Dear Miss Thompson:

Will you get the attached letter to Mrs. Roosevelt?

There are some things in it which interest her.

Yours sincerely,

Mary Love Green
April 3, 1945

Dear Mrs. Roosevelt:

Within a few days we will be celebrating Chi Omega's 50th Anniversary at somewhat more than 100 dinners all over the United States. A feature of the dinners will be an Anniversary Edition of The Owl. A copy of it is enclosed because there are some items in it which I feel you will enjoy.

Sincerely yours,

Mary Jane O'Keeffe

Mrs. Franklin D. Roosevelt
The White House
Washington, D.C.

P.S. We failed in one particular about The Owl—In 1906 President Theodore Roosevelt received all Chi Omegas at a Washington Convention and we had planned to ask the present President Roosevelt for a message to go in The Owl—but felt real consideration was not to ask.

In the November issue we joined the Dumbarton Oaks Post Press as an aid in campus discursive activity, for the May 24th issue we are printing Essential Human Rights distributed by Americans United.
20,000 AT 100 DINNERS

Twenty thousand Chi Omegas, their friends and representatives of Alma Mater are gathered at more than 100 dinners all over the United States. They are celebrating Chi Omega's 50th Anniversary and the length of years alma mater has served the cause of education.

This joint celebration is one more proof of Chi Omega's devotion to the cause of education as the most vital need of a democracy. Also it is appreciation of Alma Mater's recognition of a primary fundamental of democracy, the right of social organizing, a right denied in dictatorship countries.

Chi Omega's chapters are in state universities, state colleges, municipal universities, private colleges and universities. Therefore, our chapters are a cross section of the whole educational effort at the college level, and these chapters, by inter-association, develop appreciation for that effort along with their loyalty to Alma Mater.

Each college and university has individuality and unique traditions. That inspires creativeness, a value also necessary to a colorful and stimulating anthem. So hail to us.

CHI OMEGA--EARLY DAYS

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In addition to this national outlook Chi Omega had the advantage of beginning its career after there had been a great advance in educational standards and college education for pass through a period of being administered by the national chapter, or having its magazine edited by chapters in rotation, or of experimenting with various forms of organization, but began its career with advanced methods of organization. Within a few years all the mechanics of organization were perfected and its energies were released for the more important things--purposes. It is incidental to realize that Chi Omega has an exceptional record. Indeed as only as this, Mr. Jason writing in one of the public magazines, said, "I have the highest appreciation of the splendid attainments of Chi Omega, and am glad to testify that no woman's group in the history of American college societies has reached such a strong and enviable position in so short a space of time. Her history is thoroughly glorious and I am very heartily her well-wisher."

The undergraduate founders were Jolle Constance, subsequently dean of women, University of Arkansas, and as a member of its faculty, Ina May, later, who is an artist in New York, under the name of Mrs. Jollie Morton; Allie Cary Simonds, deceased; and Jean Vin-

GREETING

To each one of you there goes a warm and confident greeting from the Council. The warmth of satisfaction that comes when a look backward, invited by an anniversary, shows great strides from small beginnings--confidence in the future because of what the past proves. If we cherish the great words around the frieze of the Chi Omega Greek Theatre those of you who attend Chi Omega's 100th Anniversary will have added lustre to the record already made. Chi Omega, a friendship group, with fundamental purposes, now numbers 36,000. If each of us knows only thirty other persons, then one million persons assess us as individuals. By what each of us is as a person we play our part in the kind of culture our country develops. So, we hope each of you on this occasion finds new inspiration in Chi Omega's purposes that enrich our friendships.
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Chi Omega, however, was not only a national Greek-letter society from its inception but it was also first in modern organization. Chi Omega was fortunate in doing first things first. It perfected the mechanics of its organization with the higher kind of intelligence, which is foresight, and with a minimum of the trial and error method. Its magazine was planned within three years instead of 10 to 18 years as was the case in the early days of Greek-letter societies. It did not pass through a period of being administered by the mother chapter, or having its magazine edited by chapters in rotation or of experimenting with various forms of organization, but began its career with advanced methods of organization. Within a few years all the mechanics of organization were perfected and its energies were released for the more important thing—its purposes. It is incidental to such ability that Chi Omega has an exceptionl record. Indeed as early as 1904, Mr. Jason writing in one of the public magazines, said: "I have the highest appreciation of the splendid attainments of Chi Omega, and am glad to testify that the woman's group in the history of American college societies has received such a strong and enviable position in so short a space of time. Her history is thoroughly glorious and I am very heartily her well wisher."

