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Eleven Men Pledged By Chapter

Unusual Ability Evidenced by
Pledges

With six aspirants for the freshman basketball squad, three football men, two track stars, a golf champ and a member of the freshman swimming team, Theta's frosh are "showing their stuff" in athletics. That they are not onesided, however, is evidenced by the fact that two are on the men's debate squad, two on the Transcript staff, one in the Glee Club, one in the college band and orchestra, and one a member of the syncopating Playing Parsons. What is still better, their scholastic standard has so far been very high.

Clifton Coleman, following in his brother Ray's footsteps, has been stepping the hundred in ten flat and consistently winning in the hurdles, gaining recognition as the best man on the freshman track squad. Although his "speed" helps him in football and boxing, some have rumored that it is even more responsible for this Lancaster chap being known as more or less of a "hot shot" with the women.

Freshman basketball and sports writing for the Transcript has appealed particularly to Jack Cadle of Springfield. Jack Carter of Youngstown is also a basketball man and a "subscription chaser" for the Transcript.

Ray Stout from Evanston, Illinois seems destined to continue his high school "rep" in basketball. Art Jones of Lorain, star freshman halfback, bids fair to be just as successful during the coming basketball season. A tryout for center is Hugh McFadden from Columbus. He's got the height and the speed, and we expect him to make good. In the spring and fall he shoots a good game of golf which is consistently under 80. Art Shreffler, Shelby basketball star—last year chosen as the best forward in his district—is also a fast halfback on the football squad and

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Finances Running Smoothly

Chapter in Good Financial Condition as Shown by Recent Additions

With the introduction of a well-planned budget system at the beginning of last year, the chapter has made great strides in the line of finance. The budget was made possible by the most efficient efforts of Brother Burleigh Cartmell. Since that time, we have been able to stay closely within our schedule and have learned the lesson of careful management.

Another factor which has added materially to a smooth-running house is the House-Mother. Since the plan was adopted nearly two years ago, all concerned have benefited by a much more livable chapter home.

From the house operation and chapter dues last year, we realized a surplus and profit of some six-hundred dollars, which was nearly all available in cash at the beginning of this year. In view of the fact that we are not trying to operate for profit, the chapter has decided to turn this money back into furniture and rugs for the house. So far, we have purchased a new Victor Radio-Phonograph, thirty-six dining-room chairs and other small pieces of furniture. The Mother's Club aided us with the

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Name of Pledges

Reading from left to right, the pledges are: first row, Hugh McFadden, Richard Kinney, Charles Huber, Jr., Raymond Stout, and Giles Hubbard. Second row, Jack Carter, James Epting, Richard Jacques and Clifton Coleman. Third row, Jack Ulrich, Arthur Jones and Arthur Shreffler.

One other pledge, Jack Cadle is not in the picture.

Theta's House Mother

Mrs. Mabel R. Jones of Columbus
Takes on Duties of Hostess

A new light has come into Theta's life, a light which promises to add to her already glowing luster, and a light whose true brilliance is yet to be seen as the results of its handiwork take concrete form. The path of the freshman is being made a bit softer, the upperclassman has found a wise and trustworthy confidante, and the entire fraternity has become the better by its contact with this remarkable new factor. That indefinable atmosphere of home has been provided, and the chill loneliness of strange surroundings has been obliterated. And the food? Ah, it has become the delight of the most fastidious epicurean, lacking neither in quantity, quality, nor variety. Yes, a remarkable transformation has come over old Theta, and it is due to none other than Mother Jones, housemother de-luxe, a true friend, and an invaluable confidante and adviser.

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ATTENTION ALUMNI

Of what use to a fraternity are its alumni? Well, you answer, they are a great asset to brag about when you are rushing; they are a splendid source for a little extra revenue when you need something new for the house; they are the molders of a heritage to live up to; or, they are so many names in a large book, to whom you send a line now and then. This question has been worrying some of us back at Ohio Wesleyan for some time. At the ninety-first national convention at Old Point Comfort, Virginia last September, Theta chapter was rebuked for not having kept in touch with her alumni. We were all aware of this long before it was mentioned at the convention and we recognize that the brunt of the blame falls on us. However, there is another side to the issue and that affects you, alumni—every living son of Theta Chapter! We acknowledge our fault and realize our loss and now what can we do about it without your help? We are willing to go more than half way to build up our alumni relations and assure you that with a little help from each of you, we can make Theta Chapter once more a part of you and you of it when

"Memory peoples our mystic shrine

With faces we knew in Auld Lang Syne."

