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## OF GOODLY RACE



**WILLIAM FOSTER PEIRCE**  
President of Kenyon College Since 1896.

### FOUR DECADES ROLL BACK, STUDENTS RE-ENACT WELCOMING OF PRESIDENT PEIRCE TO GAMBIER

"The student body is admittedly expert in concealing certain things from the administration, but never have they demonstrated their ability to keep a secret as well as on this occasion. I am most agreeably surprised!" Thus did President Peirce begin a short address to the students on a recent June evening. The occasion was a student demonstration of appreciation for his remarkable work for Kenyon college; the special significance was Dr. Peirce's fortieth anniversary as head of the college; the manner of celebrating was a re-enactment of his arrival on the Hill as the new president forty years ago.

Instigated entirely by the students, kept secret from the faculty until the evening of the celebration; unknown to "Fat" until the actual occurrence, an ancient bugle was drawn to the door of the Commons on Thursday evening, June 4th. To it and into it the astounded President was directed by members of the Senior Council, with whom he had been meeting in one of the Commons banquet rooms. With students drawing the lounger by hand, and amid cheers and spirited singing, he and "Fritz" Taylor, newly-elected president of the Student Assembly, were escorted down the Middle Path to the quadrangle in front of Old Kenyon.

Here Taylor addressed the assembled students briefly, telling them of the similarity of this demonstration to the one held on March 25, 1896 when "Fat" first arrived in Gambier as president. He then called on that gentleman for a short address. After expressing his surprise as quoted above, Dr. Peirce traced the events leading up to his acceptance of his present office and spoke of his great love for Kenyon and the "Hill" — a fact hardly necessary for him to mention, it seemed to that audience, for the fruits of his labors were to be seen even as they stood listening to his words; the material fruits at least, for no matter which way one turned from Old Kenyon the eye was sure to find either a building erected under Dr. Peirce's administration, or one completely re-modeled since he began his great "job."

In concluding his few words, which touched every listener most deeply, though probably not half as much as the occasion apparently meant to him, Dr. Peirce said that the events of the past offered both a heritage and a challenge for the future. Therefore, he reminded the students that it would be to them, and to their successors that the glory of the institution

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#### THE "THRILL"

There is a thrill of spirit which love imparts,  
When turn our thoughts to Kenyon's glory;  
Both old and young  
With single tongue  
Unite to sing our alma mater's story.

#### CHORUS:

Then let our songs ascend in unison  
Our loyal hearts avow no other.  
It unifies,  
It never dies,  
The love of Kenyon, our mother.

Thy beauty strikes a chord of harmony,  
And bends us to a high endeavor;  
Thy glorious name,  
Thy spotless fame,  
We'll cherish in our hearts forever.

### WRITERS OF "THRILL" DIE ON SAME DAY

**W. Howard Mann, '00,  
Wrote Words, Reverend  
Charles C. Bubbs, '99,  
Adapted Music.**

Death stilled two loyal Kenyon voices on Tuesday, June 8, when Warren Howard Mann, '00, who wrote the lyrics for Kenyon's famed alma mater song, the "Thrill," and the Reverend Charles C. Bubbs, who adapted the music from the opera "Erminie," died within a few hours of each other, but the deathless song which they gave to Kenyon will continue to re-echo in the Great Hall and in every Kenyon heart.

Mr. Mann, who also wrote the words for the popular '99 class song, had been sports editor of the Chicago Daily News since 1929. He entered newspaper work after graduation from Kenyon in 1900, and was a feature syndicate writer for the Cleveland Plain Dealer and for several years sports editor of the Chicago Evening News-Post before going to the News.

He was the father of Austin Ward Mann, Kenyon, '34, and a member of the Theta Delta Chi fraternity. He was born in Cleveland on December 4, 1877.

Dr. Bubbs, who was also a graduate of Bexley Theological Seminary and held an honorary degree of doctor of divinity conferred in 1924, had been rector of St. Paul's church in Fremont for 16 years. He also held a master's degree from Oxford University, England. In addition to being active in church affairs, he was a thirty-second degree Mason, and his 9,000 volume collection of books was regarded as one of the finest in the state. He was a member of Beta Theta Phi fraternity and was born in Allegheny, Pa., on January 19, 1876.