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During the early years of wise and patient organization Mrs. Ida Pace Purdue, at one time on the faculty of the University of Arkansas and later the wife of the state geologist of Tennessee, was president of Chi Omega. Another officer of those early days was J. H. Grissom, who was the first president of the University of Arkansas. He was a member of the first class of that university and was one of its original founders. The present officers of Chi Omega are Mrs. John H. Grissom, Miss Georgia M. Lowery and Miss Margaret M. Jenkins.

In 1911 New Orleans alumnas "Lucky X's." A visitor at one of the presentations of this society was asked by a small boy, "Missus, is you a Lucky X?" She was puzzled and the child explained, "The Penny Lunch ladies in New Orleans public schools. From that the name for this type of service, which is often supplemented with a second serving, became "Lucky X's.""
Dr. Charles Richardson inspired the founding of Chi Omega, was active in Masonry, a national officer of Kappa Sigma, and regent of the University of Arkansas. At the last convention Dr. Richardson attended his eyes were moist more than once as he reviewed Chi Omega's phenomenal growth and accomplishments. It had exceeded his dreams, he commented.

Chi Omega Early Days

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The immediate occasion of the founding of Chi Omega was a social call made by me one Sunday afternoon upon Jean Vincenckeller and Ina Boles. Men's fraternities had recently entered the University, and interest among students was beginning to run high. The conversation naturally drifted to this subject. Although not a student I was actively interested, having been instrumental in founding the first chapter at the institution. Perhaps for this reason the young ladies suspected that I possessed special knowledge, and as they were anxious to have a fraternity of their own, they asked me to prepare a constitution, ritual and plan of organization. I undertook this. From the beginning I had in mind the possibilities of a general organization and developed the plan with that end in view. A great many considerations entered. First, I desired to make Chi Omega radically distinctive and not a copy of similar institutions. That there should be points of likeness was practically unavoidable, but I believe bearer, Daduchus, Mysterious and some more modern, but were rejected as lacking some element. Finally Eleusis was agreed upon as the most appropriate and desirable.

"With plans of organization complete, on the evening of April 5, 1895, I met the Founders in the parlor of Jobelle Holcomb's home, read to them what I had prepared and explained the methods of procedure. They adopted the plan, signed the Constitution, and this was born Chi Omega."

"I had previously made a rather crude plain gold pin, substantially the same as the one we made. This was the first pin made and was worn as such until the jewelers could turn out some better ones. The letters Chi Omega not only provided a monogram bangle but they lent themselves readily to the motto in mind, and enabled Chi Omega to correct the order of naming its chapters and assigning Omega as the chapter roll of deceased members. The mother chapter took the same of Psi, the letter preceding Omega. So popular Chi Omega to make itself effective. Her spirit and purpose peculiarly fitted her for the career which she has mapped out and everything presages the accomplishment of her design, viz., to be the first woman's fraternity that is nationalboth in spirit and practice."
Dr. Charles Richardson inspired the founding of Chi Omega, a national organization of women, at the University of Arkansas in 1908. As a faculty member and a member of the student body, he was one of the organizers of the Chi Omega chapter at the University of Arkansas. His influence on the establishment of the organization was significant, and he played a key role in its early development.

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The immediate occasion of the founding of Chi Omega was a social event that occurred on campus. The initiative was led by Dr. Richardson, who, like many of his contemporaries, was deeply involved in the life of the university. He was a key figure in the establishment of the organization, and his influence on its early development was significant.

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UNDERGRADUATE FOUNDERS

Jubelle Holcombe as a freshman at the time of founding, class of '98.

In the days of her maturity, member of the English faculty, University of Arkansas. Vice-President 1896-1898. Formerly Dean of Women, University of Arkansas.

Alice Simonds, junior 1895. Omega Chapter. Was skilled in scientific drawing and illustrated textbooks for several professors.

Jean Vincenbiller as sophomore at the time of founding, class '97. President 1898 to 1900. As wife of Colonel Dengler.

Ina Mae Boles, 1895. Self-portrait as Christina Morton, artist.

