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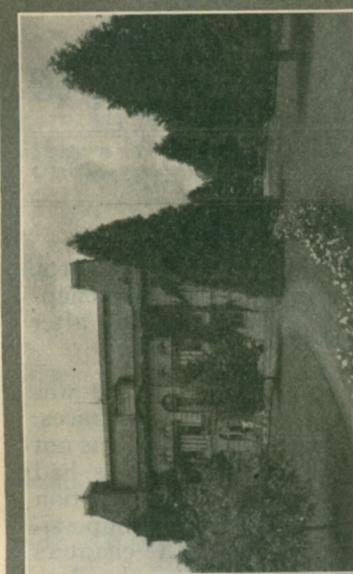
The May Triangle is being published in two parts. This Copy is Part I. Part II, containing regular chapter letters, etc., will be in the mails a very short time after this.

This unusual method of publishing The Triangle was made necessary by the following train of circumstances: For some unexplained cause the Supreme Historian was not notified of Convention until May 7. The chapters had been notified to send their material for the Convention Triangle by May 12. It was almost a physical impossibility on such short notice for the majority of the chapters to have the material required in this office by the date set. Still that was the last day upon which the Triangle could go to press and be published before Convention.

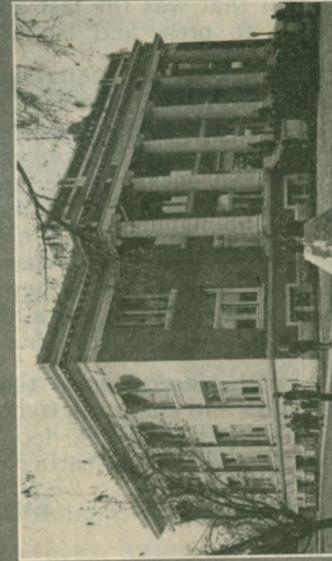
So much editorial material had been submitted which would fail to fulfill its mission were it published after Convention, that after much deliberation your Editor decided to print a special Pre-Convention Issue containing only this material, another issue containing chapter letters to go to press as soon as a reasonable number of them are in. It is only fair to print the names of those chapters who made the special effort to have their letters in the week of May 10 as requested. They are: Alpha, Beta, Gamma, Delta, Epsilon, Zeta, Theta, Mu, Xi, Omicron, Pi, Rho Beta, Phi, Omega, Mu Alpha, Mu Beta.

It is with sincere regret that I can not print pictures of delegates and chapter letters before Convention, but the responsibility lies at the door of the "Powers that Be" who did not notify me earlier of Convention dates.

EMMA COLEMAN STRUBBE,
Editor of The Triangle.



VIEWS OF CAMPUS—UNIVERSITY OF OREGON
EUGENE, OREGON



MU PHI EPSILON TRIANGLE

NU'S PLANS FOR CONVENTION

The news of Nu Chapter is confined to the plans of 1920 Convention. We are working earnestly to have everything in readiness on the 9th, 10th and 11th of June.

For more definiteness we are sending a list of trains leaving Portland and arriving in Eugene.

SOUTHERN PACIFIC, UNION DEPOT

Leave Portland

	Arrive Eugene
1:00 a. m.....	6:09 a. m.
9:30 a. m....fast train...	1:50 p. m.
7:40 a. m....slow train...	12:50 p. m.
1:45 p. m.....	7:10 p. m.
8:00 p. m.....	12:22 a. m.

OREGON ELECTRIC, NORTH BANK STATION

6:30 a. m.....	10:50 a. m.
8:30 a. m....fast train...	12:25 p. m.
2:05 p. m.....	6:35 p. m.
4:45 p. m....fast train...	8:50 p. m.

Upon arrival we will have each guest met and cared for.

To this delightful climate I would suggest you bring an extra sweater and a long coat. The drives on which we are planning will take us through some of the forest regions and we know that a long coat will be necessary.

All of the Convention plans are becoming more interesting, and the first night will be taken up with the presentation of Cavalleria Rusticana. This production is heralded as one of the big nights of the week of music on the Oregon campus. The first night of the week is given to a children's festival, the second to the Cantata "Rose Maiden" and the third night to the Opera. We feel that it is most fortunate for Mu Phi to come at this time, for our Convention will fill the rest of the week.

Rose McGrew, an Eastern Artist, is to appear with an eminent tenor of Metropolitan fame in the Opera. The latter is now singing with Louise Homer and Frances Alda in Aida. Kate Chatburn, an active Mu Phi, is carrying the contralto role.

The University of Oregon School of Music has been very active in this state in raising the standard of music.

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The Men and Women's Glee Clubs and the Orchestra recently toured different parts of the state. The one individual responsible for the raising of this standard is Dr. John J. Landsbury, Dean of the School of Music.

In order that you may know something about our University I will give you a brief description.

The University of Oregon is located at Eugene, at the head of the Willamette Valley. Eugene is 123 miles south of Portland, which is connected by the Southern Pacific and Oregon Electric railroads. Eugene is a prosperous community of 12,000 inhabitants. Its well-paved streets and street railway system, its many fine public buildings, and its attractive residence districts combine to produce a municipal effect of well being. Eugene's effective public school system is given higher excellence by the completion of a new high school building, representing the most approved type of structure of its class. The cultural and moral tone of Eugene is very high.

The setting of Eugene is wonderfully picturesque, and presents the widest possible scenic diversity. The highly developed farms nearby give way to wooded hills, and these, in turn, to the majestic crests of the Cascade and Coast Ranges of mountains. The mountain streams of this region, especially the Mackenzie, are justly famous for their trout fishing. No less excellent is the hunting. Pheasant, duck, deer, and other game are abundant. These attractions, with the compelling beauty and rugged grandeur of the natural scenery, bring annually to Eugene and nearby resorts great numbers of sportsmen, tourists, and vacation seeking folk. The climate is delightfully equable, without extremes.