We need counsel, advice, encouragement and praise from you all. We are trying to live up to that mark you have set and, if we can, go farther. It would take a matter of time to reach you all personally and get better acquainted, but it would take you but a few minutes to dash us off a line, telling us what news you know of other brothers, or suggestions you have for our betterment. Alumni are builders. Think what little it would take from each of you to really build up the fraternity in a big way!

This paper is edited for your benefit. We want to make it a biannual communication from us to you, and from you to other alumni with whom you have lost contact. We are proud to write in it accounts of what we are doing here at Ohio Wesleyan, but the big thing for you is the news you hear from the old grads with whom you used to bum around. Take a few minutes off some of these days and write us a letter, letting us know how you feel on the matter and what news you know of the men who were in college with you. Your letters will be appreciated and when the next issue of your paper is edited in several months, some one of your old friends is going to be glad for that communication from you. Theta Chapter of Beta Theta Pi has been one of the greatest chapters of one of the greatest fraternities but cannot continue this without your support. Are you going to be true to Wooglin's colors?

The Christmas Dance

Theta Chapter will hold its annual Christmas dance on December 13, 1930, at the chapter house. The decorations are to be characteristic of a prison with padded cells for those who get too hilarious. This is the only dance the chapter will have during the first semester and will be one of the big affairs of the campus.

We are expecting a large crowd to be present that evening to enjoy dancing to the melodious strains of McAndrews Pirates. A cordial invitation is extended to all those who might be able to come, and we will assure all an enjoyable evening.

Beta Radio Artists

Any of you who tuned in on station WLW at Cincinnati on Saturday, October 18th at five-thirty P. M. can testify as to the novel and entertaining program given by brothers Ernest Ellenberger and Watson Parker on their accordians. After the Ohio Wesleyan Battling Bishops defeated Cincinnati in their annual gridiron tilt, the Ohio Wesleyan Glee Club gave a half-hour concert over the radio. Theta chapter is well represented in the Glee Club this year, claiming seven of its members, namely: Ernest Ellenberger, '32, Watson Parker, '33, soloists, William Hazlett, '32, accompanist; James Kinney, '32, Lewis Harrison, '33, Burton Elder, '33, and Richard Kinney, '34. After the concert, numerous telegrams and letters were received by the accordianists and the club unanimously voted to make them the feature artists of their tours this year.

TWO SONGS ADDED TO THETA'S REPERTOIRE

At the General Convention a chapter song, written by Brother William Hazlett, was submitted and approved for the 1931 edition of the Beta Theta Pi Songbook. Since that time Brother Hazlett has written another song called "Gather Round the Fire", and it is to be submitted to the fraternity in the near future. The chapter has taken a new interest in its singing now that it can boast of two songs of its own, and it is hoped that more lyrics will be submitted in the future to keep Beta Theta Pi a singing fraternity.

THETA FINANCE

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purchasing of new rugs. Various other additions are planned and we may be able to continue as successfully and at the same time keep our house-bills so reasonable.

It is altogether fitting to mention here that Theta is one of the twenty-two chapters of Beta Theta Pi, mentioned by Brother Frank G. Ensign, Assistant General Treasurer of the fraternity, which has maintained a record of no accounts payable for four years or more. It is a record of which we are duly proud and to which we firmly intend to hold.

Beta Elected Student Prexy

Phillips Moulton Honors Theta As
Student President

As a result of the annual student executive elections last spring, Phillips P. Moulton, '31, of Lakewood was made President of the Ohio Wesleyan Student Body. This honor, conferred by the students, was a culmination of three years of outstanding work by Brother Moulton. He has, without a doubt, the greatest list of successful activities that has been made for several years at Ohio Wesleyan. Notwithstanding all this, he has a scholastic standing for four years which is within five-hundredths of a point of being perfect, having received only one grade below "A" in his college career. Early in his Sophomore year, brother Moulton began to show signs of his ability when he was chosen as the first Sophomore ever to go on a varsity debate trip. In this year he also placed in the state and inter-state oratorical contests and was President of his class. He was chosen as a representative man during both his Sophomore and Junior years. During his Junior year he was given the honor of being one of a team of three men from Ohio to meet an all-California debate team. He has been prominent all through his college life in religious work, especially in the college Y. M. C. A. of which he was Vice President his Junior year and is now on the Board of Directors.

