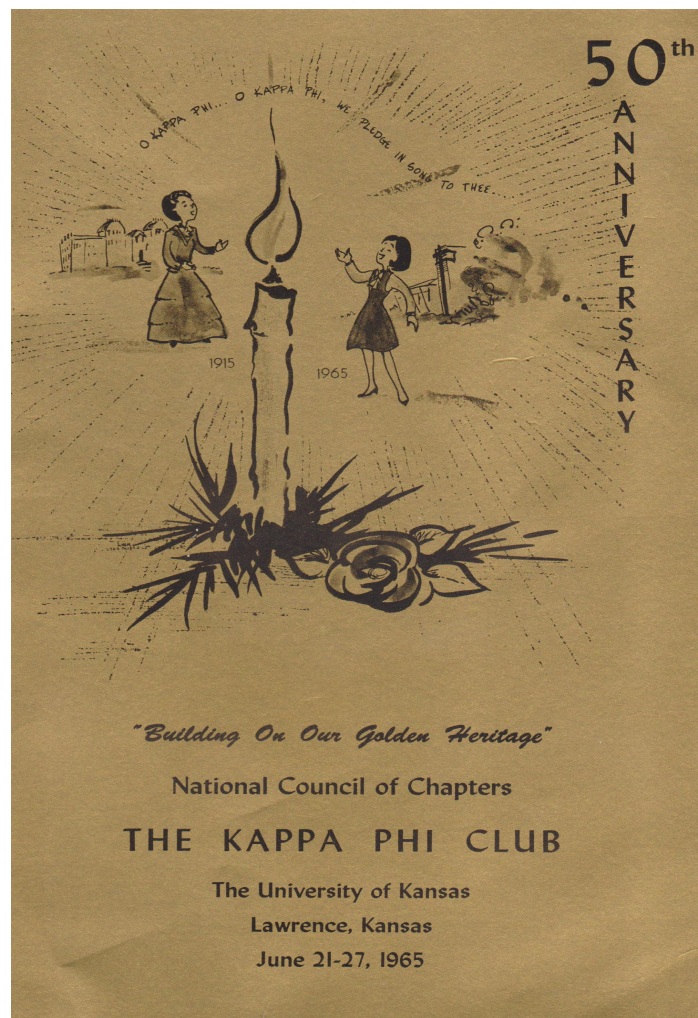


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Dedicated to those women of vision and faith who nurtured the growth of Kappa Phi; so that, The Kappa Phi Club could become the national organization it is today. The authors gratefully acknowledge the authors of The Kappa Phi Club History and Candle Beams for their inspiration and help. We especially acknowledge the help of Marilyn Evans, Barbara Van Westrienen, Bobbie Rex, and Debbie Fuhrmann. Also, the authors acknowledge the help of their families and friends whose support and encouragement have been invaluable.

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FRESHMAN!

"It's now or never...." Elvis Presley was singing while Rose Martin exited her father's Ford Fairlane in front of the Campus Gate at High and 15th Streets on a glorious September morning.



CAMPUS ENTRANCE AT 15TH & HIGH STREETS, www.flickr.com/photos/ohio-state-university-archives

Yes, it was certainly now or never. Today was her first day as an official student at The Ohio State University. As she walked across the Oval toward her first college class, Rose took a deep breath. Thousands and thousands of other students had taken this journey, and they had been successful. So Rose figured she could do it too!

Excitement and a case of nerves mixed together on that first morning at OSU. Summer and her job at the local Dairy Queen had passed quickly. Graduation from Worthington High School was just 3 months in the past, but Rose felt like it had been a lifetime ago. Rose and her family had decided that Ohio State would be the best place for her to achieve her goal to become a high school Social Studies teacher. As a long time resident of Columbus, Ohio, the university was practically in her backyard! "It makes no sense for you to go away to school when we have a world class university right here, and it is only \$90 a quarter," her father had remarked last spring as Rose made her college plans. Rose agreed and decided to commute to class by day and return home each evening. Dad would drop her off in the mornings and she would catch a bus home at the end of the day.

All that discussion was in preparation for today. Rose walked up the steps of Hagerty Hall and into the high ceilinged entryway. Scoping out her classes' locations the week before had been a great idea. She knew exactly where room 106 was. A large lecture hall with at least 200 seats in a theater setting startled her as she walked in the door.



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Wow! She had never been in such a large classroom! Girls in skirts, coordinating sweaters, and penny loafers were milling around looking for seats. Boys in slacks and plaid shirts were settling in as the distinguished looking professor approached the lectern. Rose took out her blue notebook and brand new fountain pen and prepared to take notes. What did she know about Biology anyway? Well she was about to find out!

The first few weeks of classes flew by. Rose dove into her studies and began to read what seemed to be reams of material to keep up with papers to be written and tests to be taken. She ate lunch most days at the Union and gradually began to meet other commuter students who were on campus each day.

At the end of the first week of classes, all freshman women were required to meet with the Dean of Women students. Dean Rosemary Cummings talked about deportment expected of OSU college women. Appropriate dress for class, safety on campus, and even how to write a thank you note were some of the topics discussed at weekly meetings with the dean. Women students had curfews, which were the times on weeknights and weekends they were required to be back in the dorms. Pity the boy who kept you out past curfew on a Saturday night. He was required to send you flowers the very next day, since you were the one who had to suffer the consequences. Flowers, Rose thought, that was pretty cool!

Women students were to wear skirts and blouses or dresses to class and all campus activities with one exception. If the Columbus temperature happened to plummet to minus 20 degrees ...then and only then could pants be worn to class! Rose loved to wear pretty dresses and skirts, so the no pants rule did not bother her.

Football Fever



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Football fever! The whole campus was coming down with it as football season began. Ohio Stadium was nicknamed the “Horse Shoe” because of its shape. OSU's famed football stadium was incredible! Rose attended the Buckeyes home opener on a perfect autumn Saturday afternoon in September. She sat in the enclosed end of the stadium in Block O, the student card section. She would help do tricks at breaks by flipping cards when told. The red clad crowd's enthusiasm was contagious as the renowned Ohio State Marching Band began the ramp entrance. Everyone stood and cheered wildly for the all male brass band as they moved into formation and especially when the drum major strutted down the ramp, through the band to lead the band down the field in “The Buckeye Battle Cry.” The drum major marched under the field goal at the south end, threw and caught his baton, and then bent over backwards to touch his plume to the ground—a sign the team would win! After the crowd sang the alma mater, “Carmen Ohio,” the team charged onto the field in their scarlet jerseys and gray pants followed by coach Woody Hayes. Rose instantly became a true Buckeye fan! She was thrilled to cheer on the Buckeyes at subsequent football games as they achieved an 8-0-1 record and beat “that team from up North” (Michigan) 50-20 and won the Big 10 Conference title in 1961.

Ohio State fans were looking forward to the Rose Bowl in Pasadena, California, on New Year's Day. Unfortunately, the Faculty Council voted 28 to 25 to stop the trip to California! The faculty members felt that football had become too important at Ohio State and that the University

needed to put more emphasis on academics. The administration, including President Novice Fawcett, supported the decision.



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they could do about it. Minnesota played UCLA in the Rose Bowl in 1962 much to the dismay of the student body at The Ohio State University. Still Ohio State was voted the National Champions. Rose felt that academics AND sports were both important at the university.

The campus exploded with anger on that Tuesday, November 28. Students burned the president in effigy on the Oval. Hoping to meet with Governor James Rhodes, the students then proceeded to march four miles to the Statehouse in downtown Columbus. Rose and her good friend Linda even slipped away from a study group to join the march to the Statehouse. They felt strongly that the team had earned their place at the big game. Everyone expected Governor Rhodes to override the university's decision and allow the team to go to Pasadena. The Governor was not in his office that evening so the disappointed students returned to campus. The next day there was yet another demonstration on The Oval. Woody Hayes, the Buckeye head coach, told the students to go back to class and accept the decision.