The University grounds are situated about one mile southeast of the center of the city. Electric cars pass the campus every few minutes, giving easy communication with the business section and other parts of the city. The campus contains eighty acres of land. On the north campus are located the older University buildings. On the south campus the new administration building, the girls' dormitory, the president's dwelling, and the athletic field. The buildings are situated on a natural rise of ground overlooking the city. Native and exotic trees and shrubs

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are interspersed here and there with rose hedges and flower gardens. The whole is a beautifully kept lawn, with attractive walks and drives, and is one of the beauty spots of the state. The Willamette River flows along its northern border and the snow covered Three Sisters and peaks of the coast range are in full view.

LAURA RAND
Nu

DELEGATES!!!!

Read this Triangle carefully. Some of the best minds Mu Phi Epsilon affords have contributed to this issue.

If at all possible, discuss these suggestions with your chapter before you leave for Convention. For they mean radical changes for the better for Mu Phi Epsilon. At any rate, familiarize yourself with each separate idea or plan and come to Convention, knowing what you are voting for and prepared to act for the good of Mu Phi Epsilon.

In the November issue an invitation was given to every Mu Phi, active and alumnae, to submit suggestions to this issue of the Triangle for the betterment of Mu Phi. Seven members of six distinct chapters have responded. Council and the Province Presidents are evidently reserving their suggestions for Convention—at any rate their suggestions are conspicuous by their absence.

In order that the reader may be influenced only by the merit of the various ideas presented, and not by the personalities of the writers, I am publishing these articles anonymously.

EMMA COLEMAN STRUBBE,
Editor of The Triangle.



NU CHAPTER—SCHOOL OF MUSIC, UNIVERSITY OF OREGON
EUGENE, ORE. HOSTESS CHAPTER FOR 1920 CONVENTION

"THE LEAGUE OF 'ATIONS"

Reorganization—Coordination—Cooperation

It would seem that the time has about come to run the good ship Mu Phi Epsilon into the dry dock for repairs, to be reequipped, refinanced, and provided with an efficient experienced crew. It is not an easy task, but a very necessary one and decidedly worth while—and it is the responsibility of this Grand Chapter. Further delay will be disastrous.

True, she is painted in bright colors, but here and there all over the ship the rusty spots show through. Her Chapter boilers are rusty, her Council keel is stove in, her Constitution masts are antiquated and tottering and the air is filled with S. O. S. calls from her passengers.

Everyone—Chapters as well as Council Officers—alike will admit that this has been a most difficult year. The chapters either delayed meeting their obligations (financial and otherwise) or have gone around with a chip on their shoulders because of said obligations. How many letters has the Supreme Historian received in this vein: "We have no one from whom to solicit advertising and can't afford to pay the \$15.00 tax and think it is unfair to levy such a tax". "What is the extra 50 cents on the Triangle subscription for". (I wanted to answer that one: "Why, my dear, to buy the Supreme Historian's new puppy a bright and shining collar".) Then there were at least two hundred and nineteen of these: "I subscribed to the Triangle two years ago and have never received a single copy. I was a member of Bita Pie Chapter then, and after leaving school I taught in Prof. Longhair's Conservatory in Musicburg, Nebraska, and since then I have lived in Maine, Texas, Washington and Florida. I haven't written you since I sent you my subscription because I thought you were keeping my Triangle for spite and my feelings were hurt. Of course, I haven't written you to correct my address because you might have discovered it for yourself by consulting any Ouija board." Oh, Sisters, it's a great and glorious feeling to be a Editor.

Then the matter of chapter equipment, initiation robes, etc. The last Convention voted to adopt the Secret Ceremony which was then in the process of revision by one of our Past Presidents. For some reason—good or otherwise—best known to the powers that be, the Secret

Ceremonies have never been submitted to the chapters, but the very expensive equipment has, accompanied by the bills for same. Rather a case of the cart before the horse. Question: Where are the Secret Ceremonies?

On another page of this issue your Editor is printing an Accountant's report of our Treasury of last year. Before you Alumnae Clubs fuss any more than you have about paying your \$1.25 tax and you chapters rave and tear your hair over getting out and hustling for one full page ad to contribute to the support of the Triangle just turn to that page and find the magnificent surplus we had over running expenses last year. A comfortable (?) margin isn't it—the munificent sum of \$23? One that justifies every chapter visitation this year regardless of the fact that the Constitution states definitely that the chapters shall be visited biennially. In fact, one chapter writes very naively: "Blank Chapter girls feel that they have been extraordinarily lucky this year in having *so many* Supreme Officers visit them. There have been *three*." Lucky for that Chapter—but how lucky for the Treasury—? How far do you suppose \$23 is going to defray the expenses of five Council officers and the General Alumnae Club Secretary and Treasurer to a Western Coast Convention? Far be it from me to begrudge Nu their Convention. If ever a chapter deserved Convention they did. And it is going to be a wonderful trip. Your Editor expects to have the time of her life. But where is the money coming from? All of which brings me to the Budget idea which is not original with me or is it a new suggestion, but it certainly is high time we are adopting it. Can you tell me one successful fraternity or sorority which is not run on the Budget system? Well, let's get in the bandwagon with the successful ones. On another page of this issue a budget based on our last year's receipts and expenditures is printed. This is not the budget as it should be, but as it is. The Committee on Finance and Auditing at Convention would do well to pour over this budget and submit a better one. We certainly need a larger surplus than our \$23 of last year. Under the present conditions the only way to help financially is to increase the Treasury tax or have biennial Convention. Both of which ideas will probably not be popular—but what would you—with a surplus of \$23?

ACCOUNTANTS' REPORT

MU PHI EPSILON SORORITY

Prepared by

Robert J. McIntosh and Company

Certified Public Accountants

Toledo, Ohio.

Toledo, Ohio, September 2, 1919.