Because of his activities in these and other fields, he is a member of Phi Beta Kappa, national honorary scholastic fraternity, Delta Sigma Rho, national honorary forensic fraternity, and Omicron Delta Kappa, national honorary senior men's fraternity. Theta chapter is very proud of Brother Moulton's record at Ohio Wesleyan and is confident that he will continue to uphold high Beta standards and:

"Blaze Beta's name on high,
Fighting for Wooglin's honor,
For Beta Theta Pi."

Captain



GORDON NIEBERG

Intramural Golf Champions

With opening of the Intramural Golf Tournament last spring, two of Theta's men entered in the singles tournament. They played several matches in the spring and have continued the matches this fall. Watson Parker and Richard Fischer, through their outstanding ability to swing a club, have reached the finals and are champions for the year 1929 and 1930. Brother Fischer will probably hold a berth on the Ohio Wesleyan Golf Team next spring.

Brother Warren Armstrong has

The 1930 Football Season

Theta Chapter Well Represented on
the Gridiron

The Ohio Wesleyan football squad has had a successful season with seven victories and two defeats.

There were five Theta men on the squad this year, including Brothers Nieberg, Amrhein, Campbell, Shenk and Hardy. Gordon Nieberg has been an outstanding figure on the squad his three years of varsity competition. In his Sophomore year, he was chosen as an All-Western guard, in his Junior year, an All-Ohio guard and this, his final year, as All-Ohio, and All-Buckeye guard.

Nieberg Elected Captain

We are all very proud to have Brother Nieberg as a member and brother of Beta Theta Pi and are very proud of the showing he has made. Coach George Gauthier states, "He performs, his work as nearly perfect as it is possible for a man to do." He has been elected Honorary Captain of the 1930 Football Season and also received the highest number of votes for the "Bun Trophy", which is awarded to the most valuable man on the team. These are the highest honors that a man can receive in football at Ohio Wesleyan.

An interesting fact that can be noted is the interest that Gordon's father has shown toward his son's work. Mr. Nieberg has not missed one game in the three years that his son has been playing at Ohio Wesleyan.

A Sophomore, William Pickering, was a very capable manager and acquired the knowledge of his duties very readily. He is a candidate for the squad's managership next fall.

been holding a place on the golf team for three years and has been number one man for two years. He is a three-letter man and is considered one of the best amateur golfers in central Ohio.

Greek Conclave Meets at O. W. U.

Thirty-five Groups Join In Week- end Celebration

The annual Greek Conclave carried on its activities at Ohio Wesleyan University this year with a three-day session beginning December 5. Opening with a formal banquet on Friday evening two hundred and seventy-five students heard addresses by Bishop Edwin H. Hughes, Delta Tau Delta fraternity, Alven Duerr, secretary of the national inter-fraternity council, and Mrs. Amy Parmalle of the Delta Delta Delta sorority.

Saturday morning was given over to discussion groups both to actives and pledges of fraternities and sororities. Dr. Shepardson, whose activities in the past few years have been extensive, confined himself to a guidance talk which he delivered to the Freshman men.

Presidents of the fraternities and their national officers held a luncheon Saturday noon at the Phi Kappa Tau house. A discussion of campus problems was the main issue at this gathering.

A formal dance climaxed the social features of the Conclave Saturday evening. Brother Armstrong, President of Theta Chapter of Beta Theta Pi was chairman of the social committee.

Brother Cartmell Active Alumnus

Theta chapter has been grateful in the past few years for the services of Brother Burleigh Cartmell, an alumnus of this chapter and at present, Treasurer of Ohio Wesleyan University. With his material assistance Theta chapter was able to devise a budget last year which proved most successful.

In addition Brother Cartmell has maintained his willingness to help the chapter in advising the pledges. Due to his familiarity with Ohio Wesleyan he will be able to guide the freshmen most accurately in special talks with them in reference to their studies and extra-curriculum activities.