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Psi—1895
Lower from left—Charlotte Galloway, Mary Beattie, Lila Davies.
Middle from left—Norma Wood, Mamie Pool, Jeanne Vinchenheller, Alice Simonds.
Top from left—Edna Allen, Jobelle Holcombe, Katherine Watson, Mollie Remy, Eleanor Duncan.

Psi—1896
First Row: Elizabeth Purdy, Daisy Miller, Eleanor Duncan, Clara Earle, Mary Mitchell, Alice Simonds, Charlotte Galloway, Lila Davies.
Third Row: Marie Spencer, Florence Watson.

Some Members of Psi, 1899
Lower row from left—Mamie Phillips, Kate Pace, Jeanne Vinchenheller, Eleanor Duncan.

Prophectic of Chi Omega's later history, early members of Psi organized petitions, contacted friends of legislators, and prepared articles for newspapers in an effort to have the state legislature provide a dormitory for women students. They now view the campus with satisfaction.

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Aerial View of the University of Arkansas
THE GOVERNING COUNCIL

Elizabeth Dyer, Vice-President. Dean, College of Home Economics, University of Cincinnati; has served on the Board of Education of Cincinnati, and is member of Executive Committee, American Home Economics Association.

Arta E. Kocken, Secretary. Vocational is her field as School Counselor, Edison High School, Minneapolis.

Mary Love Collins, President. Author of first study under the Service Fund, "Human Conduct and the Law," formerly secretary of the Alumni Association of Dickinson College, and over-all chairman for her alma mater's 25th anniversary.


Helen Gordon, Alumnae Officer, formerly chapter visitor, now Associate Dean of Women, Southwestern University, Memphis, Tennessee.

ANNIVERSARY CHAIRMAN

Lola Jeffries Hanavan, Anniversary Chairman, formerly Alumnae Officer. A top business executive, devoted to alma mater, active in public affairs in the city of Detroit.

Christelle Ferguson, Editor. Successful in business and literature is an avocation.

THE ELEUSIS

The Eleusis has a policy of devotion to the cause of information and enlightenment. It is not a house organ, nor a ballyhoo sheet, nor an eye magazine. In a time of great eye activity and advertising technique which give people an awareness of an inexhaustible list of things without the richness of meaning inseparable from conscious choices in values, the Eleusis continues as a magazine of deep interest to those who esteem education, who know the wisdom of integration as against scattering and who are not limited to a vocabulary of names of things. To those who make such aristocratic choices, imperitive in a democracy, the Eleusis

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The enduring purposes of Chi Omega challenge creative abilities and give meaning to life. Life without meaning is a life without satisfaction.

Friendship:
Chi Omega holds that one of the most precious things in life is friendship. The more there is of friendship, the less there will be of hate and violence.

Personnel:
Chi Omega pioneered in personnel because: “Without a stable system of purposes and values the personality cannot achieve harmony or stability within itself. In discordant personalities stable feelings are scarcely thinkable.”

Activities:
Chi Omega has emphasized participation in campus activities by active chapters; sharing in community activities by alumnae chapters. In such experiences individuals learn the arts and techniques of cooperation for wise objectives.

Education, Social and Civic Service:
Chi Omega has fostered the idea that education is essential to the security of a democracy and those who are truly educated do not have the pugnacities and offensive aggressiveness that characterize an inner sense of inferiority. Social and Civic Service is good citizenship and a mark of a mature individual.

Vocations:
Chi Omega, since 1910 has stimulated interest in vocations as an outlet for creative abilities. Without the conscious use of those abilities life is merely the pursuit of patterns without meaning. A vocation (in home-making or in any field) is the development of skills for the making of “a living and a life.”

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WAR EFFORT
Chi Omega believes it has responsibility in helping to maintain good morale; that because the need for civilian aid is so vast, its efforts should be channeled through the established agencies rather than through some individual project. Chapters have done a truly great job in bond buying, bond selling, scrap drives, contributions to all work for Red Cross, USO and other accredited agencies.
Service Fund Studies

In 1917 Chi Omega began the accumulation by gift of The Service Fund, the principal of which is used for loans on chapter houses and the income for the publication of studies in the social sciences. To date the following studies have been published: *Human Conduct and the Law*, *House Management Problems of Fraternities and Sororities*, *Women and Wealth*, and *Democracy through Public Opinion*.