MISS CLARA VON NOSTITZ, Supreme Treasurer,
Mu Phi Epsilon Sorority,

DEAR MADAM:

We have made an audit of the Treasurer's books of the Mu Phi Epsilon Sorority covering the period from June 1, 1918, to June 13, 1919, inclusive, and herewith tender our report thereon as follows:

The results of the operations of the Sorority for the period under review are summarized as follows:

Total Cash Receipts.....	\$6,822.29
Total Cash Disbursements.....	<u>6,798.63</u>
Excess of Receipts over Disbursements.....	<u>\$ 23.66</u>

We verified the cash in banks by statements from the respective depositories after allowing for outstanding checks. The cash receipts recorded for the period under review were traced by us to the bank accounts, and all cash disbursements, supported by cancelled checks, were checked in detail.

A detailed statement of Cash Receipts and Disbursements, designated as Exhibit A, is shown on the following pages.

Respectfully submitted,

ROBERT J. MCINTOSH AND CO.,
Certified Public Accountants.

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EXHIBIT A

Statement of Receipts and Disbursements

For the period from June 1, 1918, to June 13, 1919, inclusive.

Receipts

From Chapters—Schedule 1

Treasury Tax.....	\$ 460.00
Convention Tax.....	885.50
Triangle.....	561.75
Certificates.....	289.00
Advertising and Tax.....	197.33
Charters.....	75.00
Pins.....	2,725.98
Pooled Fare.....	<u>1,078.75</u>

6,273.31

National Alumnae Ass'n.....	149.05
Song Books.....	18.00
Protested Checks.....	51.22
Interest.....	81.21
Pins.....	31.73
Phi Phonograph Fund.....	2.00
Loan Returned, Betty Schuleen.....	100.00
Loan Returned, O. Larthard.....	45.00
Rho Beta War Fund.....	15.00
Miscellaneous.....	55.77

6,822.29

Disbursements

Burr, Patterson & Co.....	2,213.36
Triangle.....	1,305.22
Installation and Inspection.....	355.40
Loans to B. Austin.....	150.00
Protested Checks.....	77.87
Sigma Convention Fund.....	838.00
Stationery and Office Expense.....	58.07
Council Expense.....	118.51
Certificates.....	111.50
McDowell Memorial Fund.....	25.00
Railroad Fare to Chapters—Pool.....	1,077.64
Miscellaneous.....	24.38
Rounds, Truman Co.....	36.75
Office Expenses	
Supreme President.....	72.50
Supreme Vice-President.....	64.45
Supreme Secretary.....	80.67
Supreme Historian.....	54.65
Supreme Treasurer.....	89.14
National Alumnae Secretary.....	45.52

406.93

6,798.63

23.66

2,792.64

\$2,816.30

Excess of Receipts over Disbursements.

Cash on Hand May 31, 1918.....

Balance on hand June 23, 1919.....

Represented by

Balance in The Toledo Savings

Bank & Trust Co.....

Balance in Gaylord State Savings

Bank.....

2,266.67

549.63

\$2,816.30

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SCHEDULE 1
Statement of Receipts from Chapters
For the period from June 1, 1918, to June 13, 1919, inclusive.

	Total	Treasury Tax	Conven-tion-Tax	Triangle	Certif-icate	Adver-tising and Tax	Charter	Pins	Pooled Fare
ALPHA.....	109.25	13.00	28.50	20.00	2.00	.....	.....	.....	2.60
BETA.....	242.30	18.00	31.50	22.00	9.00	.....	.....	.....	118.65
GAMMA.....	399.03	50.00	43.50	28.00	19.00	.....	.....	.....	43.15
DELTA.....	219.16	32.00	52.50	32.00	3.00	.....	.....	.....	215.38
EPSILON.....	256.65	16.00	39.00	22.00	14.00	15.00	.....	.....	56.51
THETA.....	164.68	13.00	24.00	15.75	6.00	10.00	.....	.....	107.50
IOTA ALPHA.....	229.09	38.00	57.00	40.00	7.00	7.50	.....	.....	52.78
KAPPA.....	159.85	17.00	25.50	20.80	5.00	7.50	.....	.....	36.44
LAMBDA.....	283.07	14.00	22.50	27.70	17.00	10.00	.....	.....	40.90
MU.....	334.39	12.00	27.00	22.00	39.00	30.63	.....	.....	148.72
NU.....	149.95	17.00	22.50	39.00	18.00	25.00	.....	.....	160.61
XI.....	407.82	21.00	39.00	31.00	16.00	25.00	.....	.....	10.30
OMICRON.....	279.84	26.00	39.00	25.00	9.00	10.00	.....	.....	232.67
PL.....	225.41	12.00	22.50	22.75	16.00	5.00	.....	.....	127.69
RHO BETA.....	217.91	13.00	68.50	19.00	3.00	24.20	.....	.....	104.01
SIGMA.....	247.43	20.00	46.50	29.00	21.00	.....	.....	.....	47.06
TAU.....	255.10	15.00	22.50	21.75	11.00	.....	.....	.....	151.93
UPSILON.....	286.25	21.00	27.00	14.00	8.00	35.00	.....	.....	131.70
PHI.....	148.88	11.00	12.00	9.00	9.00	7.50	.....	.....	135.10
CHI.....	192.55	14.00	30.00	14.00	12.00	.....	.....	.....	58.23
PSI.....	178.98	16.00	27.50	16.00	20.00	.....	.....	.....	82.40
OMEGA.....	245.20	15.00	33.50	36.00	10.00	10.00	.....	.....	64.33
MU ALPHA.....	219.71	10.00	21.00	20.00	.....	.....	.....	.....	87.55
MU BETA.....	205.52	.....	30.00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	115.56
MU GAMMA.....	279.88	.....	28.50	.....	.....	25.00	107.37	.....	43.15
MU DELTA.....	268.91	26.00	24.00	15.00	15.00	25.00	183.23	.....	43.15
ALUMNAE CLUBS.....	66.50	.....	40.50	.....	.....	25.00	146.76	.....	43.15
Totals.....	\$6,273.31	\$460.00	\$885.50	\$561.75	\$289.00	\$197.33	\$75.00	\$2,725.98	\$1,078.75

THE BUDGET

Alice Davis Bradford, Alpha, of the Honorary Advisory Board, was appointed at last Convention to submit a Budget for Annual Expenses of the Sorority. The fact that she and not a present council member was appointed to do this work, and the fact that, in the face of existing circumstances, she and not a present Council member has finished this task, points rather significantly to the fact that a Past Council member can "come back".—EDITOR.