## TWENTY-FIVE SENIORS TO RECEIVE DEGREES AT 108TH COMMENCEMENT ON MONDAY

**President William Foster Peirce Will Confer Honors for Fortieth Time; Robert L. Boyd, II, Commencement Orator; Many Class Reunions Planned**

The biggest celebration since the Centennial of 1924—that's what this, the 108th Commencement of Kenyon College, bids fair to be. Not the least cause for jubilation is that fact that when President William Foster Peirce confers degrees on twenty-five Kenyon graduates on Monday, June 15, at 11 a. m., it will mark the fortieth time that President Peirce has conferred degrees on Kenyon men, a distinction surpassed by few, if any, college presidents.

#### Friday, June 12

8:00 p. m.—Banquet of the Bexley Society and Alumni, Peirce Hall.

#### Saturday, June 13

10:00 a. m.—Meeting of the Committee on the Theological School, Bexley Hall.

11:00 a. m.—Annual meeting of the Board of Trustees, Ascension Hall.

3:00-5:00 p. m.—Alumni vs. Students—Tennis, Swimming, Flying and Polo, Athletic Fields.

5:00-6:30 p. m.—President's Reception, Cromwell Cottage.

7:00 p. m.—Fraternity and Non-fraternity banquets.

#### Sunday, June 14

7:30 a. m.—Celebration of the Holy Communion, Church of the Holy Spirit.

10:30 a. m.—Morning Service. Sermon by the Rt. Rev. Henry Wise Hobson, '30, D. D., Bishop of Southern Ohio. Ordination to the Diaconate by the Bishop of Ohio.

2:00 p. m.—Meeting of the Alumni Council, President's office, Ascension Hall.

5:00 p. m.—College Baccalaureate Service. Sermon by the President of Kenyon College, Church of the Holy Spirit.

6:30 p. m.—Class Reunion dinners.

9:00 p. m.—Class Night: marching, singing, etc. In front of Old Kenyon.

#### Monday, June 15

7:30 a. m.—Corporate Communion of the Class of 1936, College Chapel.

9:30 a. m.—Morning Prayer, College Chapel.

10:00 a. m.—The one hundred and eighth Commencement Class address by Robert Lee Boyd, II, Wheeling, W. Va. Rosse Hall.

11:45 a. m.—Annual meeting of the General Alumni Association, Rosse Hall.

1:00 p. m.—Alumni Luncheon, The Great Hall, Commons building.

10:00 p. m.—Commencement Dance, under the auspices of the Kenyon Assembly, The Great Hall, Commons building.

The class oration will be delivered by Robert Lee Boyd, II, of Wheeling, W. Va. Robert Page Doepke of Cincinnati is class president.

A special feature of the Commencement festivities will be the class reunion dinners of '96, '06, '11, and '35, in the Commons on Sunday, June 14, and all college singing in front of Old Kenyon, with its windows illuminated by fraternity emblems, on Sunday evening. President Peirce will deliver the sermon at the baccalaureate service on Sunday afternoon. The preacher before the college on Sunday morning will be the Right Reverend Henry Wise Hobson, bishop of Southern Ohio.

Toastmaster at the alumni luncheon on Monday, June 15, will be Levi H. Burnett, '96, president of the Carnegie Steel company, and the man who welcomed President Peirce on behalf of the college forty years ago. A dance on Monday evening, with Paul Wheeler's orchestra furnishing the music, will conclude the festivities.

#### Bachelor of Arts

Robert Lee Boyd, II, Wheeling, W. Va.

Bickford Hill Cogswell, East Palatka, O.

Arthur Willis Hargate, Youngstown, O.

John Charles Neff, Lakewood, O.

Bernard Baker O'Neil, Toledo, O.

#### Bachelor of Philosophy

Cornelius Hartwell Barber, Milford (Cincinnati).

Davis Watson Cable, Lima.

Robert Page Doepke, Cincinnati.

Harold Thurman Hixon, Chillicothe.

John Lawrence Hummelgard, Chicago.

Charles Lewis Lord, Gambier.

George Clarence Matthes, Sandusky.

Milton McMahon Merrill, Utica, N. Y.

George Nugent Monroe, III, Pittsburgh.

Robert Walter Mueller, Arlington Heights, Ill.

Carl Herbert Reiser, Detroit, Mich.

Clark Kinder Sherk, Findlay.

John Thomas Stickney, Toledo.