The fifth study will be about the eminent women who have received the medal of The National Achievement Award.

THE NATIONAL ACHIEVEMENT AWARD

*Founded 1930 — Sponsored by Chi Omega*

**The Medal**

"There is a tradition that a sculptor should not talk and I think it is true that sculpture and painting should speak in their own language of form or color and require no explanation, but I should like to say something about the symbols used in the medal.

"Demeter holds a sheaf of wheat which means she has reaped the reward of her labors. The phase I chose is one of quiet between her activities, after the harvest and before, as the Homeric Hymn says, 'She went forth to the law-delivering kings and taught them.' The torch stands for that other side of Demeter, the light she needed in searching through the dark earth for Persephone, who is, I suppose, another phase of Demeter, the youthful Demeter. The light of the torch is steadfast and illuminating in the medal but in that earlier phase it was quiet and searching. Demeter was intent on finding her other creative self, dormant in the unconscious earth. The altar on the reverse of the medal represents something purely ideal, a focus of prayer or inspiration. So the medal expresses only by implication the process, the progress which Demeter symbolizes and those who receive the Award and Chi Omega who make it possible express more truly the living spirit of Demeter and Persephone than anything as static as sculpture can."—By Frances Grimes who designed the Medal.

**Committee on the Award**

- Mrs. Franklin D. Roosevelt
- Dr. Beatrice M. Hinkle
- Mrs. Laura Gardin Fraser
- Miss Mary Vail Andress
- Miss Elizabeth Dyer
- Miss Marjorie Nicolson

**Conventions**

A Chi Omega convention is an experience in balancing the best human possibilities. As a group of friends we talk about our special interests, in ways that get meaning out of what the experts say. More than thirty years ago, Chi Omega developed a unique convention pattern with roundtable, coffee and tea discussions as informal ways for thoughtful, friendly talk.

Then there is the Chi Omega Address given by persons outstanding in their respective fields.

Convention also offers the discipline of work. Everyone has something to do. And special guests often comment on how busy, but how gracious everyone is.

There is an esoteric evening when the beauty and profound truths of our ritual are emphasized.

One of the high spots of Convention is *The Earth Mother*, a dramatic presentation of the story of Demeter and Persephone, the most beautiful of the Grecian myths.

Finally comes the Evening of Revelry—the mask and costume party in which everyone joins with much enthusiasm for gaiety as for other phases of convention.

**Roll of the Award**

- Dr. Florence R. Sabin
- Miss Cecilia Beaux
- Miss Frances Perkins
- Miss Josephine Roche
- Dr. Alice Hamilton
- Miss Katherine Cornell
- Judge Florence E. Allen
- Miss Rachel Crothers
- Dr. Margaret Mead
- Mrs. Carrie Chapman Catt
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On the Beam

Chi Omega having steadily held that women have responsibility about our country's culture, will provide a graduate fellowship with the thesis to be on the role of women in policy making in a democracy.

In January 1944 a conference on the Role of Women in Policy Making was held at the invitation of the National Achievement Award Committee and recipients of the award. The research fellowship will provide background for women in their responsibilities as citizens.
CONVENTIONS BY PICTURES

SCENES FROM EARTH MOTHER

Demeter and Persephone
Dance Interlude

PAGEANT — 100 YEARS OF EDUCATION FOR WOMEN
Costumed by Mina Schmidt, author “100 Famous Women”

EVENING OF REVELRY

Chorus

Costumes — Evening of Revelry

Mrs. Potter Palmer
— some lovely —

EVITA

Eva Hart
Master of Ceremonies

Mrs. Laura Gardin Fraser

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Chapter News

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Mrs. Roosevelt, Dr. Hamilton and Miss Grimes receive

