for the life of the Alpha. Scholarship was poor, financial conditions were bad, and only one or two members felt that it was worth while to do anything in college affairs. Just about this time, the alumni awakened to the need of trying to inject a little life and spirit into both Gamma Delta at Stanford and Delta Delta at California. In consequence an executive committee of

alumni was formed, with Charles Craig, ΔΔ'97, as chairman, which committee immediately got into contact with both Alphas, visiting them three or four times a semester, and by advising and investigating, helped them revivify themselves. Delta Delta finally took hold and worked itself out of its slump, so that in 1928 it had the honor to announce, to the great pleasure of itself and all the alumni, that it had secured first place on the California campus in scholarship among some sixty-odd men's clubs and fraternities.

Great improvement in internal organization, Chi Psi spirit and general cooperation was shown by the Alpha beginning with the fall of 1927. Actives and alumni were cooperating, with a resultant rise of power in the Alpha.

The general condition of Delta Delta was, at the beginning of 1929, excellent. There were some very strong men in the Lodge, and the entire group seemed to have caught the right spirit, the spirit that means success for the Alpha from every angle. The indebtedness on the new Lodge was being reduced yearly; financial conditions were greatly improved, campus standing, scholastic standing and general deportment were noticeably better than for a number of years past. Everything pointed, indeed, to a brilliant future for Delta Delta at California.

The fall semester opened auspiciously for the Alpha. A strong group returned to college and cooperated well in securing a good freshman delegation.

In the succeeding year financial diffi-

culties arose. James A. Habbeger, ΓΔ'27, advised and assisted in their solution until business took him away from Berkeley. In the year 1930 the Mothers' Club was revived and has ever since functioned to the substantial advantage of the Alpha. In this year Delta Delta and Gamma Delta inaugurated the practice of having a Brother from each Alpha attend the Monday night meeting of the other.

The financial slump of 1931 brought in its wake a general depression in the Alpha, which was arrested by the visits of a committee of alumni from San Francisco, sent to investigate and demand improvement. Following came an upward swing of the pendulum and improvement was recorded generally in the next two years. Early in 1933 Jack Chaille, ΑΔ'29, the Fraternity Visitor, spent a month at the Lodge, Jim Habbeger was again helpfully on the scene, and every effort was made to assist the Alpha in getting back to a stable basis.

But things looked black in the fall of 1933. A strong class had graduated in May and from the remaining classes there did not emerge the required leadership. Fortunately, Raymond A. Finn '33, transferred from Theta Delta at this time, became #1 and commenced a job of rehabilitation, backed by constant alumni support from Charles ("Warp") Craig '97, Ken Hamilton '07, Gil Sweet '13, Gus Muentzer '14, and others. An excellent class was initiated in October of that year, and gradual but steady improvement was manifested for the next several years.



Founders of Alpha Delta Delta — 1 November 1895.

In 1936 the personnel of the Alpha was conspicuous for its large percentage of legacies, a pleasing condition that always enlists renewed interest on the part of the fathers concerned. Finances were in good shape, scholarship was excellent and so were extra-curricular activities. That fall Kellogg Bernsten '37 created an Alpha newspaper, the *Delta-Gate*, which continued to be useful in keeping alumni in touch with their Alpha. For that college year Delta Delta for the first time achieved a place on the Financial Honor Roll of Chi Psi Alphas.

The fall of 1937 brought back an enthusiastic group of Brothers, and a good class was promptly pledged. Lewis L. McArthur '38 was #1, carrying on the tradition of his father, Lewis A. ("Tam") MacArthur '08, who had been #1 in his day and who was known far and wide as one of the stalwarts of Chi Psi.

In 1938-39 events of importance included resumption of the fine old custom of a joint banquet of Gamma Delta, Delta Delta and the alumni in San Francisco; substantial improvements in the Lodge and its furnishings, and the 98th Convention in San Francisco. With these must be recorded two tragic losses to the Alpha and to all Chi Psi. On 20 May 1940, William C. Milton '37, who was taking a postgraduate work in public speaking and meanwhile sleeping in a room above the Lodge garage, died in a fire there that started from a lighted cigarette after he had fallen asleep. It had been planned that he would entertain the forthcoming convention banquet with his inimitable gift of speaking. J. Conradi ("Rod") Lange '37 was coming to the convention to represent the Alumni Association at Los Angeles, of which he was secretary. But in August he was stricken with infantile paralysis, resulting in his death some months later.

Following the Convention a fine class was pledged, and indeed the personnel continued to be most promising. A recurring problem for a time was a financial one, engendered from the fact that so many of the men came from the Bay region and lived at home, while at the same time indebtedness on the Lodge necessitates monthly rental based on a full house. As more men eventually came from further distances and thus lived in the Lodge, the finances fell more into line.

The Second World War caused normal operations to be suspended, but the Alpha

reopened after the war with the assistance of loyal alumni from the Bay area. From the mid-'50s to the mid-'60s the Alumni Corporation of Delta Delta conducted four fund drives for relatively small amounts of money, none of which reached their goal. The fact that the alumni were not successful did not reflect poorly on their commitment but rather on their lack of knowledge for fund raising. In the mid 1960s it was clear that a large fund raising effort was necessary as the Lodge faced the prospect of being closed by the city of Berkeley due to its inhabitable condition. In 1965 the Chi Psi Central Office sent a staff member to assess the situation and to make a recommendation regarding the implementation of a large fund raising effort. Interestingly, the staff member did not return to the Central Office for nine months working instead to rally support for a \$250,000 campaign which it was estimated would be required to remodel the Lodge. The remodeling of the Lodge did not come without hardship as the undergraduates moved to three different locations while the repairs took place. The actives of Delta Delta remained out of the Lodge for almost three academic years—they moved into the restored building in fall 1969 after \$350,000 had been expended to rehabilitate the Julia Morgan masterpiece on Piedmont Avenue.