William George Turner, Mt. Vernon, O.

William Henry Thomas, Cleveland.

Howard Hastings Wilson, Bridgeport, O.

#### Bachelor of Science

Henry Samuel Enck, Lima.

Raymond Kalevi John Luomanen, Ashtabula.

William Augustine Wright, Tecumseh, Mich.



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would be entrusted, and he bade them make the most of it.

After the long rounds of applause had finally been quieted, Taylor introduced Dr. H. T. West as a member of the faculty who had been present on the Hill when Dr. Peirce came forty years ago. Dr. West spoke in terms of highest praise, saying that nowhere else would a teacher be so academically free, and so contented in his work as at Kenyon under Dr. Peirce.

The Alma Mater song "The Thrill" was sung, and the students moved up the Middle Path, drawing Dr. Peirce in the buggy to his evening's engagement at Dr. Manning's home. There was more singing, the "Thrill" was sung again, and a most happy occasion ended—in action, but most certainly not in the memories of all who took part, and that included the entire student body, and nearly all the faculty and their families.

## RUSSELL GRUBER WINS PHILO PRESIDENCY

Russell Gruber was elected president of the Philomathesian Literary society at the organization banquet on Friday, May 29, succeeding John Bingham. Merle Ake was elected secretary-treasurer to replace Bob Doepke.

President Peirce spoke briefly on his hobby, Kenyon history, and recalled his own first visit to Gambier, as well as the significance of Philomathesian Society in American history, particularly during the period of the Civil war. He emphasized the importance of the ability to speak which can be acquired in such organizations as Philo.

## CLASS REUNION DINNERS SUNDAY

The classes of 1896, 1906, 1911, and 1933 will hold re-union dinners in Peirce Hall on Sunday, June 14, at 6:30 p. m., as a special feature of the Commencement program.

The Commons will also be open for Sunday dinner on June 14, and for the alumni luncheon on Monday. Tickets for Sunday dinner are one dollar and must be purchased in advance.

For the convenience of the many week-end guests, the Coffee Shop, enlarged by the use of the banquet rooms, will be open from seven a. m. till midnight each day.

## COLLEGIAN PLATFORM

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## TRACKLESS TRACK TEAM

Kenyon's tennis courts are the finest in the midwest—there is no doubt about it. But if you happen to stroll down to Benson Field to watch a brilliant game of tennis on the new courts, don't let your eyes wander, for you'll find yourself gazing at what is probably the worst track in the midwest. Of course, if we hadn't told you, you wouldn't recognize it as a track, for it bears a far greater resemblance to an elliptical cow path, the chief difference being that a cow path has some utility. The outstanding advantage of the Kenyon track is that it gives track athletes a good training for future work in the Flying School—running around the track is equivalent to flying "blind," for the limits of the track are still a matter of conjecture, and it takes a good innate sense of direction to keep on the course.

Kenyon's track team won a dual meet this spring for the first time in eleven years, and they won, not because of the track, but in spite of it. That victory was a tribute to those track athletes who, because of the doubtful quality of the track, daily followed a circuitous path around the football field to get into shape. But, lacking a suitable place to practice, the team was not successful during the latter part of the season, in competition with other schools which have the advantages of training.

It seems foolish to have a track team without a track, and it cannot be expected that a Kenyon track team will have any degree of sustained success without a place to practice. Further, the condition of the track makes it impossible to hold any meets in Gambier, and this further diminishes interest in an athletic endeavor which is so well adapted to the small college.

One cannot help noticing the great inconsistency of Kenyon which, on the one hand, claims to train the "individual," yet makes no provision for a field of athletics which is so dependent upon individual effort as track. An improved track would not require a very large investment, and it would pay dividends, not only in enabling the track athletes now in uniform to achieve their deserved place in Ohio collegiate athletics, but encouraging more Kenyon men to partake in a sport which, since the days of the Greeks, has occupied a prominent place in the world of athletics.

## BYGONES

The Collegian, in one of its "salad" issues, published a scathing editorial (at least we thought so) on the deplorable condition of college politics. We still don't believe in the method of selecting officers by "horse-trading" on the part of the various divisions, but we now feel that there is nothing the Collegian can do about it. We might propose highly intricate plans to forestall these wily politicians, but none of them would succeed for any change would have to come first of all in the opinion of each man.