The students returned to class and the remainder of fall quarter was calm. Rose and Linda along with most of the student body were still upset about the missed Rose Bowl, but there was not much

Even better than football, was when she went out with her new boyfriend, Chuck Corrigan. They went on Coke dates or to an occasional movie including WEST SIDE STORY and BREAKFAST AT TIFFANY'S. Chuck was a tall, dark, and handsome boy from Cleveland, Ohio, whom Rose had met in her Biology class. He hoped to be a veterinarian someday and Rose thought he was cool! Had she come to college just to get her M-R-S degree? Well, a boy like Chuck sure made a girl think twice! A career as a teacher? Or a chance to be Mrs. Chuck Corrigan? Rose pondered these questions as her first quarter at Ohio State passed in a blur from her crowded schedule of class assignments, evenings at the library, and dates with Chuck. The break between fall and winter quarters finally arrived and Chuck and Rose promised to write each other over vacation. Rose was glad for the break from school, but she knew that she would miss Chuck.

LOOKING FOR MORE

In January of 1962, Rose returned to campus for Winter Quarter. It felt so good to actually know her way around campus and she felt like she had grown up a lot since fall quarter. She would be taking Freshman Composition, Hygiene/Health, and other introductory courses.

In addition to classes, Rose began working at the university library to help her parents with the cost of tuition. She worked ten hours a week at 80 cents an hour. The job actually became a godsend when Chuck abruptly broke up with her. It seemed that he was suddenly interested in someone else and tried to let her down easy. He was such a handsome boy, but Rose knew it was probably for the best. She realized that Chuck was “all show and no go.”

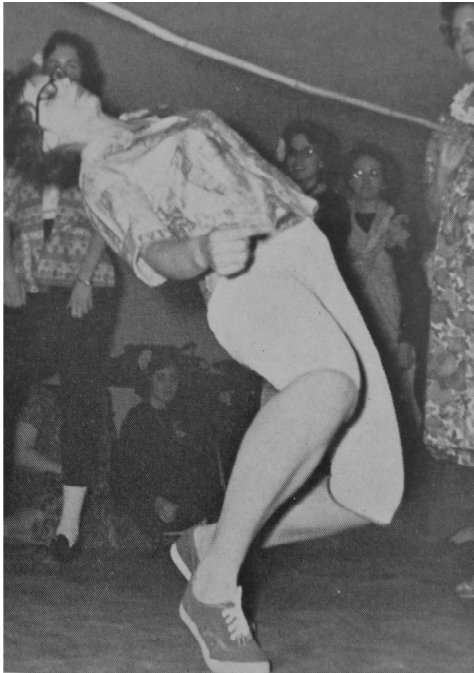
Chuck suggested to Rose that she should go to the Wesley Foundation and find the Kappa Phi Club that was meeting there. His sister was a member of this Methodist college women's organization. Rose shook her head. He was breaking up with her and now he was giving advice on what clubs she should join? The nerve of that boy!

In spite of her frustration with Chuck, Kappa Phi intrigued Rose. She had heard about Kappa Phi when she did homework at the Wesley Foundation on Sixteenth Street. Colorful posters announced a formal Rose Tea, which invited her to find out more about the organization. Rose and her family were members of Worthington Methodist Church and Rose had enjoyed Methodist Youth Fellowship activities while in high school. Her best friend Linda Chapman, who was also a social studies education major, decided that the two of them should check it out.

On January 24, 1962, Rose and Linda, wearing their Sunday best dresses with stockings and heels, walked into the Fellowship Hall of the Wesley Foundation. The Fellowship Hall had been transformed into a rose garden, which welcomed the girls. Round tables were covered with white cloths and sparkling china plates. The chapter had polished the silver tea service from which they poured tea. Kappa Phi members, also in their Sunday best and wearing white gloves, greeted each prospective member. The president, Corinne Sells, lit a candle and the girls sang their Kappa Phi Hymn. Then the guests were treated to a funny skit, which detailed the four areas of Kappa Phi that included: Fellowship, Service, Worship, and Study. Mixer games added to the fun and Rose met almost all of the 60 sisters that evening. Mrs. Donnenwirth, National Sponsor and Columbus resident, spoke at the end of the evening about the work of Epsilon Chapter, the national organization, and the year's theme, “Walking With God.”

All attendees were invited to pledge Kappa Phi, which would be an eight-week period where they would meet and get to know the members and the organization. By the time Corrine extinguished the candle and the members sang a beautiful benediction, Rose and Linda were hooked. Waiting for Linda's dad to pick them up and take them home, Rose knew she had found a special group.

The pledge period flew by as Rose learned about Kappa Phi. Every week the Pledge Mistress, Bonnie Egnew, had something new for them to learn. Rose and the other pledges were happy when they passed each week's quiz, especially, the one about the aim and the purpose of Kappa Phi. One of the hardest things to remember was being able to write the words to the Kappa Phi Hymn and Grace. The twelve pledges gave a Tahiti Party for the actives. Everyone dressed in costume and participated in a limbo contest. Refreshments were served luau style. The chapter members were impressed with their pledges and were glad to have them as sisters.





Excitement about Kappa Phi was soon eclipsed by the space race heating up again. On February 20, 1962, Ohioan John Glenn blasted off from Cape Canaveral, Florida, and ascended outside the earth's atmosphere! The entire campus was glued to small black and white TV sets as they watched the coverage of the Friendship 7 spacecraft. Many listened to CBS news anchor, Walter Cronkite, who described the flight from lift off to splash down. Glenn orbited the earth 3 times on this history making flight! Everyone cheered as they watched his space capsule splash into the Atlantic and as the navy destroyer USS Noa picked it up. Discussions of future space flights and an eventual trip to the moon consumed everyone that day, not only on Ohio State's campus, but also around the world!

JOHN GLENN, Courtesy: NASA

On March 10, 1962, the Chapel in the Wesley Foundation was filled with lighted candles for the Degree of the Light. Each of the 37 candles represented a different Kappa Phi chapter across the country. Rose and Linda pledged themselves to be true to the Kappa Phi Club and the ideals for which it stands. Rose received her shield pin and Epsilon guard that were a surprise gift from her parents. She later found out that they had paid \$4.00 for her plain, gold-filled pin and the matching plain guard was as an additional \$2.75. She was excited when she looked at the back of her beautiful pin and realized her initials were engraved. A sweet and friendly member named Marilyn Evans became Rose's big sis and presented her with the traditional paddle. It was signed by all the members and decorated with a pink rose. Rose was so happy to have a big sis in Kappa Phi. Marilyn could help explain things as the Kappa Phi year progressed. She was a junior in Social Studies education and was more than willing to help Rose and Linda with their classes. Most of all Marilyn would be a quiet mentor to the younger Kappa Phi. Rose and Marilyn were both pleased with the match.



Photo by MARY GOODENOW

As the school year came to an end, Rose could not believe that her freshman year at Ohio State was almost complete. It had been a year of growth, not only academically, but also personally. She had successfully navigated Ohio State and had attained a 3.8 grade point average. Kappa Phi was becoming an integral part of her time on campus. She now had many friends who were her Kappa Phi sisters! Rose begrudgingly thanked Chuck for recommending the organization. She had moved on in so many ways, and she had a new boyfriend whose name was Larry Devine. He was a freshman who was interested in aeronautical engineering. President John Kennedy, who had been elected in 1960, had encouraged the study of science and math so the United States could beat the Soviet Union (Russia) in the space race to the moon. Larry was very excited by John Glenn's three orbits around the earth in Friendship 7. Rose thought Larry and John Glenn were out of this world!

One more exciting opportunity awaited Rose before she began her summer job. After Spring finals in June, she was able to go with Epsilon chapter to Chatham College in Pittsburgh for Gamma Kora Conference. She couldn't wait to write to Larry about the theme for the weekend, "Outer Space vs. Inner Spirit." Alberta Meadowcroft (Mrs. James), past national historian and a music director was the keynote speaker. On Friday night she challenged the girls to consider the qualities they needed to succeed in the modern day orbit of life. Her Saturday morning talk was titled "Count Down." Finally, on Sunday she discussed "The 3R's of Space"-- religion, radar (prayer), and research. Of course, she led everyone in a songfest Saturday night. All the other Epsilon girls agreed with Rose that it had been great to meet the other Kappa Phi "astronauts" for training in workshops and buzz sessions.



ALBERTA MEADOWCROFT, photo by NOVELLA BREDBENNER

All 100 attendees were thrilled to meet Mrs. O. A. Donnenwirth, National Sponsor, and Mrs. H. L. Hedrick, Associate National Sponsor. Mrs. Donnenwirth (née Florence Woodrow) was the first national sponsor to have been an active. She joined Epsilon Chapter and served as program chairman and president.