Theta chapter feels an added assurance in having such an active alumnus on the faculty of Ohio Wesleyan.

TO GIVE ORGAN RECITAL

On Sunday evening, December 21st, brother William Hazlett will give an organ recital at the North End Methodist Episcopal Church, North Side, Pittsburgh, Pa. Brother James Allen Kestle '24 is the pastor of North End Church, which recently installed a beautiful new pipe-organ, and it is reported that he is having quite a successful time in that district.

Alumni Notes

Brother John Halliday, '29, is attending the Cincinnati Law School. He is coaching the yearlings at the University as well as pondering over the weighty cases of the bar.

Brother Fritz Altstaetter, '29, is working for the Glen Falls Insurance Agency. He was married this fall in Delaware by Dr. Edmund D. Soper, the President of the University.

Brother Ray Coleman, '29, is teaching and coaching at Newcomerstown, Ohio.

Brother Carl Ellenberger, '29, is attending Western Reserve Medical School. Brother Walter L. Evans, '29, is also aspiring towards an M. D. at the same school.

Brother John Doan, '30, is attending Law School at Western Reserve.

Another lawyer-to-be is Brother Bill Radcliffe, '30, who is at Ohio Northern.

Brother James Allen Kestle, '24, is planning to conduct a party of tourists through Russia this coming summer.

Brother Richard Whiting was married this summer and is now in the undertaking business with his father-in-law here in Delaware.

Brother Edgar Cartmell is working on his Ph. D. degree in Geology at Yale University.

Theta Chapter wishes to take this opportunity to thank Brothers Bob Watson and Bob Hills for their splendid cooperation and assistance throughout the year. Brother Watson's smile still welcomes those who enter the Allen Hotel and Brother Hills, in addition to his work at the Delaware Savings Bank, has just completed a very successful season as conductor of the Ohio Wesleyan Band.

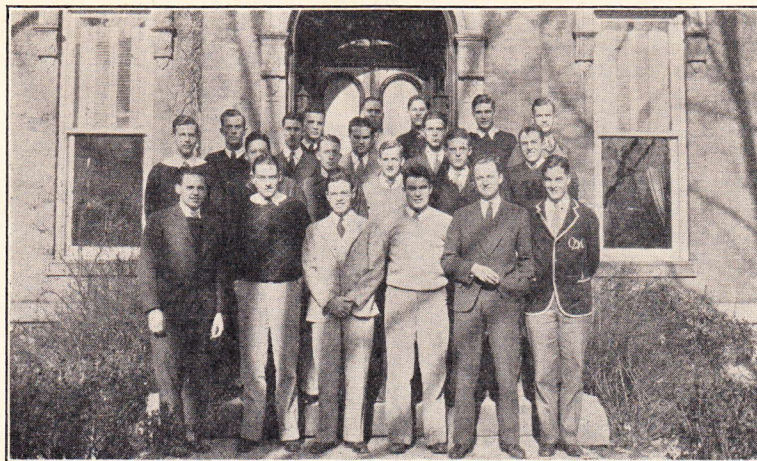
Bright Colors to Greet Returning Alumni

Mother's Club Donates New Rugs and Curtains

Cherry rose and gold curtains and bright colored rugs, the fruits of recent Mother's Club activities, lend a brilliance never before known to the main living room of Theta's home. The drab, dust-filled old floor pieces have been taken up for the last time and in their stead new ones make the room fairly glow with warmth and cheeriness. Certainly an old grad, returning to the house today, will brighten up his face as he looks around, and say, "The house never looked better, boys. You must have spent a lot of money to do this. I guess we were poor in our day. But while this is true, it is only true in part. Of course a great deal of money was spent for the new additions, but it was our Mother's Club who did it for the active chapter and not the chapter itself. They have worked hard and faithfully since their organization nearly a year ago. We owe them a real debt that is difficult to pay, except by showing them our sincere gratitude and appreciation by making them feel at home when here. Many thanks to the Mother's Club and long may they live to carry on their good work!"

New Buildings Ap- pear on Campus

The cornerstone for Stuyvesant Hall, new dormitory for Freshmen Women, was laid on September 17th. Mrs. Frank E. Stuyvesant, who made the construction of this beautiful new building possible in memory of her late husband, was the principal figure of the occasion. The building is in the colonial design. It is constructed of red brick, three stories in height and will be situated on Oak Hill. Work on the building is well under way and the dormitory will be ready for occupancy next fall.