The important thing, now, is that we support the leaders who have been selected and aid them, by criticism and commendation, in the performance of their duties.

## EUROPE TO LURE MANY KENYONITES THIS SUMMER

"Travel gives a character of experience to our knowledge, and brings the figures on the tablet of memory into strong relief."—Henry Tuckerman.

Ever since the early days of the American Colonies, it has been customary for young men just coming of age to broaden their worldly knowledge by journeying abroad. Through the years up to present times, it has been thought that even a few months spent in the old world civilization, is a period necessary to give the maturing youth that certain "veneer" called for by polite society.

Let it never be said that Kenyon has failed in this most pleasant duty towards her own! This summer fifteen, definitely, and perhaps even more of her students will enjoy vacationing in Europe.

John Bingham, John Neff, and Robert Tuttle, from their headquarters in London, will bicycle over old English soil. While there, Neff will meet with Mr. Cummings, and later, armed with an introduction from Dr. Peirce, the three Kenyon men will pay a fitting visit to Lord Kenyon. Whilst in London, it is very probable that they will run into Bill Dewart, who will reside there for several months.

Fritz and Bob Doepke are planning a northern cruise, which will take in all the Scandinavian countries. Already Harry Brown and Allan Vaughan are on the Atlantic, Brown to meet later with Stuart Rose and Joe Devine, while it is interesting to note that Vaughan sailed on the Normandie and will return on the Queen Mary.

Frank Langstrom is sailing soon after commencement with his family, while John Tappan, Bill Thomas, Nelson Gage, and Carl Weiant are planning several months of extensive travelling throughout Europe. Several men are intending to meet, somewhere in the Old World atmosphere, with Dr. Ashford, who will be there all summer. Besides this very representative group, there are several other men who are undecided as to their sailings, but who will probably vacation in Europe.

It will be interesting to hear from these men next fall about their experiences during the summer. Travel always broadens one's outlook and adds greatly to the understanding of foreign relations. We wish all "bon voyage," and may they reap the benefits of their golden opportunity!

## TURN BACKWARD

By F. H. BOYER

"Blessed is the man that has found his work." —Carlyle.

On March 23, 1896, the trustees of Kenyon College met at Columbus for the purpose of electing a new president of the college. "After a complete survey of the field they unanimously elected Professor William Foster Peirce," who at that time held the Chair of Philosophy and History.

In the morning of March 25 the students gathered at the station at the foot of the Hill provided with a survey and a long rope attached in front "along which sixty or seventy students arranged themselves." As the president-elect stepped from the train a rocket streamed from the observation tower of Ascension Hall—lighting the sky and the road as the survey started its journey up-Hill with its astonished passenger. At the top of the Hill, in front of Old Kenyon, was another source of illumination—a huge bonfire, seventy-two feet in circumference. The bonfire not only illuminated the sky, but also the faces of students who loved Professor Peirce and would love President Peirce more. Perhaps the writer of the editorial in the June issue of the Kenyon Collegian, June, 1896, from which we have received our information was a true prophet, for he wrote, "His advent to the Presidency will mark a new era in the history of Kenyon."

No sooner had the new President been inaugurated when it was announced that about six thousand dollars had been raised for improving Old Kenyon—"much credit is due President Peirce, through whose efforts the improvements for Old Kenyon have been secured."

Time Marched On—and in June, 1897, Rosse Hall was destroyed by fire. The untiring efforts of the President made possible the reconstruction of that building. As he had predicted upon taking the duties of president, Dr. Peirce hastened the establishment of Kenyon as the finest small college in Ohio. His work brought new buildings, Leonard Hall, Hanna Hall, the Commons, Samuel Mather Science Building, Kenyon Airport, and a swimming pool. However, his efforts are not to be measured alone in the fine buildings on the campus, but rather also in the establishment of satisfactory professorships—and in the true love and appreciation of every Kenyon man for him.

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## SWIMMING, TENNIS TOURNEYS SCHEDULED

The new Shaffer swimming pool will be the scene of a major swimming event for the first time on March 5 and 6, 1937, for the Ohio Conference Swimming Meet will be held here at that time. Oberlin won the contest this year, Kenyon placing third after only a few weeks of practice.

The Ohio Conference tennis tournament will also be held here again on May 28 and 29. The three major tournaments here this spring—the Ohio High School, the Ohio Intercollegiate and the National Preparatory School Tennis Tournaments will also return to Kenyon next spring.