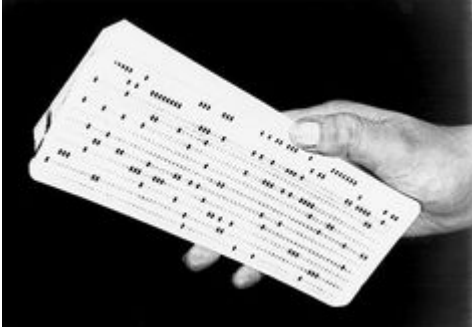
FLORENCE DONNENWIRTH & DOROTHY HEDRICK, photo by NOVELLA BREDBENNER

After graduation she was elected National Secretary in 1923. She had served as National Sponsor since 1953. Mrs. Hedrick had come all the way from Ames, Iowa! She had been sponsor for 10 years for Gamma Chapter at Iowa State University in Ames.

The Epsilon girls spent the time driving back to Columbus discussing how they would use the new theme “This Day--Our Faith.”

KAPPA PHI AND MORE

Fall Quarter 1962 arrived with a chaotic riot of color gracing the trees and flowerbeds around campus. Larry was studying computer science and going to the computer lab every evening to punch in numbers on data cards. If everything were entered correctly, after four or five hours he would have a simple graph of his data. However, if there was only one error or more, all of his hours of work were wasted, and he would have to find the error and go through the process again.



IBM PUNCH CARD, Image Credit: IBM

Rose's days were filled with classes and work at the library. Her Physical Geography class included hours of meticulous coloring of landforms of the United States on a large map. A box of specially designed colored pencils from the campus bookstore had been required for this class. Linda was studying American History and realized that it had been 100 years since the Civil War.

Kappa Phi was in full swing. The chapter had welcomed twenty new pledges in October. Following the Degree of the Pine, there was a social period hosted by the Mother's Club and featured the introduction of Big and Little Sisters. Epsilon was enjoying using the year's theme, "This Day, Our Faith." The chaplain, Bonnie Bower, was using the theme for devotions at chapter meetings. Every other week there were circle meetings. A circle was a small group of Kappa Phis, usually from the same residence hall or commuters, who would meet together for a program or service project. Rose and Linda enjoyed their circle because with 60 members, it offered the opportunity to get to know some of their sisters on a more personal basis. Each circle had a service project of helping a needy family on social welfare in the Columbus vicinity. Many of these families were unemployed due to physical handicaps. Some circles helped by painting walls and some by doing spring housecleaning.

The Kappa Phis were lucky to have a brother fraternity called Sigma Theta Epsilon (STE). This fraternity was Methodist based and similar to Kappa Phi in its goals. The two groups had dances together, sponsored service projects, and often hung out at the local A&W Root Beer stand on the edge of campus. A cold frosty root beer float was a sweet treat after a Sadie Hawkins dance where the girls asked the boys to be their dates. Many a Kappa Phi/ STE



romance blossomed as the members of both groups enjoyed each other's company and found similar interests including their shared Methodist faith. Rose had met Larry at a Kappa Phi picnic where the STE brothers cooked up hamburgers and hotdogs at a local park. A bonfire and sing-a-long of Peter, Paul, and Mary and Woody Guthrie folk tunes, accompanied by Larry on the guitar, concluded the evening.

Rose fell hard for Larry that night!

Football fans turned to basketball as the months changed from fall into winter. Larry had played basketball in high school and was a big fan of the game. Coach Fred Taylor was coaching the OSU Buckeyes to a winning season. Everyone was still hoping for another National Championship, like in 1960, when Jerry Lucas and John Havlicek were playing. Larry and Rose would walk across campus to St. John's Arena for the home games. They especially loved to watch Gary Bradds arch the basketball high into the air and then watch it fall effortlessly into the basket. The Buckeyes shared the Big 10 title in 1963 with a record of 20-4. It had been a great season, especially while cheering the Bucks to victory with Larry!





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Many students went to the bars on High Street after the games, but Rose and Larry preferred romantic walks around campus, stopping for coffee and handholding when they got cold. Larry had his car, a 1953 Pontiac, and always delivered Rose to her home by midnight. A quick kiss goodnight and a promise to see each other soon, made Rose smile as she slipped into her quiet house. She really liked that boy!

Before everyone knew it Spring Quarter was gearing up. So many classes to attend, papers to write, and people to see, as well as, making time for soaking up some sun on the South Oval. Rose and Linda would connect with Kappa Phi sisters on South Campus and change into their beach clothes. A large old blanket, some Coca-Cola, and a transistor radio were all that was needed to wile away a Friday afternoon when classes were finished. Elvis Presley with his rock

and roll, Pat Boone with his luscious tenor voice, joined folk singers Peter, Paul, and Mary to blend sun and girl talk. Course challenges, money problems, and what to wear to the upcoming spring dance permeated the girls' discussions. Ultimately, the topic would always turn to boys. Who was dating whom? Who was going steady? How would you know which boy was really husband material? What kind of wedding did you want to have? The lazy afternoon sun was setting by the time the girls gathered their things and headed for supper in the cafeteria.



FLORENCE AND O.A. "DONNIE" DONNENWIRTH

Kappa Phi had a busy final quarter too. At the beginning of the quarter in March, Epsilon honored their own Mrs. Florence Donnennwirth at a program-tea in the lounge and auditorium of the Wesley Foundation. President Judy Pozz welcomed everyone and announced to a surprised Mrs. Donnennwirth, "This Is Your Life!" The program was based on the television show where the host surprised a guest, and proceeded to take them through their life in front of an audience, including special guest appearances by colleagues, friends and family. Pictures of Florence's life from birth to college to National Sponsor flashed on the screen. The program climaxed when Mr. Donnennwirth entered as "Mrs. Donnennwirth's traveling companion" and the chapter sang the Kappa Phi "Sweetheart Song." Mrs. Donnennwirth would complete 10 years as National Sponsor in June 1963. "I am deeply honored to have my own chapter do this," said Mrs. Donnennwirth.

Phi and Epsilon Chapters tried an experiment that spring. An exchange weekend in Athens, Ohio was planned. Epsilon girls arrived Saturday afternoon in time for discussion groups about

Kappa Phi and the Wesley Foundation. Phi girls were hostesses for supper in the dormitories and

tours of the hilly Ohio University campus. An evening of fun at the church followed with Epsilon serving a snack. After Phi served Sunday breakfast, both chapters attended the worship service at First Methodist Church. Everyone had so much fun that plans were made for Phi to visit Epsilon in October.

Besides finishing with their circle service projects, the chapter hemmed towels for the Riverside Methodist Hospital and planned for the spring banquet in May. Since their sponsor's husband was the University's bursar, Mrs. DeLong suggested that the banquet could be held at the Faculty Club. All agreed this would make the evening more special. The girls and their parents wore their Sunday best for the occasion. After a splendid dinner served by the Faculty Club staff, it was time to honor each graduate with the Senior Farewell. Each senior stepped forward and dropped 4 petals into the chapter's rose bowl sharing how Kappa Phi had shaped



their college years and how it would help them in the future. Each continued with a wish for Epsilon and Kappa Phi National. The fourth petal was usually a silent wish for her future. After the president extinguished the candle, all joined in the singing of the "Benediction." Rose wished she could see her Kappa Phi sisters all summer long.

AN AUTUMN TO REMEMBER

Education 302 was an interesting class. The first day of fall quarter, the professor had assigned the class to write a preliminary philosophy of education. Rose pondered the assignment as she headed to her Kappa Phi cabinet meeting. Her head was filled with what kind of teacher she wanted to become and how she would challenge her students. Her love of history and an inspiring American History teacher at Worthington High School had motivated her to become a high school Social Studies teacher herself. She loved the idea of working in a high school and motivating teenagers to learn.

However, now was the time to focus on Kappa Phi. Rose would be Pledge Mistress for Epsilon Chapter this year. Excitement lightened her step as she headed to the Wesley Foundation. She couldn't wait to start her duties which included recruitment of new members using get acquainted contact parties and the more formal Rose Tea. In addition, she would teach the pledges all they needed to know about Kappa Phi. Rose was feeling positive because she knew that the other officers were girls of quality and could be counted on to do their respective jobs. Judy Pozz would be serving as president this year. Judy, five other actives, with their sponsor, Mrs. DeLong, attended the National Council of Chapters at Bowling Green State University that past June. Judy promised to share all about her experiences and the good ideas for chapter work, which had been shared at the council and "...But, to Serve."