Mu Phi Epsilon faces a situation that requires not merely skill and organizing ability, but self-sacrifice, unselfishness, and a positive dedication to the high aims of the organization.

Two things most obviously required are: adequate financing and more complete coordination.

Mu Phi Epsilon must be put on a proper business basis in order to attain influence of real force.

The first step toward efficiency in the Treasury Department is a budget which may act as an aid to intelligent spending. After most careful investigation I submit the following budget. The percents used are based upon the amounts given in Treasurers' reports of the last few years. If the actual expenses of 1919-20 are compared with those estimated in the budget under the several headings it will serve to give some knowledge as to what department is spending in excess of a reasonable amount.

THE SURPLUS given here is inadequate for an organization which wants to be financially sound, and the sum devoted to altruistic purposes is pitifully meager. As the receipts of the organization increase, it will take careful watching to see that a good measure of the increase reaches these departments and is not eaten up in other ways.

BUDGET FOR ANNUAL EXPENSE OF M. Φ . E.
(Based on Receipts Approximating \$7,200.00.)

Convention	Administrative	Sorority Requirements	Triangle	Altruistic	Miscellaneous	Surplus
30% or \$2,160.00 Includes Fund given to Entertaining Chapter, Officers' Traveling Ex. Delegates Pooled Fare	12% or \$864.00 Includes Installation and Inspection Officers' Expenses President Vice-President Secretary Treasurer Historian Alumnae Secretaries Province Presidents: Province, East Province, Central Province, West Stationery Printing	31% or \$2,232.00 Includes Pins Certificates Charters	20% or \$1,440.00	4% or \$288.00 Includes Loan Prize Advancement of Music in U. S.	1% or \$72.00	2% or \$144.00

Respectfully submitted,

ALICE D. BRADFORD.
(Member of Advisory Board.)

MU PHI EPSILON'S GOVERNMENT

To truly and fairly attempt to help Mu Phi Epsilon with constructive criticism it is necessary to make an analysis of her plan of government and compare it in fundamentals with the most effective form.

Three divisions are necessary for all good government:

1. **The Legislative**—represented by the Grand Chapter.
2. **The Executive**—represented by Council as a whole.
3. **The Judiciary**—represented by Board of Advisors.

The Legislative Division. In Mu Phi Epsilon it seems well organized—in fact, one might hazard the guess that most of the time and effort of previous years have been directed to perfecting this department. One might well suggest at this time, however, that there is a wise tendency nowadays among all classes of law makers to make fewer laws, but to see to it that those they do pass are sufficiently broad and farseeing so that frequent changing will be unnecessary. To pass laws for personal reasons (such as to keep this or that person from eligibility to office, etc.) is childishly illogical and foolish. Such emergencies, as they arise, should be dealt with in other ways.

Make laws which will be so broad, wise and free from pettishness that they will be potent for many years. Such laws can only be made after *due deliberation*, never proposed and passed the same day. The wise plan is to have chapters serving on committees at Convention serve on same committees throughout the year, the chairman (the chapter acting as chairman at Convention shall continue to act as chairman throughout the year) submitting a completed working plan to a board of advisors at least two months before Convention. (This board of advisors is explained later in this article.) These plans, revised and edited by the Board of Advisors, shall be printed in the pre-Convention issue of the Triangle, and thoroughly discussed in each chapter before they are to be voted on at Convention. Suggestions for these plans or motions may be submitted to the committee during the year.

The Executive Division. You should in future years be able to secure girls well trained in organization work

if the Province Presidents are wisely elected. The logical steps leading to a Council office should be

1. Chapter Officer—either Secretary, Treasurer or Historian.
2. Chapter President.
3. Business Delegate.
4. Province President.
5. Council Officer.

The Province Presidents should be elected to promote work in their respective provinces and should serve as official medium between the chapters and council. They should be chosen from the delegates at Convention and *elected* by the delegates from their respective provinces. Their work should be systematized and enlarged so as to relieve the Supreme Secretary and Supreme Vice-president of all possible routine work.

A Service Record of eligible nominees for all offices elected at Convention shall be submitted along these lines: data concerning each candidate, former experience in Mu Phi Epsilon.

The Supreme Secretary and Supreme Treasurer must be girls thoroughly conversant with routine work and, if possible, with some business training. The office of Supreme Historian, like that of President, is a creative office. Girls elected to these offices must have originality as well as system to efficiently fill the offices.

The President should be the woman who, above all others, has the faculty of working well with others, of uniting differing factions, of promoting harmony and has the divine gift of an understanding heart. Aside from these it goes without saying she must be a master of organization work and laws as well as have a thorough acquaintanceship with conditions in the musical world at large. Preferably, too, she should be a woman with some experience in other organizations so as to have a broad vision and an acute sense of justice.

The Council should be more closely held together by a set of laws determining more fully their powers, time of meeting, etc.

Rotation in Office has proven impracticable, both in small and large organizations. The mental qualities and previous experience required for the different offices are radically different. For instance, your Secretary and Treasurer must be somewhat arbitrary in their office to get the best results, but an arbitrary President could do Mu Phi Epsilon untold harm.