### Kenyon College Football Schedule—1936

Oct. 3—Holbrook at Home.  
Oct. 10—Wittenberg at Home.  
(Home-Coming).  
Oct. 17—Bethany at Bethany, W. Va.  
Oct. 23—Capital at Columbus.  
Oct. 31—Oberlin at Oberlin.  
Nov. 7—Otterbein at Home.  
(Dads Day).  
Nov. 14—Hiram at Hiram.

## BILL LIEURANCE NEW FLYING CLUB HEAD

Bill Lieurance will succeed Ray Luomanen as president of the Flying Club for next year. Al Nowak was elected vice president and treasurer, and Herman Ascher was re-elected secretary in the club elections held last week. The group plans to hold a meet this Saturday between members of the club.

Bill Lieurance and Al Nowak, who recently passed the Department of Commerce tests with high scores and obtained pilots' licenses, will represent the Kenyon Flying Club at the Wayne county airport in Detroit on June 19-20 in the National Intercollegiate Flying Club's annual meet.

Wilbur L. Cummings, Jr., will represent Harvard University Flying Club at the same occasion.

### SPRING HONOR ROLL

#### Lettermen

Basketball — Jack Sammon, Bob Stamm, Bob Rollins, Frank Enstis, Henry Sebach, Dick Veatch.

Swimming — Bill Thomas, George Eagon, Stu Matthews, Carl Weiant, Henry Sebach.

Tennis — Bill Turner, Bob Stamm, Bob Wuerdemann, Russell Gruber.

Track — George Clarke, Harold Hixon, Rodney Biren, Larry Kenyon, Ed Dandridge, Ray Luomanen, Walt Kirjan.

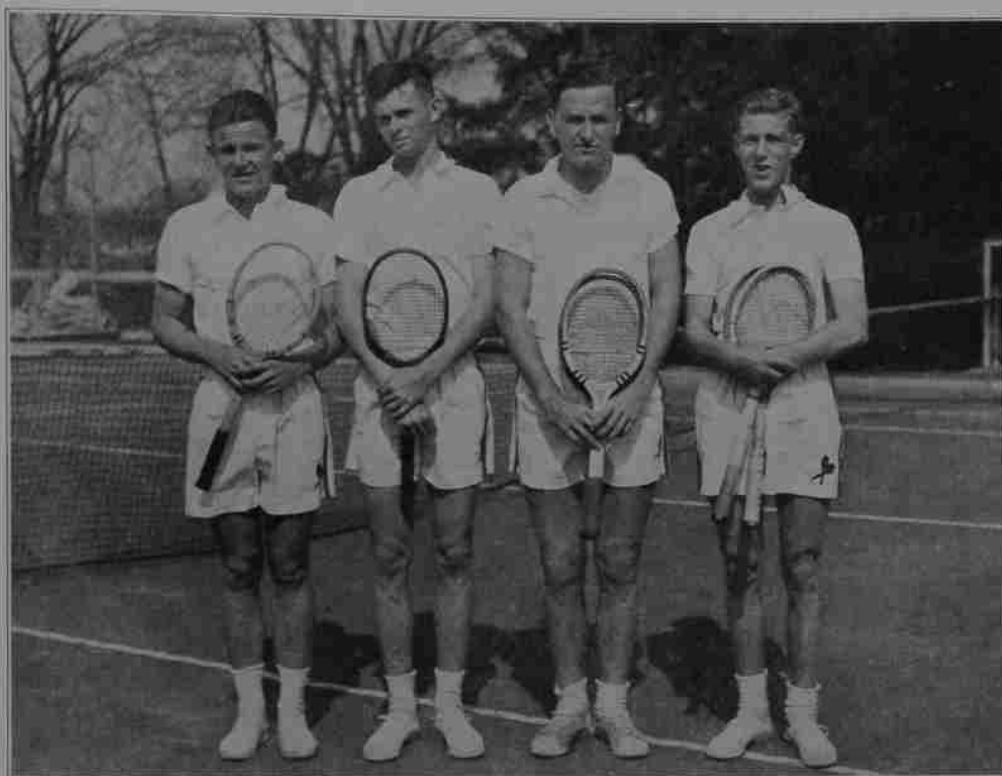
Golf — Bud Barber, "Steve" Monro, Bob Mueller, Charley Lorr.