Prayers for a successful school year began the meeting. The girls expressed their hopes for the chapter to gain new members and to keep the members connected to the Wesley Foundation and the Methodist Church. They also wanted to have fun this year and continue their connection with the STE men's group.

Judy and the other actives that went to Council began with a report about National Council. Everyone agreed it had been a great week and only cost \$50. There was a record 215 persons who attended! Of course, the Epsilon and Columbus Alumnae attendees drove, but many still arrived at Council by train. It was a busy week of business: national dues were raised to \$4.00 per year; the Pledge Handbook would now cost 15 cents and the Constitution 20 cents. The Kappa Phi Aim was changed to "Every Methodist woman in the University world a growing Christian and an active participant in the church of today and tomorrow." For the first time The Philosophy of the Kappa Phi Club was adopted.

A special program had been an inspirational chalk talk called “Walking With Wonder”. Epsilon’s other delegate, Mary Beth Patrick, explained to the girls how the National President’s



MRS. C. E. WINTRINGHAM CHALK TALK, photo by NOVELLA BREDBENNER

mother, Mrs. C. E. Wintringham had shared thoughts, poetry, and scripture while drawing a beautiful picture with chalk. Ruth and Ellen shared how the rhythmic choir presented four special interpretations of the theme during the week-- “... but to Serve, with awareness of others,” “... but to Serve, with acceptance of others,” “... but to Serve, with understanding and joy,” and “... but to Serve, with prayer and devotion.” Jane shared how they had watched two films on the influence of alcohol, “Far From Alone” and “To Your Health.” Finally, Mary Alice shared about how a chapter could use role-playing to better understand others and their situations. All agreed that Epsilon should try some of these ideas.

Rose left the meeting with a determination to find as many women as possible that would find meaning with Kappa Phi. She had set a personal goal of at least 10 pledges for fall semester and she intended to meet it!

Leaving the Wesley Foundation through the large red doors, Rose's head was filled with ideas for an upcoming King Avenue Church service where she had been asked to speak at the end of the service about Kappa Phi. As she walked down the few steps, she stopped short! Larry

smiled at her from a nearby bench. What a wonderful surprise! She had spoken to him by phone over the weekend and he had told her he would meet her on Monday evening at 7 pm in the Union at 'their' table. Well, here he was at 3 pm waiting for her! She smiled widely and let go a little squeal as she fell into his arms!

Larry had worked at Boy Scout Camp Miakonda in Toledo, Ohio over the summer. Rose had not seen him since the end of spring quarter! Since long distance telephone calls from Toledo to Columbus were just too expensive, they had kept in touch with letters back and forth over the summer. She had missed him so much! His class had been canceled due to an ill professor, and Larry had run into Linda who told him where Rose would be this afternoon.

As the two walked hand in hand toward High Street, they renewed their relationship and talked about how much they had missed one another. A new school year where they were members of the junior class dawned with challenging classes, football games, Kappa Phi and STE events, and each other. Rose and Larry were so glad to be back at Ohio State!

Football was in full swing by the time Rose and Larry reconnected on that September afternoon. The OSU Buckeyes had been training hard and were expected to have another winning season this year. On September 28 the opening home game took place in the Horseshoe. Once again the color red enveloped the stadium like a thick blanket as OSU thumped Texas A&M 17-0!

Game day became a tradition for Rose and Larry. He would pick her up at home in his '53 Pontiac at 9 am. Rose would bring a picnic lunch for tailgating with other Kappa Phis and STEs who would gather in a parking lot. By noon they would head into the stadium and sit with their group in A Deck in the closed end of the stadium. October 12 was a memorable game! The Buckeyes played to a thrilling 20-20 tie with Illinois who went on to win the Big 10 Conference. After the game "the gang" all headed to Sharbert's, a greasy spoon on High Street, for food and rehashing of the game.

As Fall Quarter continued Rose exceeded her pledge goal. Sixty girls came for the Rose Tea!



Many had received letters from actives during the summer and it was fun to get acquainted in person. At the open meeting for prospective members, a panel presented "The Whys of Kappa Phi." The meeting concluded with a worship service with a new look from Council in a dramatic movement choir led by Mary Beth Patrick. Rose was pleased when over 40 girls were given the Degree of the Pine in mid-October.

The end of October saw Phi Chapter from Ohio University visiting for a weekend at Ohio State. Many looked forward to renewing and making new friendships. After a day of fun together, the Phis stayed with the Epsilon actives and they all went to church together at Indianola Methodist Church the following morning.

The quarter passed quickly. Rose liked the sunny, but cold November days that evoked the promise of harvest and Thanksgiving weekend. Larry was coming to her home in Columbus for Thanksgiving this year. He had already met her mom and dad, and Rose was looking forward to introducing him to her aunts and uncles who would be joining the holiday feast.

Plans for a fall Kappa Phi Sadie Hawkins dance were abruptly halted as the nation stood still on Friday, November 22, 1963. Lee Harvey Oswald in Dallas, Texas assassinated President

John F. Kennedy. Rose was in her history class when someone rushed into the room and announced what had happened. A collective gasp went up from the classroom and some female students began to cry. The instructor immediately dismissed class and the stunned students exited the room. When they reached the outside of the building, clusters of students stood around car radios listening to the news. At first it sounded like the president was only injured. But shortly after 2 pm, CBS news anchor Walter Cronkite, overcome with emotion, announced that Kennedy had died. He reported that plans were underway for the immediate swearing in of Vice President Lyndon Johnson as president. Shock swept across the campus and the country.

The next day November 23, was the big game against Michigan. The team was suiting up that morning in Ann Arbor in "The Big House", when word came that "The Game" was cancelled as were most other collegiate games that day. The teams acknowledged it would have been difficult to play after the national tragedy. The game was rescheduled for the following Saturday. The Buckeyes beat the Wolverines 14-10 on a cold day before a small crowd. However, "the hollow victory" helped to bring back some normalcy.

The university closed for the weekend and everyone remained glued to black and white TV sets and watched the news. Vice President Lyndon Johnson was sworn in as President on Air Force One as Mrs. Kennedy, still wearing a bloody pink suit, stood by his side. Lee Harvey Oswald, a former Marine who had lived in Russia, was arrested for Kennedy's assassination. The entire country watched TV while Oswald himself was shot when he was being moved from the county jail to a more secure facility. The perpetrator, Jack Ruby, was a nightclub owner with ties to organized crime.

On a cold November day the nation watched with great sadness as Kennedy's lovely widow, two young children, and his large family mourned. The country grieved for the 43 year old President.

University classes resumed on Tuesday, November 26, and it was as if a pall had been placed across campus. Nobody could believe what the nation and its people had experienced over the past four days.

The annual Kappa Phi Yule Log and Christmas dinner was a welcome respite from the sadness of Kennedy's assassination. It was held at the Wesley Foundation in early December. The sisters enjoyed the traditional hot wassail that was made with apple cider and cloves stuffed into oranges for a fantastic warm drink. They joined in the tradition of remembering all the sisters who had gone out from Epsilon since 1919. Small Yule logs were given to each girl with a reminder to light a candle for Kappa Phi's far and near on Christmas Eve. Christmas carols and prayers for the United States concluded the evening. Fall quarter 1963 with all its events both good and bad quietly came to an end and the students left for Christmas vacation.

A NEW YEAR

Rose returned to campus and classes in January 1964, for Winter Quarter. Rose was looking forward to yet another pledge class. Although she hardly had dreams of another 40 girls joining Kappa Phi! The executive cabinet had decided to do something called "the quiet campaign." Members were encouraged to invite a friend to a regular meeting. Girls who had expressed interest in the fall but did not pledge were contacted individually and asked to come to events. A simple Rose Tea concluded the quiet campaign and resulted in 10 girls taking the Degree of the Pine on a winter evening in February. Rose immediately took the pledges under her wing and walked them through the Kappa Phi pledge program. This new group of Kappa Phis along with the new initiates from the fall began to appreciate the heritage of Epsilon chapter. They came to understand that the chapter was a part of a national organization that was making a difference in the life of college women across the country. The legacy of Kappa Phi had been established at Ohio State in 1919, and care must be taken to continue that legacy.