The Judiciary Division I have put third because it is the department Mu Phi Epsilon has not yet developed. Many questions should properly come through this department prior to coming before the Executive division for final ratification. A Board of Advisors composed of Council Past Presidents, and possibly, some of the most efficient of the other past Council officers should be elected by Council to form the Judiciary Division. Have this division essentially a body of older women trained in Mu Phi Epsilon work. One or two minds can not do all the work necessary if you are to have a really powerful organization. Every individual mind must be used to the utmost, all personal feeling swept aside and all efforts turned to the benefit of Mu Phi Epsilon.

PLAN FOR ELECTION OF NATIONAL OFFICERS AND PROVINCE PRESIDENTS

1st: There shall be a Nominating Committee of Five.

(a) The active delegates shall meet at the close of the first session in three groups representing the three Provinces. Chairmen shall be elected and each division shall then proceed to elect one of their number to represent their Province on the Nominating Board.

(b) All Alumnae voters shall also meet and elect two of their members to serve on the Nominating Board.

2d: The Nominating Board shall announce at the close of the second session names of those whom, because of their past experience, etc., they nominate for the several offices (including the Province Presidents). Further nominations may then be made from the floor, and the completed list shall be turned over to the Chairman of the Tellers (who shall be a member of the Credentials Committee), the other two tellers shall be appointed at the first session by the President.

3d: The Tellers shall furnish all the necessary facilities for casting and counting the votes, ballots, etc., and shall also act as inspectors at the Polls.

4th: There shall be three Polls, in a place apart from the main meeting place of the convention, one Poll or voting booth for each Province.

5th: The Teller acting as inspector at each Poll shall have a list of accredited voters of that Province and shall check off their names when they cast their votes.

6th: The Polls shall open at 7:30 the third morning of Convention and close at 9:30.

7th: The Chairman of the Tellers shall announce the result of the ballot on completion of the count or as soon after the completion of the count as shall suit the pleasure of the Convention.

THE ADVANTAGES OF THIS PLAN:

PREVENTS CLIQUE RULE

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UNITES CHAPTERS IN THE SAME PROVINCE
IS BUSINESSLIKE.

DEAR HISTORIAN:

In reply to your request in the last "Triangle" I am writing you "Blank Chapter's" opinion. The two-year period of election for the Supreme Council has our unanimous vote. It certainly promises more perfection in the government of "Mu Phi," as experience is a vital power in all government. In a few years we can have great confidence in our Council, especially in the President who has had a wide knowledge of "Mu Phi's" needs in her years of service as an assistant officer. Our Constitution is not quite right in its construction about the election of our President. It reads: "The candidates for the Supreme Presidency shall be a former Council member." This is very misleading. It should read: "Shall be a present council member." This has always been the precedent. We have never chosen a "former member" in the sense of going back to an old member, and I hope never will. Every year new ideas come up and those in office know the situation and can handle it with more intelligence than one who has been out of office for an indefinite period.

In other words, when a new thought or idea is being worked out let the same minds finish it.

I think a Council member who goes out of the Council from choice, circumstances or personal reasons of any kind should never be reelected, otherwise we may have our troubles with would-be "third termers." I do believe a member may be elected for another office in advance if she is a valuable member. The Historian may become Vice-President or be moved about in the Council for a position higher, ready for nomination as President.

I also believe the Historian when found to be the one who has the ability to edit the "Triangle" should be held in office indefinitely and given a salary. We need to have our Magazine worth reading. It should contain instructive articles on Sorority government, music, interesting papers on constructive, progressive and all musical thought as well as discussion of "Mu Phi" affairs. I don't think most of us care about the domestic affairs of Chapter members, but we do care about their musical programs and progress. The Chapter letters should contain news of this character only. The day has gone when we need to register our "candy pulls." We are glad for all the glad times "Mu Phi's" enjoy, but not to the extent of \$1.50 per annum to read about it. As we have grown numerically, let us grow mentally and musically.

The honor basis has raised us above the gossip standard. Other Sororities keep their Historians ten or twelve years. It requires experience and a direct editorial talent. It is not easy to manage a publication. If you think so, try it. The important matter just now is for each Chapter to talk over these suggestions and instruct their delegate how to handle them at the Convention and to instruct her how to talk. Don't let a few do all the talking. Nothing is gained unless each delegate has ideas and tells them. Opinions are a valuable asset at Convention. That is why we get together. I think I am taking up too much space and have too many ideas, but if you don't agree it gives you a chance to disagree. I am sending this paper for our Historian who is not able to attend to her office for good and sufficient reason, but I would not have you think "Blank Chapter" is asleep or wanting in interest. We all consider the above suggestions of vital importance and hope you do.

ELECTION

In the editorial of the November issue of the Triangle I note the suggestion of Mrs. Fox that we adopt the system of rotation in office for our Supreme officers. This question has come before us before and we have always felt that it would not be satisfactory for many reasons. I cannot help but wonder if Mrs. Fox has really weighed this question with her usual calm judgment and broad outlook.

With our present system we find ourselves hard pressed at times for the right girl in the right place with all former Council members from which to choose a President, and delegates from which to choose our other officers. Then, too, the chapters have not always used the best of discretion in choosing their business delegates and sending to Convention their best member. We find a vast improvement along this line and I think this year will find us with a Grand Chapter composed of the most capable girls our sorority affords. This, at least, is my earnest hope.

Our Supreme offices must be open to the girl who has proven herself to be best fitted for the vacancy, especially the Presidency. All officers do not make a good president in any organization. She might fill the office of vice-president, secretary, treasurer or historian in the most commendable way, but would not make a good executive head, and just so in the other offices. With rotation in office it would mean that no matter how splendid a president the historian would make she could not be elected to this office unless all the other officers then on Council should resign. Do we want to bind ourselves to a proposition like this? Mu Phi Epsilon would be the loser. It would take four years for the historian to reach the presidency and with the vast amount of work, time and energy that our increasing growth demands, do you think she would ever attain it? Even in four years it would mean that every officer would have to take up new duties every year.