Polo — "Steve" Monro, Bobby McMahon, Merle Ake, Jack Stead.

## WANTED—TROPHIES

By a gift of Malcolm Eugene Anderson, Kenyon, '14, of Chicago, a trophy case has been installed in Peirce Hall. Several footballs emblematic of outstanding grid-iron victories will be placed in the trophy case, as will cups and other awards.

## SEE THEM IN YOUR HOME TOWN



On June 15, Kenyon's four freshmen tennis stars, Donald McNeill, Morey Lewis, Gordon Reeder and George Pryor will begin a tour of major tennis tournaments throughout the east and midwest. As this "crusade" will take in tournaments of seven states and in eleven cities, alumni will have an opportunity to see the brilliant tennis of the Gambier Tennis club. In addition to the four men already on the team, Bob Demaree of Tulsa, Oklahoma, will make the trip. He will play in the tournaments along with the rest of the squad, although he has not had as much training under Coach Lambert as have the others.

In addition to the fourteen matches scheduled for play by the team, there will also be special exhibition matches, the dates and localities of which are to be announced later.

### MIDDLE LEONARD INTRAMURAL CHAMP

Middle Leonard won the intramural participation trophy. It was announced by R. J. Kutler recently. South Leonard and Middle Hanna are still fighting it out for the second place.

Intramural athletics this year gave a broader program than has been offered in the history of the college. Touch football, basketball, speedball, handball, ping-pong, badminton, swimming, track, tennis, golf and indoor baseball gave many students not out for the varsity teams an opportunity for healthful exercise. Mr. Kutler is planning a similarly extensive program for next year.

nounced later. There is a possibility that the tour will become international for the team is expecting to play a match in Toronto, Canada.

The schedule of the team for the summer is as follows:

June 15-20 — Philadelphia, Pa.: Pennsylvania Open.

June 22-27 — Cincinnati, Ohio: Tri-State Championships.

June 29-July 4 — Louisville, Ky.: Kentucky State Championships.

July 6-12 — Cleveland, Ohio: Ohio State Championships.

July 13-18 — New York, L. I.: Eastern Junior Championships.

July 13-18 — New York, L. I.: Eastern Men's Clay Court Championships.

July 20 — Exhibition Matches.

July 25-31 — Pittsburgh, Pa.: Western Pennsylvania Championships.

### FOOTBALL PRACTICE BEGINS SEPT 14

Football practice will begin on Monday, September 14. It has been announced by the athletic department. Coach Lambert and Athletic Director R. J. Kutler urge all candidates for football to report at that time, ready for a big year.

The team will be particularly fortunate in not losing a single man by graduation. The strong showing of the sophomores last year may be taken as an indication of what they will do with a year's experience. The team will also be strengthened by the addition of much freshman talent.

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## FRATERNITIES ELECT NEW OFFICERS

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### Officers elected:

#### Alpha Delta Phi

President—Frank H. Eustis.  
Vice-president—Robert W. Tuttle.  
Secretary—Frederick W. Doepke.  
Corresponding Secretary—Frank R. Ditmars.  
Historian—Robert H. Moulton, Jr.  
Samuel W. Stowell continues as treasurer.

#### Zeta Alpha

President—Peter A. Craig.  
Vice-president—William H. Morgan.  
Secretary—Raymond K. Riebs.  
Treasurer—Robert W. Meyer.  
Corresponding secretary—Charles H. Vortriede.  
Executive committee—Samuel G. Carlton.  
Senior council—Peter A. Craig.  
Intramural board—Robert F. Stamm.

Disciplinarian—David W. Albee.  
**Delta Kappa Epsilon**  
President—Edmund P. Dandridge.  
Secretary—John Tappan.  
Treasurer—John Bingham.  
Executive committee—John Albert.  
Senior council—John Bingham.  
Intramural board—Edmund P. Dandridge.

#### Alpha Pi Tau

President—Robert E. Davis.  
Vice-president—Leonard Cadwell.  
Secretary—Robert Aho.  
Treasurer—James O. Suffron.  
Senior council—Robert McCallister.  
Executive committee—Harold Cullings.  
Intramural board—Henry V. Sebach.

#### Psi Upsilon

President—Russell Gruber.  
Secretary—Walter Curtis.  
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