Dr. Hinkle autographing

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SIGMA ALPHA—Miami U.
RHO ALPHA—U. of Missouri
DELTA ALPHA—U. of Chattanooga
BETA ALPHA—U. of Pennsylvania
PSI BETA—State U. of Iowa
CHI BETA—Purdue U.
PHI BETA—U. of Pittsburgh
UPSILON BETA—Jullians C.
TAU BETA—Alabama A. & M.
SIGMA BETA—Huntington C.
DELTA BETA—Winston-Salem C.
PSI GAMMA—U. of Oklahoma
LETTA GAMMA—U. of Ohio
KAPPA GAMMA—U. of Illinois
LAMDA GAMMA—U. of Virginia
IOTA GAMMA—Centenary C.
THETA GAMMA—Queens C.
ETA GAMMA—U. of South Carolina
ZETA GAMMA—U. of Charleston
DELTA GAMMA—Denison U.
EPSILON GAMMA—U. of Tulsa
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THETA—West Virginia U.
ETA—U. of Michigan
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EPSILON—U. of Buffalo
DELTA—Dickinson C.
Gamma—Florida State Woman’s C.
Beta—Colby C.

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ETA BETA—Iowa State C.

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Beta GAMMA—U. of Louisville-
Lambeth C.
Alpha GAMMA—Utah A. C.
Psi DELTA—U. of Wyoming
Epsilon DELTA—U. of Colorado
Chi DELTA—Millaps C.
Phi DELTA—Mississippi State C.
Upsilon DELTA—U. of Nevada
Tau DELTA—Gettysburg C.
Sigma DELTA—Lake Forest C.
Rho DELTA—Texas C. of Mines
Pi DELTA—New Mexico State C.
omicron DELTA—Carnegie Tech
XI DELTA—U. of Toledo

STATISTICS

| Chapters | 98 |
| Alumnae chapters and alumnae clubs | 140 |
| Members | 36,000 |
| Houses and lodges owned | 57 |
| Value of houses and lodges | $1,700,000 |

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Find Your Chapter and Alma Mater

- College Chapters
- Alumnae Chapters

In addition there are 65 Alumnae Clubs
THE GREEK LETTER SOCIETY
An Expression of Democracy
By MARY LOVE COLLINS

Greek-letter societies began with the founding of Phi Beta Kappa in 1776. Probably the choice of Greek letters for these social groupings is due to the stirrings of democracy in Colonial days. Prior to that time the most influential experiment in that direction took place in Greece and that period of Greece has influenced all subsequent western culture.

Of course, men's Greek-letter groups developed rapidly as educational opportunities expanded, and women's groups were inevitable as colleges opened their doors to women. However, their development was necessarily slow, as shown by the early editions of Baird's Manual. But colleges themselves were struggling and equal education and opportunity for women were a part of that struggle.

Sectional influences were strong in that period of our country and that is why Dr. Richardson felt the time was ripe to organize a Greek-letter society for women that would be truly national in scope and purpose. When Chi Omega was founded there were only 104 chapters of women's Greek-letter societies and 8000 members. Today there are 1150 chapters and 450,000 members.

The early years of Greek-letter groups were tedious, experimental years and women did not develop effective organization and a clear sense of direction until after the turn of the century.

Now that the Greek-letter societies are firmly established, they are increasingly aware of a place in fail to note the speaker's animosity and how the speaker uses a good concept to cover a mean spirit.

Through a highly sensitive cultural period the Greek letter societies have been the outstanding symbol of friendship of which Emerson wrote that it "requires more time than poor busy men can usually command." He also said, "We do not provide for the greatest good of life. We take care of our health; we lay up money; we make our roof tight and our clothing sufficient; but who provides wisely that he shall not be wanting in the best property of all, friends?" Now come other philosophers and social scientists in support of friendship. For instance, Denison says in his "Emotions the Basis of Civilization:"

"The fraternities when rightly directed are the agencies whereby the finest traditions of honor and fine feeling are preserved and handed on in self-perpetuating groups. The difficulty in directing mass movements is that people do not exist as a mass on one plane. They are on different levels and in different cultural groups, and what stirs one, repels the next."

"For this reason, it seems probable that any unification which is real and permanent must be based on small groups, each of which is a coherent emotional and intellectual unit."

Recently Dr. Lindeman wrote on Democracy and the Friendship Pattern for the Adult Education Journal, and he said:

"The three slogans of the French Revolution, from which event so is shocking; we recognize at once, if we are candid, that our friendships are few in number and impermanent in character. One may lose a friend in these days merely through the mysterious alteration in an ideological line."