Music's legacy was changing too. Rose couldn't wait to watch the Ed Sullivan Show on Sunday night, February 9, 1964. She really wanted to see the Beatles perform their number 1 hit "I Want to Hold Your Hand." She was not disappointed as Paul, George, Ringo and John performed several of their hits while girls in the audience screamed. Her parents shook their heads over all the excitement. They couldn't believe how long their hair was! Was this a new British Invasion?

On the academic front, Rose was excited to take her Methods classes in Education. She learned how to write lesson plans and create tests. She examined Social Studies curriculum possibilities, which could include History, Sociology, Civics, and Economics. How would she ever be prepared to teach these classes? Rose's Kappa Phi big sis, Marilyn Evans, became a close friend during these stressful times. Perhaps Kappa Phi had paired them from the beginning since both were Social Studies Education majors. Marilyn was preparing to Student Teach in the spring and had already completed her Methods classes. Many an evening found the two friends huddled over teacher manuals and textbooks while preparing for lessons to be presented to the class the next morning. Rose and Marilyn worked hard and kept one another in their prayers as the winter snows melted and finally gave way to the first spring flowers. School preparation, working at the library, dates with Larry, Kappa Phi events, and Sunday church with the family filled Rose's days. Spring break finally came and was a welcome relief.

Returning to campus, the members of Epsilon chapter were happy to learn that after a year of work, tears, and prayers, Kappa Phi welcomed a brand new chapter from Oklahoma. Alpha Upsilon Chapter at Oklahoma City University was installed on March 14, 1964.

Mrs. H. L. Hedrick, National Sponsor, Miss Jeanne Wintringham, National President, and Miss Priscilla Ann Burton, National Editor, were the installing officers. Wesley Methodist Church was the scene of the activities. Alumnae from Theta and Kappa Chapters prepared the

rituals and songs. The Degree of the Pine and Degree of the Light were conducted for 36 girls and two sponsors. The club chose two honorary members and five patronesses were recognized. The National President presented the chapter gifts -- an engraved candlestick, white Bible, Constitution and ritual, charter, candle and HISTORY OF KAPPA PHI--and declared Alpha Upsilon Chapter of Kappa Phi duly installed.



INSTALLATION OF ALPHA UPSILON CHAPTER, photo from Alpha Upsilon Chapter

A formal banquet was held Saturday evening at the church. Jeanne Wintringham gave the banquet speech, "I'd Love to Be a Kappa Phi." Kappa Phi custom dictates that cards of welcome and gifts should be sent to a new chapter. Epsilon sent a beautiful gavel for business meetings and several white candles for their first Degree of the Light. Kappa Phi's light had spread to yet another chapter and the organization was enriched by the enthusiasm of its new members.

CHAPTERS INSTALLED 1941-1965

1942	Alpha Delta	University of Colorado
1942	Alpha Epsilon	Southern Illinois University
1943	Alpha Zeta	Mansfield University, PA
1943	Alpha Eta	Northeastern State University, OK
1945	Alpha Theta	Kansas State Teacher's College
1948	Alpha Iota	Southwestern University, TX
1948	Alpha Kappa	The Pennsylvania State University
1948	Alpha Lambda	Kent State University, OH
1952	Alpha Mu	Kansas State Teacher's College & College of Emporia
1952	Alpha Nu	Bennett College, NC
1952	Alpha Xi	Baldwin-Wallace College
1954	Alpha Omicron	University of Wichita, KS
1954	Alpha Pi	Western Michigan University
1957	Alpha Rho	Michigan State University
1959	Alpha Sigma	West Virginia Wesleyan College
1959	Alpha Tau	Central Michigan University
1964	Alpha Upsilon	Oklahoma City University
1964	Alpha Phi	American University, Washington, D.C.

When Spring Quarter classes resumed, Rose had a renewed sense of her junior year passing quickly. She was never without her calendar and education notebook. New classes included Sociology of Education and 19th Century World History.

Larry took her to the Port Columbus Airport on April 17, 1964, to see Jerrie Mock become the first woman to fly solo around the world. Five thousand people cheered her as she exited her single-engine Cessna 180 named the "Spirit of Columbus." Larry was excited to see aviation history being made right here in Columbus. Rose was thrilled to see a woman from Columbus be the first woman to set this aviation record.

Epsilon Chapter hummed with excitement and activity. The quarter, however, began on a tragic note with news of an automobile accident that claimed the life of Miss Donna Rae Gillespie. She had just graduated four weeks earlier in social studies education. She had served the chapter as a pledge mistress, and lived the Kappa Phi slogan, "I'd love to." Her life was celebrated at a memorial service at the Wesley Foundation on April 14.

As Easter neared, Epsilon prepared the Meal in the Upper Room. Rose's pledges were curious to experience this Kappa Phi tradition. The National Kappa Phi organization had first observed this remembrance of the Last Supper in 1935 at the National Council of Chapters in Bemidji, Minnesota. Epsilon hosted the impressive affair and included Kappa Phi alumnae, the brothers of STE, and members of the community. In all 125 attended. Everyone attending was moved by the prayerful event, which set the tone for the remembrance of Jesus' last meal with his disciples.



MEAL IN THE UPPER ROOM, photo by NOVELLA BREDBENNER

The spring's Big and Little Sis party was a combination of fun and service for the twenty girls attending the slumber party at the home of their sponsor, Mrs. Paul DeLong. Circles of brown paper, pipe cleaners and nutshells were transformed by willing hands into miniature animals, festive teepees and an entire fleet of ships. These tiny creations were fashioned as tray

favors for use at Children's Hospital in Columbus. After scissors, crayons and paste were put away, a lively game of charades began. These activities were enjoyed by all and enabled the pledges and actives to build closer friendships in Kappa Phi.

On May 5th the Wesley Foundation auditorium was transformed into an exotic South Seas island by the spring pledge class. This was part of the pledges' program for Epsilon actives. Colorful leis made by the pledges were presented to each guest before the group was seated on the floor for the evening's entertainment. Pantomime and dance routines were performed to popular songs from SOUTH PACIFIC. After enjoying the comedy skits, the actives were served appropriate refreshments of fruit salad and punch.

Later in May, thirteen pledges received the Degree of the Light. Rose was proud of the new initiates and pleased with her role in recruiting and teaching them about Kappa Phi. This had been a great year to be pledge mistress!

Completing the year's activities was the Spring Banquet at the Worthington Inn. Eighty active members and alumnae attended this annual event. The speaker, Mrs. John Dickhaut, gave a fascinating account of her experiences in the instruction of children using her technique of puppets and illustration. The service of Senior Farewell was also a part of the evening of fellowship. Twelve sisters, including Big Sis, Marilyn Evans, bid farewell to the chapter and shared their good wishes for Kappa Phi. Rose became teary-eyed thinking of how that would be her next year.

The weeks flew by and soon it was time for Gamma Kora Conference at Mount Union College in Alliance, Ohio. June 19-21 saw over 100 members of Gamma Kora convened for a challenging weekend centered on the theme "Do You Dare?" Rose was excited to be one of the delegates to represent Epsilon.

Friday night started with Gamma Kora President Marilyn J. Greenway lighting the candle. Then there was the presentation of chapter roses with each active and alumnae chapter placing a rose in the official bouquet. Highlighting the opening session was a drama presented by Epsilon Chapter about the challenging problems of our day. It was followed by Phi Chapter's dramatic movement interpretation of the hymn, "God of Grace and God of Glory." Alpha Gamma Chapter provided get-acquainted and recreation opportunities for everyone during "Dare to Have Fun." Devotions ended the day based on the song, "Christian, Do You Dare?"

On Saturday, the National President, Jeanne Wintringham, gave an inspirational message challenging the girls to become involved Christians, not merely watching Christians. She asked that we spend time, energy, and ourselves to give light instead of being unlit candles. Officer workshops, the business meeting, and elections followed this.



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The outstanding banquet speaker was The Reverend K. M. Glaesner of St. John's Lutheran Church in Springfield, Ohio. He challenged and inspired all the members with his topic "Challenge of the Twentieth Century." He stated love demands involvement and action, and issued the dare to love. The problem of this century rests in the hearts and minds of people who have not learned to live with each other. He continued by discussing five needs arising from mankind's condition: hunger, illiteracy, substandard living, loss of freedom, and the refugee. He concluded by saying that people can be motivated to action only if human nature is changed through dedication to Christ.