This leads us to another phase of the situation. For instance, if our present president should go out of office this year it would mean that every officer would have to

take up new work next year. This is conceded by all organizations to be a poor policy. If a member has proven herself to be capable of her office then she should remain in this office not less than two years to really do any constructive work. It takes most of her first year to really get into it, but the second year brings the results. Yet it would not be well to bind ourselves with a ruling "that the officers be elected for two years." We would not gain, just limit ourselves again. They might resign at the end of a year if they did not want to serve. It is a very easy matter to elect an officer for another year if she has proven capable, but it would be a catastrophe to have to keep an incapable girl in office two years. We must be very careful not to pass legislation that will entail a hardship on our organization or hinder our progress.

Now what is our trouble? It is the haphazard way in which we conduct our election. First, we lack system. We use an old worn out method of election which tries everybody's endurance and is nothing but confusion. Have any of you recently attended elections in large organizations and noted the efficient and rapid way in which it is done by those familiar with balloting? They are a real joy and pleasure. This is because parliamentary law has become such a universal knowledge among women that they are now able to do things systematically and correctly without confusion. For several years I have noted this gradual growth until elections are now looked forward to rather than dreaded.

Second, we do not give it the proper time, consideration and thought. We wait until the last minute of the last hour of the last session of convention, when when we are all so tired we can not think and in such a hurry to get to the banquet that we madly write any name suggested just to get it over. The tellers are appointed just when it is time for election. They dash madly around with small bits of paper. There is no time for the tellers to meet together for instructions from their chairman, to prepare ballots or a proper report.

What we need is a Nominating Committee and Tellers appointed the first session of convention so they

can prepare for their work. Then they have an opportunity to ask advice if they do not understand just what is required of them. This is more important than the majority realize. Then have our election just before the adjournment of the morning session on the last day of convention. The tellers can then prepare their report during the noon hour, and be ready with their report at the afternoon session. In this way the tellers, who should be members of the voting body, do not lose any part of the meeting. If we could see our way clear to inaugurate such a system of election I am sure the horrors of election would be over. With a Nominating Committee we would know just who was eligible and who would accept the office if it came to them and we wouldn't be dashing madly around at the eleventh hour looking for someone to fill an unexpected vacancy.

Think it over, sisters and delegates.

THE CHAPTER EXAMINATIONS

My first roar of protest is directed at the present system of examinations. Can you conceive a more preposterous system than one that demands at least three days of steady grind, that obligates one to simply cease all regular work for that period and bone on uninstructive, stupid data that means no more when learned than a correspondence course on "Swimming." Our requirements demand that we keep our musical standards at the highest point, but you can calculate the damage done in the period lost to regular practice which must be expended on that exam. work. Can't the Council see what a dampening effect it has on the ardor of a new girl? I can just tell you right here that there are lots of so called brainy members in our chapter of great honor and long standing who could not pass that exam. this year in respectable shape. And if that be the case how can these green youngsters be expected to sort and classify that data in useful shape in digestible form in a few days.

Again look at it from the angle of the long suffering Vice-President. Do you know last year I coached and gave six separate exams? I suppose that was a pleasure and that I could afford the time and nerve energy expended. Say not so! Our rules in the School here allow us to extend bids on the 15th of every month—let your imagination picture what a merry-go-round ensues. I am absolutely never caught up on my work and I frankly confess to a feeling of discontent and grievance on the subject. When one works from 8:30 in the morning until 6:00 one begrudges the time spent on this unnecessary work. Up to date I have spent two Sunday afternoons from 5:00 until 8:30, one Monday night from 7:00 until 10:00, one Wednesday night from 7:00 until 11:00, and before me I have the pleasant prospect of a Sunday morning spent in giving another exam. When you average up that time don't you think I have paid pretty dearly for my interest in Mu Phi? For I can tell you I need that time for out-of-door recreation and rest. And let me here state that I do not speak from the angle of an unsuccessful officer, for one need only examine last year's data to see that our chapter had more 100% than any

other chapter. You know me well enough to vouch that I am not by nature a grouch or a quitter, but I have absolutely lost my never-failing sense of humor over this thing, and now the time seems ripe for me to air my viewpoint. I shall not have this to undergo next year for I wouldn't have the office again for a farm, but I am interested in the welfare of my unknown successor. If it were not for our Province President who helps along with her ever-ready sympathy and understanding it would be horrid. Another thing, what good does it do for the Vice-Presidents to waste our time writing monthly letters to the Province President unless these letters go on to Governing Council, so that they in turn may be in touch with our chapter activities and therefore in deeper sympathy with us? That monthly letter seems time lost, unless it brings before the Supreme Officers our needs, our triumphs, our problems, our successes. Our Province President knows our chapter pretty well, but what can she do to bring that information to the Supreme Officers. It is extremely valuable power going to waste and should be conserved.

To sum up the exam. situation: It dampens the first fine ardor of a new girl, it causes a loss of valuable study time, it does not give a comprehensive idea of the sorority ideals or inner workings, it overloads the vice-president, it is antiquated, it is too severe (outside of that it is not so bad). Can you imagine anything more ridiculous than asking a girl to "outline the sorority system, name the first fraternity and when and where founded, to give the names of seven representative fraternities and sororities," etc, etc. I should suggest as far more logical a questionnaire such as this:

1. Give the batting average of the past presidents of the United States.
2. How many ribs has a sperm whale and how far into the air can it spout when five miles out at sea?
3. Which would you consider more important—to be able to eat peas gracefully from a knife or the art of making bead purses?

4. Who paid for the crown jewels of the Queen of Canada and state when, by whom and for what term of office worn.

5. What is the natural life of an angleworm and what are its duties in life? Its recreations? What would you suggest as a method of reforming such matters?