My basic inquiry, as the title above implies, is this: does it seem likely that Democracy can survive and take on new vitality if it is not founded firmly upon small groups of the friendship variety?" What did Moreno find in his exhaustive research called "Who Shall Survive?" That all of us are preferred by some and rejected by others—also that if all of us were required to act directly toward everyone else, with definite likes or dislikes the heat would be unbearable. So the wholesome friendship group is a great civilizer in work and play. In fact this has been shown in industry by the well known Hawthorne study and the recent study by Mayo and Lombard. Also personnel officer writing in the Personnel Journal, for December, 1944, says:

"I have noticed that many people holding responsible positions, both in our industry and out, seem to have the idea that to control attendance turnover or any other situation requires a propaganda program based on flags flying, drums beating, poster displaying, and perhaps some chest-thumping. I am convinced that any person responsible for operating a personnel department, or anyone else, who operates only on the basis of such ballyhoo and believes it is getting results is only kidding himself."

"Often I have seen instances which convinced me of the value of one constantly growing belief: There is only one way to accomplish standing results in any undertaking at an industrial plant, and that is by an organized division of employees would not have contributed to the confusion that makes the subsequent tragedy now. In our highly sensitive culture we were impervious to understanding.

The situation was accurately described in 1937 by a world-famous psychiatrist when he said, "The educated public, the flower of our civilization, has lifted itself up from its roots and is about to lose its connection with the earth—the realities of some innate human needs."

As more of us understand the mass ideologies that have engulfed the world in World War II, we can better appreciate the comment of Dr. Strecker in his Beyond the Clinical Frontiers that 'movements' promise unreality disguised as Utopias; the promises of intelligent minorities are somewhat guarded and social improvements are anticipated rather than cured."

"In a 'movement' there is a dearth of accurate information, and unwillingness to acquire it and to face its significance, and to attempt to override all opposition by emotional license. The intelligent minority does not go into action without a respectable body of pertinent information."

However, when students of human behavior agree upon terms to describe such behavior as definitely as chemists name chemical substances we will be more adept in understanding ourselves as well as our neighbors. Only those who respect themselves, not defensively but with serenity, respect the rights of others. And only those who do understand human behavior, can view the dark side of human possibilities objectively.

Burnham in his Wholesome Personality offered this parallel: "Once upon a time, the world became so full of artificial creations, conventional customs, class rights, What We Fight For
The Four Freedoms in Action

"We are fighting for liberty, the most expensive luxury known to man.

"We fight for the simple things, for the little things that are all important. We fight for the right to lock our house doors and be sure that no bully with official sanction will break the lock."

"We fight for town meetings, for the soapbox in the public square, for the high school debating team, for open doors to cathedral and church and synagogue.

"We fight for schools built on a foundation of books, not bayonets.

"We fight for the country editor and for the metropolitan daily and for the editor's right to say the wrong thing if he thinks it's right.

"We fight for the right to organize for any decent purpose; for labor; for employers; for the Grange and the Legion and the ladies' literary club, and for the lodge meeting in full regalia on Tuesday nights.

"We fight for our candidate for sheriff and for the other fellow's candidate, and for the right to be sorry we elected him and to say so.

"We fight for the right to work at jobs of our own choosing; to read the books we want to read; to listen to music that pleases us, without regard to the race or nationality of the composer.

"We fight for the high privilege of throwing pop bottles at the umpire."

"These rights, these privileges, these traditions are precious enough
Through a highly organized pattern of interest groups, the Greek-letter societies have evolved from a form of social club to a powerful influence in the political and social life of the nation. Throughout the years, these organizations have grown in numbers and power, with each chapter working to promote the values and ideals of its particular fraternity. Today, these groups are powerful enough to influence legislation and policy decisions, as well as to shape the political landscape of the United States.

The Greek-letter societies are more than just social clubs, however. They are also a source of organization and support for their members. Many students find strength and guidance in their fraternity, and many alumni remain connected to their alma matters through the years. These organizations provide a strong sense of community and belonging that is difficult to find elsewhere.

Despite their power and influence, however, the Greek-letter societies are not without their critics. Some argue that they promote a culture of elitism and exclusivity, and that they can be a source of division and contention. Others see them as a way to build character and leadership skills, and to develop a strong sense of community and responsibility.

In the end, the Greek-letter societies remain a complex and multifaceted phenomenon, with both benefits and drawbacks. They represent a unique and valuable part of the college experience, and they continue to evolve and change with the times.