Miss Lucille Mowrey, retiring Kora Co-ordinator, was honored during the banquet. The Kora made her an honorary astronaut by contributing to the Golden Anniversary Fund in her name. Gamma Kora welcomed Mrs. Virgil Taylor (a former sponsor and now an honorary sponsor of Alpha Gamma) as the new Kora Co-ordinator. This was followed by "Do You Dare to Pray? Dare You Answer?" devotional discussion groups.

Sunday morning activities included morning worship and an excellent presentation of the 1964-65 national theme, "A Time to Love," by the vice-president of Alpha Pi Chapter. A song by the same title had been had been written by two girls of Alpha Sigma Chapter. The chaplain

of Mt. Union College who was the morning worship speaker, questioned the members to consider if they really dared to take Jesus' teachings about society seriously.

Rose and all the other Epsilon girls agreed it had been a special weekend. Rose wondered if she "dared to dream" of going to the National Council of Chapters next year in Kansas? Would she? Would you?

SENIOR!!!

Rose could hardly believe that her senior year at Ohio State was finally beginning. Excitement and trepidation filled her return to campus. So many classes to finish. So many friends to see and Kappa Phi sisters to experience another year of Kappa Phi fun and fellowship. So many decisions to make! And of course, there was her deepening relationship with Larry!

For the first time in her college career, Rose was tired of commuting to and from home every day. She was now working 20 hours a week at the University library in addition to classes and campus activities. Catching the bus home every evening and returning early in the morning was becoming a burden. Living with her parents had allowed her to save money, but she yearned to be on her own and have her own apartment. She needed more time for school, work, and Larry, but she also wanted some independence.

At the age of 21 and now being an adult, Rose was ready for a change. One of the Kappa Phi girls had mentioned an upstairs apartment near campus that had a vacancy. Rose went and looked and found it clean, but a little dilapidated. The lights were old and the bathroom had seen better days. The kitchen was small and the bedroom was not much bigger. However, the view from the front window was a large maple tree and small garden. Rose fell in love with it right away. Her parents agreed to help her financially and she moved in the weekend before classes began.



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Rose loved living close to campus. She decorated her room with pictures of Kappa Phi activities, a pennant from Ohio State, and photos of Larry and of the two of them together. Her favorite picture of the two of them was taken at the STE Sweetheart Dance. Her kitchen table was a cast off from a great aunt's house

and it became Rose's desk as well as a place to eat. Rose experimented with a little cooking, but usually ended up eating Campbell's Tomato or Chicken Noodle soup and a toasted cheese sandwich. The price was right and the clean up was quick and easy!

Fall quarter classes included World History, Adolescent Psychology, and Education Methods. Rose was also taking Philosophy of Education in which she was to write and defend her own philosophy of education.

Kappa Phi was in full swing. Sixty members welcomed 120 interested girls to the Rose Tea on October 4th at the Wesley Foundation. On October 13th the chapter welcomed twelve new pledges with the Degree of the Pine. Service centered on the “adoption” of grandmothers. Each circle had two grandmothers from area churches. The girls had an active interest in seeing that their grandmothers had visitors and mail. Tape recordings of some of these visits were made a part of chapter meetings so that everyone could share this experience.

Rose enjoyed being just an active for her senior year. She had loved being Pledge Mistress, but found that the decision not to run for an executive board position was a good one. Student teaching was on the horizon and Rose knew her time would be filled with many school responsibilities.

November 1964 was an exciting time for Rose. Since she was 21, she could vote for the very first time. She listened to the debates and read about the presidential election between President Lyndon B. Johnson and Senator Barry Goldwater. On that Tuesday she entered the voting booth and pushed the lever for her choice. She decided her vote was sacred and she would not share for whom she had voted--even with Larry.

November 26-28, Epsilon assisted with the STE National Conclave that was meeting in Columbus, Ohio, at the Wesley Foundation. The sisters served meals and enjoyed meeting the wonderful college boys who came to represent their chapters from all over the country. The chapter was proud when the Conclave named Epsilon's president, Linda Black, their 1964-66 National STE Sweetheart! Linda was surprised and her Kappa Phi sisters were thrilled. What an honor for one of their own!

Before Rose knew, it was time for Yule Log. Christmas festivities included a Santa Claus dressing contest. This provided much merriment as groups of girls competed to dress a Kappa Phi Santa with crepe paper, straight pins and newspaper stuffing. The gift exchange took the form of a wrapping contest. The gifts were later distributed among the children at Columbus' South Side Settlement.

As the traditional Yule Log service concluded, chapter members were presented with small paper logs to take home. As the logs were being passed out, President Linda Black announced that there would be a Rose Passing to conclude the evening.

Immediately, a buzz came forth from the members of Epsilon. Who had gotten lavaliered or pinned? Who had been dating whom for a long time? Could someone have become engaged now just before Christmas? The lights were dimmed and the girls formed a circle. Linda reminded the chapter that the beautiful pink rose would go once around the circle for

Epsilon Chapter. The second time around would be for a lavalier or pinning. If the rose traveled a third time then the chapter would know that someone was about to change her name from Miss to Mrs.! The girls began to sing "My Kappa Phi Rose" and the rose made its journey around the circle...once, then twice, and finally a third time. As the girls continued to sing and hold their breath at the same time, excitement grew.... who would it be? The rose was handed to our lovely Rose Martin as she smiled broadly and pulled out her ring on a chain around her neck carefully hidden under her sweater. Rose's best friend, Linda let out a surprised shout. Yes, Rose and Larry had become engaged! He had proposed over Thanksgiving weekend when he had visited her family for the traditional dinner. They had chosen not to tell anyone on campus so that the rose passing would be a surprise. Rose had been bursting with the happy news for the past 3 weeks and tears of joy spilled down her cheeks as her sisters hugged and congratulated her. What a way to end the quarter!

Rose and Larry enjoyed a wonderful Christmas with both their families. New Year's Eve, 1965, would always be a night they would remember their first champagne toast.



Rose returned to her apartment for the beginning of a memorable Winter Quarter. Tossing and turning, she looked at her alarm clock one more time. It was 3:00 am! Sleep simply would not come on this night before her first day of student teaching at West High School. Prayer, worry, anticipation, and more prayer had taken up the past 4 hours. She needed to get some sleep before meeting all those teenagers! Would the students like her? More importantly, would they respect her? Would she be an effective teacher? Could she handle all the content and still make her lessons interesting? A prior meeting with her cooperating teacher, had helped to allay her fears somewhat, but here she was worrying again. As she finally nodded off to sleep, she prayed for simply a good first day.

Rose survived that first day and Student Teaching rushed by in a blur. Civics, Geography, and American History were all on Rose's list of subjects to teach. Mrs. Harper, Rose's cooperating teacher, was a real professional when it came to educating young minds. From her, Rose learned how to present meaningful lessons, take care of the occasional discipline problem, and be a part of the strong high school faculty. She gained confidence as a teacher and enjoyed her time working with the students.

Exhaustion was her only problem! One foot in the classroom door as Miss Martin and one foot still as a campus coed, Rose found balancing campus life and teaching to be a real challenge. Kappa Phi was moving along during that Winter Quarter of 1965 and Rose tried to attend most of the events. Ten enthusiastic women had taken the Degree of Pine and the chapter welcomed them with open arms. They were a group of doers and wanted to help any way they could. Plans were being made for the traditional Meal in the Upper Room. The pledges had no idea what the event was, but they had heard that it was spiritually meaningful and a must attend event. Selling candles and stationery was underway, as the chapter continued to fundraise. It would take \$60.00 each to send 2 actives and 1 sponsor to the 50th National Council in Lawrence, Kansas, that summer. Rose was hoping to go. Kappa Phi would be 50 years old and it had been a dream of hers to attend since she first heard about the national meeting when she had been a pledge her freshman year. She would be a new alumna and her parents agreed to help her as part of her graduation present. The big event would take place June 21-27 and her wedding was scheduled for July 24th! It would be a busy summer!