6. Do you wear knickers or divided skirts when riding horseback? If not, please state your stand in the matter.

7. Please state all the duties in full of the city officials in Mars, placing particular emphasis on the dog catchers, the health officers, the town mayor and the garbage collectors. State the favorite hobby of same.

8. Give the name of seven representative female movie stars. Also seven male stars. Explain in full the necessary steps to establish a new movie scenario. What are the necessary requirements for a custard pie comedy?

9. Name the city which is famous for the manufacture of mustache cups.

10. Give your impressions of this exam. and be most careful of your language.

The following paragraphs, which are very applicable to Mu Phi Epsilon, have been clipped from the Pre-Convention issue of the General Federation Magazine (April, 1920).

"Delegates are not selected to present their individual opinions, but the consensus of the opinions they represent. This is frequently difficult merely because subjects have not been discussed in clubs and cannot be unless proper publicity is given them." (Therefore this Pre-Convention issue of "The Triangle".)

"No matter how large a part of the program has to be sacrificed when reorganization is presented, the discussion should continue until the questions under consideration are fully understood and accepted by the majority."

"There are always members who want to hurry business—some whom business bores and others who want measures carried without too much thought. The latter frequently call for the question before the Convention is ready for intelligent decision and *their impatience infects others*. The presiding officer is forced to ask: "Are you ready for the question?" and the unsatisfied delegates subside to boil over at the wrong time."

"Making over the Constitution has become a habit, and it is not even a thrifty one. It is due in part to the fact that sufficient time is not allowed for so important a work. . . . It is possible to have concise and well worked-out Constitution which will not require constant tinkering. The policies that are necessarily affected by changing conditions should be in the Standing Rules."

"Certain points should be realized by the delegates. The power is theirs. The Governing Council is elected to carry out their wishes. These wishes are expressed by votes upon resolutions and motions. The delegates are responsible for the outcome of the business of Conventions and the wishes of the majority can, as they should, prevail."

Alumnae Department

CHAPTER ALUMNAE SECRETARIES!

**Send to Convention by Delegates,
Names and Addresses of Active Members
who expect to be Alumnae Next Year**

Our Sorority year is nearing its close. Time for reports and final summing up of work is at hand. The Alumnae are interested, I know, in all branches of Mu Phi's activities, particularly in the growth and development of our great Alumnae organization.

The simple systems I have adopted this year have proved satisfactory and have brought about desired results as far as efficiency is concerned, especially the appointment of the district secretaries, and I want to take this occasion to thank them for their cooperation. Their tasks have not been easy. The bulk of work handled by them and the necessary individual correspondence has taxed both their time and patience, but they have always been equal to the emergency.

Our aim was to reach all Alumnae, numbering more than 1,000. We have been consistent, persistent and insistent in our plea to win subscribers of the Triangle.

From the subscriptions that have come in as a result of our labor, I have compiled a General Alumnae Club Directory which was published in the February issue and continued in the May issue. A glance will show you that as yet we have not inspired all of the thousand to subscribe. Many have not been reached because of incorrect addresses and still more distressing, no address at all. But the Alumnae are slowly but surely awakening to a new sense of responsibility to carry on for Mu Phi. The tremendous task is only begun. The actives must help. The ability to keep a live directory depends on the individual members and Chapter Alumnae Secretaries. My District Secretaries and myself can do nothing without correct addresses. Members move, marry and allow subscriptions to expire without notification of any kind. Please, Chapter Presidents!! take more interest in the Alumnae and appoint someone to office of Chapter

Alumnae Secretary who is really interested and fitted for this work. Some Chapter Alumnae Secretaries have responded with up-to-date list. *Many* have not. You know which class you belong in.

Must we call on psychic forces, mental telepathy and unknown powers to help us or can we have the assistance of some real sympathetic human beings?

Chapter Alumnae Secretaries are required to keep a complete card index of Alumnae of their Chapter in order to facilitate matters. Have you done it? This reminder is for those who have not observed this law.

FACTS THAT MAY INTEREST YOU

The present circulation of the Triangle is 900 copies, and while there are many reasons why the circulation must be increased I will give but a few as follows:

First—The circulation is not in proportion to the actual enrollment (actives and alumnae).

Second—Even with the advance in price it is scarcely self-supporting. Instead, it should be a source of revenue for our Supreme Treasury.

Third—Increased circulation makes advertising possibilities greater and advertisements, we all know, are a great financial asset to any magazine. Our circulation is too limited to expect much in the way of advertisements. Most of the present advertising is secured through personal interest or persuasion and not on its real business merit. So this is another big reason why we should increase the circulation.

Fourth—Our National Treasury needs a revenue from subscriptions in order to have a surplus over and above expenses each year.

Do you know, that after last year's expenses were paid the Supreme Treasurer's book showed a balance of Twenty-three Dollars? No! that is not a misprint, It is an appalling fact.

True we have a surplus in our National Treasury, but do you realize that this has been accumulating for a goodly number of years and through the utmost economy on the part of former presidents? Expenses of our organization

have grown apace with our extension and development, but our economies have decreased in proportion. The income derived from pins and certificates is not sufficient to add any great sum to the treasury. The per capita tax takes care of expenses of installation, office expenses, inspection of chapters, etc. Twenty-three dollars left over every year would not swell the surplus. No national organization should have less than \$2,000 as surplus.

The Triangle, therefore, must be a national source of revenue, and as the actives are doing their part by subscribing full force, the great bulk of the expense is being shouldered by them and this is hardly fair.