Chapter Members Active on Campus

Versatility Shown in Activities of Men

Theta is well represented on the campus this year. A part of the credit for making the Betas one of the strongest organizations on the Ohio Wesleyan campus should go to the alumni, who worked hard to put us where we are and gave us a heritage to live up to. Versatility has been the keynote of the work done this year and from the results comes not only education in various fields, but honor to Theta chapter. Warren Armstrong, who is the President of the chapter this year, is a prominent member of the senior class. At the beginning of the year he was elected treasurer of the class. He is a member of the Interfraternity Council, being recently appointed chairman of the committee in charge of the Interfraternity Conclave Ball to be held as a culmination of the Conclave December 5th, 6th, and 7th. He is a member of the Student chest committee and also is number one man on the golf team. He has been outstanding as a golfer, having been Intramural champion both his Freshman and Sophomore years.

Strong Senior Class

William Ireland, who is the fraternity freshman advisor, and William Miller are both members of Theta's Intramural basketball team, which shows promise of being a good one this year. Brother Miller is Vice President of the chapter and

also fills the office of social chairman. Gordon Nieberg has distinguished himself in the realm of sports by his record in football. He was one of the most valuable players on the Bishops' team for the last three years, (and more detailed account of his work is mentioned elsewhere.) Russell Amrhein was also out there fighting on the gridiron. Brother Amrhein just transferred here a year ago, but has made a remarkable showing in his work since that time. Phillips Moulton, (mentioned elsewhere), is quite outstanding as the President of the Student Body, the highest office awarded a student at Ohio Wesleyan. This showing of versatility in Theta's senior class marks it as one of the strongest on the campus, and quite an example to underclassmen.

The Junior class shows promise of being a strong class, judging from the interests of its members. William Hazlett and Ernest Ellenberger are both members of Phi Mu Alpha, National Honorary Musical Fraternity, and of the Ohio Wesleyan Glee Club. Brother Ellenberger is a member of the Chapel Choir and is pronounced by the director of the choir as being one of the best bassos Ohio Wesleyan has had for a number of years. He is quite an accordionist and is well known for his ability as a soloist with the Glee Club. Brother Hazlett has been the Chapel organist for the past two years and is also

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Freshman Exchange Dinners

In spite of diverse opinions as to the pledges' ability in making themselves known socially on the campus, a new plan has been devised this year whereby Freshman women are being exchanged with the pledges of the various fraternities at dinners.

To this date the Freshman women of Liberty and Todd cottages have been entertained at the Beta house. These cottages in turn simultaneously entertained a half of the Beta pledges at their own residences.

There is another feature of this exchange that cannot be omitted. It can be stated with perfect assurance that a large number of the upper classmen is always desirous of making an acquaintance with the new women of the school. This exchange, of course, facilitates matters for the upper classmen to a great extent.

Both pledges and upper classmen report that this novel plan is both interesting and successful.

Dad's Day

On November 15th, Ohio Wesleyan was the host to the Dads of the students. Dad's Day is an annual event, and a special effort is made to have as many of the fathers as can possibly come to spend the day with their sons or daughters in Delaware.

Interest was centered on the football game with Denison. Brother Gordon Nieberg, playing his second from last game of college football, was the game captain. It was particularly fitting that he should have this honor on Dad's Day, for the senior Nieberg had not missed seeing one game in which his son had participated during his college career.

A banquet was held in the evening at Edwards Gymnasium. A capacity crowd attended. Brother Moulton, President of the Student Body, presided over a varied program of speeches and music that was most heartily enjoyed by all.