In the midst of everything else, Rose was planning a wedding, too. She and Larry would be married at Worthington Methodist Church, at a 3 pm ceremony. Engraved invitations on ivory paper had been ordered from the stationery store while Larry and she created a guest list that would include family and friends from both families. Her Big Sis, Marilyn Evans, would be her maid of honor and Larry's STE's Big Brother would be his best man. Rose planned to carry pink roses with baby's breath as her bouquet. Marilyn's nosegay would be smaller and include the same flowers. Larry and his best man would wear white tuxedo jackets and black pants. Pink roses would adorn the altar and would also be used on the tables in the fellowship hall for the

punch and cake reception. Larry and Rose were very much in love and could not wait to say I do. However, finishing college first and finding jobs were high on their priority lists, too.

Student teaching finally came to an end after 10 weeks of preparing lessons, grading papers, attending meetings, and searching for that something special to keep students' attention. Her homeroom students surprised her with a small party on her last day with them. They presented her with a funny card and a biography of Clara Barton who was the founder and first head of the American Red Cross. The students knew she loved the courage and bravery of Clara Barton since they had studied her in American History class. Rose was touched and thanked each and every one of them. She would treasure this book and the memories of this class where she began her teaching career.

Thank heaven for Spring break, finally Rose had nine days off from classes and a moment to catch her breath. She slept until 11 am on that Saturday morning and awoke with a smile. With Student Teaching behind her, Rose now had time to do something she had wanted to do for a long time. Rose, her mom, and Marilyn, were going to shop for her wedding dress! A trip to downtown Columbus and an appointment with the Wedding Consultant at Lazarus Department Store was on the agenda! Everyone knew that Lazarus was the oldest and best department store in Columbus. The group had decided to eat lunch at the Chintz Room on the fifth floor at noon and then meet the consultant at 2 pm. It was a grand day and Rose tried on many dresses. In the end she chose a dress with a delicately laced bodice with lace sleeves and a full ballroom skirt. Her floor length veil was held in place by a crown and completed the ensemble. Rose's mom cried, Marilyn smiled, and Rose beamed brightly as she looked at herself in the mirror. Yes, indeed she now felt like a bride! They immediately ordered the dress and boarded the bus home with happy thoughts. Her wedding was now only months away.

As Spring Quarter began, Rose smiled as she walked up the steps to Arps Hall for her History of Education class. She was taking only 14-quarter hours and was looking forward to a lighter load than Student Teaching. She could hardly believe that this was her last quarter at Ohio State!

Kappa Phi was busy preparing the 10 pledges for Degree of the Light, and meetings were filled with sisterhood and service projects. On a sunny May Saturday, the Epsilon girls gathered at the Wesley Foundation with brooms and dustpans. They picked up trash, planted flowers, and spruced up the property in preparation for spring. The girls were cold and dirty, but happy to help. Pledges worked side by side with the actives to get the job done. All in all it was a great service project.

Soon events happened in rapid succession first was the Degree of the Light, then election of next year's officers. The STE/Kappa Phi formal was held at the Wesley Foundation and the

girls looked beautiful in their formals with their guys in sport coats, ties, and slacks. Many a picture was taken to seal the memories of this annual event.

Even more pictures were taken as Epsilon said goodbye to its seniors at the traditional Senior Farewell and Degree of the Rose. Rose cried along with the rest of the seniors as her name was called to drop the fragrant rose petals into the chapter's rose bowl. She wished for continued growth for Epsilon chapter and the national organization. Her final petal fluttered quietly and Rose chose to keep her last wish to herself. She expressed gratitude to the organization that had come to mean so much to her.



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Graduation was 3 days later and Larry and Rose walked across the grass of Ohio Stadium and received their diplomas. Rose graduated summa cum laude with a BS in Secondary Education. Larry received a Bachelors of Science in Aeronautical Engineering. Best of all, he had a job offer to work for NASA at Cape Canaveral in Florida! All that interest in the space

flights had finally paid off! Rose would go with him after the wedding and they would settle close to the cape. A possible teaching job awaited her if she would present herself for an interview on August 20th.

But before her wedding, and before Rose and Larry headed to Florida to begin their lives together, Rose and Marilyn, who had graduated the previous year, planned to attend the 50th Anniversary National Council of Chapters at Kansas University in Lawrence, Kansas. A college graduation, a new husband, a move to Florida, and a trip to National Council----all in one summer--Rose knew 1965 would be a year to remember.

A GOLDEN COUNCIL

Dear Diary,

We have arrived at the University of Kansas in Lawrence--the Birthplace of Kappa Phi! How amazing it is to see the place where Kappa Phi was started. We arrived in the afternoon and checked in at Pearson Hall. The dorm is new and the students here call it the "Jayhawker Hilton." After going through registration, we went to the reception hosted by Alpha Chapter and the Lawrence Alumnae. We saw lots of people from Gamma Kora and, of course, the national officers. Later we had dinner and celebrated the Philitia Service to celebrate Monday's theme of "Building on our Golden Heritage . . . Through Friendship." Then we went to First Methodist Church for the Formal Opening where Jeanne Winttingham, National President, lit the national candle and said, "With thoughts for Kappa Phi girls far and near, I light this candle." We all joined in and sang the "Kappa Phi Hymn," too. There was a formal welcome from our National Sponsor, Dorothy Hedrick, and several Methodist ministers (including the bishop!). Then we had fun at the Get Acquainted Party. I met women from all over the United



FIFTH NATIONAL SPONSOR, DOROTHY HEDRICK photo by NOVELLA BREDBENNER

States. Finally, when I returned to my room, I discovered the "famous" pillow devotions. These are guided thoughts for use in personal meditations. Gamma Chapter prepared them with covers by Lambda Chapter.

Dear Diary,

Tuesday (and every morning) started at 7 with the opportunity for individual worship in Danforth Chapel. The length of time spent on devotions, the place, and number of people who wish to join together was a personal matter. After breakfast, we started with our morning speaker, Dr. Lawrence Bee, a professor of sociology and family life at the University of Kansas. Over the next four days Dr. Bee challenged the girls every morning to know and understand themselves and others. He discussed marriage and family life, too, which I found very helpful since my wedding is only 34 days away! Then there was the first business meeting, followed by committee meetings.



Epsilon's sponsor, Mrs. DeLong, is chairman of the Nominating Committee. I am singing in the Council Choir. After lunch, National Program Director, Alva Ann Lynch, talked about program interpretation and Tuesday's theme, "Building on Our Golden Heritage . . . Through Action." This was followed by officer workshops. I went to the alumnae meeting with National Alumnae Secretary, Thelma Malone. While the National Executive Committee (NEC) met, the rest

of us had leisure time--we could go bowling, swimming, play tennis or volleyball (or take a nap!). We all met up for dinner followed by the evening speaker, Mrs. Harold L. Soulen, who works at St. Paul School of Theology, Methodist in Kansas City, Missouri. She talked on the church and the place of the woman in the church. Our last event of the day at 9 pm was Kora Meetings. It sure was great to see all the people from Gamma Kora! Many I had met at Kora Conference last June and, of course, there are the girls from our sister chapter, Phi.

Dear Diary,

Wednesday's theme was, "Building on Our Golden Heritage . . . Through Devotion." After Dr. Bee there was the business meeting, choir rehearsal and committee meetings. Officer training continued from the day before. I thought one of the best parts of the day was the theme presentation of "Building on Our Golden Heritage." Alva Ann Lynch, National Program Director, with readers from Alpha Epsilon and Alpha Xi presented the theme in a dramatic style with a simple setting. However, the highlight was the Meal in the Upper Room. Our chapter had made the favors. Phi, Alpha Gamma and Alpha Lambda were responsible for preparation and presentation. It was a beautiful meal and service reflecting on Christ's teachings. Our evening speaker was Joyce Haberman, an alumna and Legion of Light member, who talked about missions and specifically her work in Mexico.

Dear Diary,

"Building on Our Golden Heritage . . . Through Fellowship" was Thursday's theme. After the morning of Dr. Bee, business meeting, and committee meetings, we had a free afternoon. Oh, what to do? Campus tours included: the Reactor Center, Computer Center, Natural History Museum, Art Museum, Geology Exhibit and Biological Museum. I went to

the house the Thompsons lived in on Ohio Street and where Kappa Phi first met. I went to the Natural History Museum and then spent the rest of the afternoon browsing through the Kappa Phi history displays. Following dinner was Fun Night with the title "From Ocean to Ocean in Kappa Phi." There was lots of laughter as each of the five korai presented a skit. The top skit was the one presented by past national officers who entertained us with their "Reunion Song--1965" while wearing derby hats and "funny glasses." Many of us were wiping tears of laughter from our eyes.