The success of the campaign was due to many Brothers most notably the architect Jack Hudspeth, ΔΔ'34, Ralph Bender, Jr., ΔΔ'27 and Dr. Frank Bumpus, ΔΔ'44. Brother Hudspeth not only designed and did all the work with the rehabilitating of the building but also supervised the construction and put in untold hours of his own time on the project. Brother Bender, a son of one of the founders of Delta Delta, and since his graduation the Advisor to the Lodge, maintained morale and served as the cheerleader for the entire project. Brother Bumpus of New York made much of the entire project possible by giving an extremely large contribution. His incredible generosity made the work much easier and, in fact, possible.

The undergraduate leadership provided by Steve Farthing, ΔΔ'70, should also be mentioned. Through Steve's efforts and those of many of the undergraduates the Alpha enjoyed a sound base, in spite of the hardships, and faced the future with optimism.

Despite the optimism created by a newly restored Lodge the 1970s and 1980s remained

a period of uncertainty and inconsistency for the Lodge. First, fraternities began to decline at Berkeley as university neglect and alumni disinterest increased. Berkeley attempts to support one of the largest Greek systems in the nation and with increasing competition each and every fraternity cannot always recruit the number of men necessary to support its operation. This became true for the Lodge particularly after required maintenance and upkeep was neglected.

The Lodge throughout the '70s and '80s lost much of its splendor as routine repairs were not completed. In part, this occurred because Delta Delta inadvertently alienated so many of its alumni as a result of the renovations that took place in 1969. While the renovations were required to create a building that would be habitable, they also did more. Indeed, the Lodge received a new look that seriously altered its turn of the century character. A parking garage and patio deck were added as well as a redwood facade. The facade completely hid the concrete front of the building that had been enjoyed by generations of Brothers. In addition, the gardens in the back of the Lodge were eliminated in favor of the placing of a basketball court. Thus, to many of its alumni the Lodge at 2311 Piedmont had been bastardized beyond belief.

With the loss of support from alumni coupled with the competition generated by some 43 other fraternities Delta Delta was prevented from reaching its full potential. Alumni support like that given in the past by men such as Ralph Bender, Jr. became increasingly difficult to find. No doubt the individuals who created the new look for the Lodge earnestly felt that the Lodge would be more aesthetically pleasing, however, this did not appease alumni who remembered a different building with a different configuration.

Delta Delta undergraduates have sincerely but for the most part unsuccessfully attempted to lure their alumni back over the past decade. As one undergraduate recently stated, "if we could only convince our alumni that we too don't like the appearance of the Lodge. If they (the alumni) would only stop blaming us for these renovations and work with us to restore the Lodge to its original splendor".

In spite of the lack of support from most Bay Area alumni, the Lodge experienced

some notable highpoints particularly during the late 1970s to mid 1980s. Under the leadership of Tom Vogelheim, Kris Donaldson, John Cunningham, Mike Meyer, Brian Ambrose, and Rob Hatch, Delta Delta became a force to reckon with on the Berkeley campus. The Lodge was at full capacity and Delta Delta emerged as one of the very best fraternities both locally and nationally. Both Donaldson and Cunningham served later as Alpha Visitors in the Chi Psi Central Office and Hatch, Cunningham and Meyer now serve as Lodge Association leaders.

Chi Psi's Distinguished Service Award has been presented over the years to Charles Francis Craig '97, Lewis Ankeny McArthur '08, and Ralph Walton Bender Jr. '27. The Stanley J. Birge Award was presented to Lance A. Henderson '78 and Michael D. "Tiny" Meyer '83. The first Founders Trophy for most improved Alpha went to Delta Delta in 1975, and the Alpha won that again in 1987. And Delta Delta won the most coveted Thayer Trophy in 1980.

For the past two years the Lodge has experienced a membership problem exacerbated by the dearth of men going through Rush at Berkeley and the deteriorating condition of the Lodge. In 1990 the Central Office sent Brother Jim Hagen, ΘΔ'63, an experienced construction management professional, to evaluate the Lodge. With Brother Hagen's report and recommendations in hand and with the desire to restore the Lodge to its pre 1969 look, the alumni corporation led by John Cunningham, Dan Deaver and Keith Emerson, ΔΔ'76, now contemplate whether to undertake a campaign to not only repair the Lodge but to reverse what was done over 20 years ago.

If there is to be a bright future for Delta Delta, then more alumni support will be needed especially if a Lodge Restoration is to take place. Throughout its almost one hundred year history, Alpha Delta Delta has always been able to marshal the resources necessary to "beat the odds." Hopefully, the 1990s will witness once again a resurgence of support for the Lodge so that Chi Psi takes its proper place as the preeminent fraternity on the University of California at Berkeley campus. It will only happen if all Bay area alumni (the third largest concentration of Chi Pisis in the nation) lend support. To reiterate a cliché, it may just be now or never.

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