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the accompanist of the Glee Club. He is a member of the Y. M. C. A. Council, the Booster Committee of '32, the Philosophy Club, and is chairman for the annual Inter-fraternity sing to be held in the spring. James Kinney is on the Varsity Debate Team and is quite prominent in swimming. He has broken several records as a member of the Varsity Swimming Team. He is a member of the Booster Committee of '32 and is the advisor for the Freshman Boosters of '34. He, too, is a member of the Glee Club. Fred Burkhalter is prominent in track work having made hurdling one of his specialties. He is on the University Social Extension Committee. Richard Fischer is on the Transcript staff and is making a very favorable record in Intramural Golf. James Parker is another good swimmer, who helped to gain several trophies to grace Theta's fireplaces. Robert Smith has just returned to school this year, after having worked a year in Point Marion, Pennsylvania. Theta Chapter is glad to welcome Brother Smith back. Rod Campbell has just completed a very successful season of football. He has made some spectacular runs as half-back and when Rod carries the ball, everyone knows he will plow through the line for a substantial gain. He is also the heavy-weight boxing champion of the school.

Sophomores Prominent

The Sophomore Class is not to be outdone in activities either. Sam Shenk, who is the Corresponding Secretary for the chapter this year, was also "right out there" in football. He is a member of the Boosters of '33 and is on the Student Chest Committee. Raymond Scheuer is a member of Phi Society, Honorary Freshman - Sophomore Scholastic Fraternity, is on the Y. M. C. A. Council, the Transcript staff, and is Recording Secretary for the Chapter this year. Lewis Harrison is a member of the Glee Club, the Chapel Choir and the Band. He is also the Chapter Intramural Manager and a candidate for varsity B. B. Watson Parker is a member of the Glee Club and squeezes a mighty wicked accordion, playing with Brother El-

lenberger in Glee Club Concerts. He also is pulling down laurels in golf. William Pickering was Sophomore Football Manager this year, and bids fair for a Junior Managership. Frank Hill has found it necessary to commute from Columbus during the winter and consequently spends a great deal of his time battling with mother nature and icy roads. Burton Elder is kept quite busy on the business staff of the Transcript and is also a member of the Glee Club. Joe Hardy has been doing some very nice work out on the football field and shows great prospects for the coming year. Joe has also distinguished himself as a boxer and bids fair to be middle-weight champion this year.

In summarizing, let us give you a few statistics. The following are some of the outstanding organizations and the number of men active in them: Football, 5; Glee Club, 7; Transcript, 3; Chapel Choir, 3; Swimming, 2; Honorary Fraternities, 4; and student-elective offices, 4. This makes a total of twenty-eight men active in major activities with others in important work.

1930 Directory To Be Published Soon

At the 1930 General Convention it was decided to publish a new edition of the Beta Theta Pi Directory. It has been a number of years since the last directory of the general fraternity came out, and the purpose of this is to bring the changes of addresses of the older members and the names and addresses of the newly initiated members up to date. This directory will be of the usual type, containing a chapter roll of all the members initiated at the time of publication, an alphabetical list of the fraternity members, and a geographical directory of names. These directories will be off press sometime soon, and, while the edition is small, an attempt will be made to fill all orders that are sent to the General Secretary. Copies may be obtained at \$5.00 a piece.

Two Fraternities Improve Houses

Progressive efforts on the part of the fraternities on the campus to provide attractive residences for their members has resulted in a number of changes during the past few years. This fall we returned to find the Phi Psi's in a new residence on the corner of Winter and Franklin Streets. The building was formerly occupied by the Jane M. Case Hospital and has been effectively remodeled and redecorated for their use.

The Sig Eps on North Washington Street, in addition to remodeling the exterior of their house in the Georgian style, have installed new electrical and plumbing systems and various noise-eliminating devices. An interesting addition to the entrance of the house is an antique brass lamp, imported from a French Chateau.

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a member of the Playing Parsons.

Known as "the boy with the foghorn voice," Charley Huber, also of Shelby, is going out for spring football. He ought to be first string tackle next fall. Track is Dick Jacques athletic event. In high school in Columbus, he was known as one of the best hurdlers in the city. He keeps "mentally fit" by "mixing it" with Dick Kinney on the freshman debate squad. Kinney, another Columbus lad, in addition to debating and singing in the Glee Club, is on the freshman swimming squad.

From Mt. Clemens, Michigan, comes Giles Hubbard to add to Theta Chapter's versatile class an expert drummer. In both the orchestra and the band he demonstrates his ability with the sticks.

These are Theta's frosh. Although athletics figure prominently among their activities, their interest are varied. We are looking for them to continue, during the next year years, the high standards of achievement of Theta Chapter of Beta Theta Pi.

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