Dear Diary,

Friday was "Building on Our Golden Heritage . . . Through Service." Election of national officers was done at the business meeting in the morning, along with Dr. Bee and committee meetings and practices. Novella Bredbenner, who had been coming and photographing National Councils since 1939, showed slides and shared her insights in her presentation "Through the Council Years." The evening was filled with a speaker, Sue Gell, an alumna, giving an inspirational talk on acting intelligently, practicing self-control and participating in the spiritual life. Florence Donnenwirth, former National Sponsor, and Novella Bredbenner, former National Alumnae Secretary, co-chairmen of the "Rocket 66" national fundraiser, presented an elaborate ceremony including the history of all the past fund drives of Kappa Phi and the blast off of Rocket '66.



NOVELLA BREDBENNER & FLORENCE DONNEDWIRTH, photo by NOVELLA BREDBENNER

Those who had given to Rocket 66 were recognized. Over \$7,000 had been pledged and Council had received about \$6,000. Both women were hopeful for a full launch of Rocket 66 with \$10,000 to be raised by June 1966. Finally, I got to see a Legion of Light service recognizing Kappa Phi's serving in full time Christian ministry. I was so pleased that I got to light a candle for one of Epsilon's Legion of Light members, who with her husband, are missionaries in Brazil.



THIRD NATIONAL SPONSER, LUCILLE LESOURD

fifty years of the club. She mentioned Kappa Phis who had served and are serving in foreign and home missions, women who are serving their families and churches, and our actives who are shining lights on our campuses. She spoke of the work and dedication of our present and former national officers.

She memorialized Mrs. E. V. DuBois, second National Sponsor, who had died in March, 1965. There were many tears of memory, thoughts of pride for what has been achieved, and smiles for the love shared.

Dear Diary,

Saturday's theme was "Building on Our Golden Heritage . . . Through Love." It was a day filled with love. Many alumnae came for the weekend and Saturday's Alumnae Day. There was much excitement because our founder, Mrs. Gordon B. Thompson, would arrive. The morning started with Mrs. Howard LeSourd giving an inspirational speech about how Kappa Phis had continued as "Daughters of Dawn" throughout the



SECOND NATIONAL SPONSER, GERTRUDE DUBOIS

Lunch highlighted the alumnae and many friendships were renewed. I became a Member at Large for \$3.00. There were lots of Councilettes at this Council, those women who had attended five or more councils. After lunch, they presented their Councilette skit featuring a space age theme. Who could forget Mrs. LeSourd with her satellite hat! This was followed with lots of picture taking. All four living National Sponsors were there.

Mrs. Thompson and three of her founding actives were the center of attention!



FIRST NATIONAL SPONSOR, HARRIET THOMPSON, SURROUNDED BY ALPHA & KAPPA PHI FOUNDING ACTIVES: MARIA DIEBLE CALVIN, RUTH DANIELS STEMBLER, & FRANCES ADAMS, photo by NOVELLA BREDBENNER

The Council group picture was taken after all the guests had arrived. Former and present National officers pictures were taken. I can't imagine all the film and flash bulbs that have been used this day.

Then everyone changed into their dressy clothes for the banquet. After a sumptuous feast, Mrs. Thompson presented each chapter the Council favor--a portrait of the founder framed in gold. Then Mrs. Thompson reminisced about the early days of Kappa Phi. The LeSourd Cup was presented to Chi Chapter at the University of Puget Sound. Efficiency candlesticks were presented to Nu Chapter and Alpha Lambda Chapter.



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Then one of the Council highlights was a look back on the last 50 years through a Kappa Phi Pageant, "A Glory to Be Gained" written by Pauline Harbaugh and coordinated by Alpha Pi Chapter. A jester introduced the pageant and read narration. Pantomime and silhouette and interpretive dance kept the story moving. There were robes and costumes. The Kappa Phi shield was constructed symbolically. During the finale, a chapter member wearing a

costume of the period when the chapter was installed represented each chapter. I was pleased to see Chrystal in her high-necked white blouse and long black skirt from 1919.



ACTIVES FROM ZETA, THETA, IOTA, KAPPA, & LAMDA DRESSED IN DRESSES FROM
YEAR CHAPTERS WERE CHARTERED, photo by NOVELLA BREDBENNER



Many important representatives were present to portray parts of the history of Kappa Phi and Mrs. Thompson was presented a bouquet of pink roses.



FOURTH NATIONAL SPONSOR, FLORENCE DONNENWIRTH, photo by NOVELLA BREDBENNER

The birthday cake was cut and served at the reception after the pageant. When my roommates and I finally closed our eyes, we all agreed it had been a day filled with love.

Dear Diary,

Sunday began with a communion service atop Mt. Oread at 6:30 in the morning. Installation of National Officers, the Rose Bowl Ceremony, and the Formal Closing followed breakfast. I could not forget that it had been only a

few weeks since I had offered my own silent wish for my future. I wished again for the future of Kappa Phi: that it be blessed with members who would love the club and who would work today and in the future to be "lights in the darkness." I pledged again my loyalty to Kappa Phi and promised myself to share what I have learned this week and in the past four years of college.

After attending church at First Methodist and lunch, we all joined hands and sang for the last time the "Kappa Phi Benediction." Good-byes and hugs followed as we prepared to return home. Again I thought of today's theme "Today, Tomorrow and Forever." I wished today could last longer, but knew much was waiting for me--Larry, a teaching job, and someday, maybe, even children. But for now my thoughts were with Kappa Phi and the golden memories I now had. And what could be better than that?



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ABOUT THE AUTHORS

Mary Seiler Goodenow grew up in Sandusky, Ohio with a family of seven brothers and sisters! She attended college at Bowling Green State University from 1969 until 1973. In the Spring of 1970 Mary became an active member of Kappa Phi at Alpha Gamma Chapter at BGSU and eventually became president of the chapter her junior year. After her graduation and subsequent marriage to Dan Goodenow, Mary moved back to Bowling Green and became sponsor of Alpha Gamma in 1978. She has served as chapter sponsor during at least 3 different time periods over the years and is now an honorary sponsor. Mary is a charter member of the Northwest Ohio alums and continues to be a member. National involvement includes serving on the National Executive Board as Gamma Kora Coordinator and chairing the National Leadership committee. She is a member of the Legion of Light in recognition of her 35 years of service to Catholic education at St. Aloysius School in Bowling Green. Mary continues as an active member in the parish of St. Aloysius Catholic Church.

Mary would like to thank her husband Dan for being a true ‘Kappa Phella’ with his love and support of Mary’s involvement in Kappa Phi over these many years. Mary and Dan continue to live in Bowling Green with their dog. They have two grown daughters. Their older daughter, Debbie Goodenow Messman, is an alumna of Alpha Omega Chapter of Kappa Phi at Ohio Northern University. Their younger daughter is Beth Goodenow Corrigan who has provided creative and technical support to her Kappa Phi mother over many years.

Kathy Guy Sanders grew up in Columbus, Ohio with a family of four brothers. She attended The Ohio State University from 1971-1975. She became an active member of Kappa Phi at Epsilon Chapter in the spring of 1972. In her active chapter she served as treasurer and vice president where she discovered her gift for programming. After graduation, Kathy moved to the Athens, Ohio area where she was an elementary teacher, attended Ohio University for her MEd. in 1979, and met her husband Ron. While in Athens, she was a member of the Athens Alums, the Gamma Kora program director, and then became the Phi Chapter associate sponsor. She married Ron in 1982 and has lived in the Cleveland and Chicago areas, before returning to Columbus, Ohio in 1989. Kathy has served on the Zeta Kora board, was National Program Director from 1989-1993, and Epsilon Chapter sponsor, and chaired the National Leadership Committee. Currently she is a member of the Columbus Alumnae. She has used her Kappa Phi training in all of the churches to which she has belonged and continues to sing in the choir at Scioto Ridge United Methodist Church.

Kathy would like to thank her Kappa Phellow, Ron, for all his love and support of her Kappa Phi work and everything she does. Ron and Kathy live on the northwest side of Columbus with their cat. They have a grown son, Nathan, and a daughter, Julie, who is a student at Ohio University. All have enjoyed her Kappa Phi adventures and helped her achieve her Kappa Phi dreams.