Alumnae, whether club members or alumnae at large, prove your loyalty and devotion to Mu Phi by willingly and gladly giving financial support to Triangle. Initiation vows are not laid aside with your active membership. They have become a part of you that can not be denied or neglected. The acid test of your loyalty to Mu Phi is your habitual and perpetual subscription to our official magazine. What is the use of being a National Sorority unless we can support the Official Organ? I hope the actives will read this, too, so that they may be prepared for the day when they become Alumnae and remember that their work is not finished until they have renewed their subscription. The blank is published in every book. Out of the ten Alumnae Clubs established, only two raised any objections to subscribing to the Triangle. One club writes that "They think they should not be obliged to subscribe for Triangle except for officers, as they are in close touch with actives." That is a local benefit, but no national reason why they should be excused from subscribing. The letter continues: "They are splendid, loyal girls and very much interested in clubs (several are charter members of chapter), but now are bringing up families and have other interests and demands on their time and purse. The sorority no longer holds first place in their lives as when still active." From the remainder of the letter I gather they are much attached to one another and I note in Club letter in former number that their social affairs and theatre parties are well attended. They have written me asking for a solution of their difficulties. They are all right at heart—they are only looking through the wrong end of the telescope. Look around a bit; see how Gamma raised her money—It's in the

February number. This club is good as gold—all paid up for this year, so I say don't borrow trouble about next year. Just cut out one of the Theatre Parties next year and instead have a Triangle Donation Day and be the legitimate actors yourselves. I know you won't leave the band wagon.

The other Club referred to have not subscribed at all this year, and unless I hear from them soon they will lose their identity as an Alumnae Club. Such a proceeding would be unfair to all the other clubs who have met their requirements with good grace. I most earnestly await a favorable reply from them. I have tried every possible way to give them a clearer view of the matter. I have endeavored to assist our Supreme Historian by arranging, planning and collecting material for the Alumnae Department of our journal. I wanted to make it interesting reading for both actives and Alumnae. I searched far and wide for contributors and suggested subjects to write on that I thought might attract attention. I have gleaned Alumnae notes here and there. If from it all you gain no inspiration or enthusiasm, there must be something lacking. It is a bit dampening to one's ardor after pouring over the work of this department to have some one write: "You have spelled my name wrong in the last issue." Just that much in reference to the Triangle—or, "We don't see how we can subscribe next year."

However, I am not discouraged. The work and support of those who have rallied round me have given me more pep to work and inspiration to soar on. My goal for the Alumnae Organization is high. It is unity of thought and purpose, maturity (both musically and mentally), a royal regard for financial support of Triangle and other duties, and a host of worth while girls willing to write for our Alumnae Department. Is this too much to ask? We could not accept less.

The majority of the Alumnae Clubs have developed beyond and above the need of social enjoyment alone. The Honorary basis is giving to our Alumnae, musicians of a higher type and the prophecy I foretold in November issue is fast becoming a realization. The alumnae are ultimately bound to successfully represent the professional side of Mu Phi.

I do not believe there will be any change in National policies for Alumnae at large and Clubs. An itemized

account of money received and disbursements from General Alumnae Treasury will be published in convention number. You will then be better able to judge whether we need the support of the individual or no.

The nucleus for a scholarship fund has been started this year and we hope some day it will be a real benefit to our Alumnae. It is a beautiful idea and one in which all alumnae may share the responsibility and pride.

My sincere and most grateful appreciation for the support and encouragement given me by my co-workers and alumnae sisters. We are marching toward all that is truest and best in our Sisterhood. We must reach the 1,000 mark for General Alumnae Club enrollment. We shall succeed!!

Yours for the Greater Alumnae of Mu Phi Epsilon,
MARY TOWSLEY PFAU.

ALUMNAE SUGGESTIONS

ALICE DUFFY BRINE

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When I received June Donnelly's letter (and by the way, girls, she writes the kind you can't resist) asking me to write an article on the above subject, I was tempted to refuse. After a little introspection, I realized that weak individuals who "turned down" calls for assistance, literary or financial, would never make a strong Alumnae. Another look at June's diplomatic letter and I determined to overcome deficiencies and "take my pen in hand." My "intimates," who read the quotation, will be sure that I have forgotten to wield the instrument with which we correspond.

Any sorority needs the support of a strong, united Alumnae, and as the active growth and development increase, the necessity for Alumnae help becomes essential. The Alumnae Association, well organized, is undoubtedly a vital factor in the sorority as a whole. The active chapters will benefit by its systematized work along constructive lines. On the other hand, it is the problem of the active members to gain and retain the interest of each and every alumna.

Since our policy is now honorary, the responsibility of the alumnae has become more important than ever.

The new basis must, it seems to me, affect the standing of its members. Through the card index system, the rating of each alumna could be ascertained and a classification made accordingly. Professionals, graduates and undergraduates who have attained a high decree of scholarship, should have a preference and be eligible to membership in the Alumnae Association.

Those who were "taken in" because of possibilities, but for some reason or other "never arrived" might be classified as ex-members and perhaps organize under that heading. There might even be a particular ritual for the members of the Alumnae Association which would be an incentive for ex-members in the event of future study.

Those of the ex-membership standing would have to remember the motto "very hard" and help in every possible way to promote the welfare of the sorority. There surely are enough needs for aid, so that each girl could still feel that any well directed effort on her part would be of lasting importance.

Some arrangement might be considered whereby a compulsory membership under one of the two headings, alumnae or ex-membership, would be provided for when a girl leaves an active chapter. A card defining her standing and recommending her to the association to which she should belong could be forwarded to the proper officer.

The magazine should certainly not be a financial encumbrance and it must have the support of all those who are not in the active chapters. Every effort is now, of course, being made to get the alumnae members on the subscription list, and in the future it might be planned for when a girl becomes inactive. A prepaid subscription for one year might be made obligatory. It is the initial subscription which seems so difficult to obtain.

Each club might be held responsible for a certain amount of advertising for the magazine, which would ultimately help materially in its financial success. The alumnae members should also contribute in a literary way; hearing from those who are doing "greater things" would be an incentive to the younger students.

Our Alumnae organization is almost in its infancy, but the splendid work started by those girls who have worked so strenuously and faithfully must be developed by the unifold effort of all those who are not affiliated with an active chapter.