

Society Girls and Their Life at S. U. I.



THE IVY LANE SOCIETY, STATE UNIVERSITY OF IOWA.

IOWA CITY, Ia., Jan. 28.—(Special Correspondence of The Bee.)—Three large and flourishing sororities, Kappa Kappa Gamma, Delta Gamma and Phi Beta Phi, make up the Greek letter organizations of the Iowa coeds and furnish the larger part of the social life among the girls attending the State University of Iowa.

The material for "spiking" is so plentiful that the sororities can choose the best for pledging, and thus the standards of the three fraternities are kept very high. So many are the proper persons for rushing and so few are the vacancies in the chapters that seldom do the sororities come in conflict over material. It has been a year now since there has been a contest over freshman girls, and at that contest the honors were even, the Kappas securing one of the disputed girls, the Delta Gammas another and the Phi Beta Phi girls the third.

The Phi Beta Phi chapter is the oldest organization at Iowa, its Zeta chapter having been founded in 1867. Kappa Kappa Gamma comes next, having instituted its Beta Zeta chapter in 1870; Delta Gamma, with its Tau chapter, entered the field last. The Iowa sororities do not take kindly to the term, "sorority." Instead, they much prefer to be known as fraternities, feeling that the term expresses the fellowship that exists in their organizations more than the term "sorority."

The girls at Iowa who receive fraternity invitations are considered the fortunate coeds. Dean Alice Young, the dean of women at Iowa, in her last report speaks of this fact, and says that the girls who are fortunate enough to receive sorority invitations are certain to have a fine social life at the university and are sure to enjoy their university course to the utmost.

The Iowa sororities not only give numberless "spreads" and receptions to their own members and to the girls they are rushing, but give large university parties, which are the events of the university society year. The sororities each give a party every other year. In the alternate years they usually spend the money they have put into their party the year before in renting a chapter house.

The Delta Gamma sorority last fall gave a Hallowe'en party, decorating the walls of the armory with jack o'lanterns and corn-stalks. This party was held the night before the Nebraska-Iowa foot ball game. Coach Booth and Manager Buckner of Nebraska were guests at the party, but the Iowa team, which had been invited by the Delta Gammas, was not allowed to accept the invitation by Coach Chalmers, so the Hawkeye players contented themselves with helping the Delta Gammas decorate the hall the afternoon of the party.

The Kappa Kappa Gamma sorority will give a leap year party this year, it is rumored, but none of the details have as yet been known beyond the fraternity council.

Several attempts have been made by the sororities to secure chapter houses, but beyond the renting of chapter houses in alternate years nothing has been done in this direction. One of the fraternities has been seriously considering a permanent chapter house, but has so far found itself unable to make the financial arrangements to do so. The girls have less spending money than the men, it is said, and so many of the sorority girls have homes in the city, which would materially lessen the number of girls living at the chapter house.

No agreement now exists among the sororities as to "spiking." An attempt was made to have such an agreement five years ago, but one of the sororities saw an eligible candidate and broke it the first day of the university year. Since then the sororities have rushed without limit and have pledged whenever opportunity offered.

Picnics up the Iowa river and spreads in rooms of members and at houses of members living in the city make up a large



FOUR PROMINENT SOCIETY GIRLS AT STATE UNIVERSITY OF IOWA.

part of the sorority life of coeds at Iowa. The foot ball, track and many of the base ball games are attended many times by the sororities in tallyhos. In the spring dinners at the Minnehaha hotel, up the Iowa river, and a general "weep-all around" in memory of the graduating members conclude the university year, save for the still more "weepy" leave-takings at the trains.

Among the exclusive social organizations

which make a girl's social success at Iowa is the Ivy Lane society. Nominally organized for literary purposes, a purpose which still remains in its constitution and is the butt of countless jokes in each succeeding junior annual, the Ivy Lane society is the most exclusive social organization at the State University of Iowa. Members are taken in in their freshman year and are graduated at the end of their sophomore year, by which time they

have always made their mark in university society. The society is strictly coeducational, having an equal membership of men and women. Five girls and five boys can be taken in each year from the freshman class, and vacancies can also be filled from the freshman class. Much fraternity and sorority wire pulling is brought out at the elections for membership in Ivy Lane. Meetings are held at the home of a girl belonging to the society each week. Escorts for the coeds belonging are assigned by the president of the society, who thus has a great power placed in his hands.

Another society which ranks next to Ivy Lane is Die Germania. This society was organized to study German and it is credited with staying by its original intent closer than the Ivy Lane society, though the limitation that the members must be German students means little, as practically every freshman takes German as his modern language. The Polygon society is also another coeducational organization. This society, like Die Germania, allows its members to belong during their entire course. The Tabard society is supposed to be the society into which the graduating Ivy Lane members enter, but as Tabard keeps up its literary standard, the relation is more fictitious than real.

The sorority girls at Iowa support the fraternity in college politics, such as class elections and athletic elections, and always receive their share of the spoils of the victors. They are much more earnest when they enter a political contest and feel the spirit of the fight more deeply than the fraternity men. In the recent athletic union election, when the sorority girls flocked to the meeting to help the fraternity men against an "anti-frat" cry, many of the sorority girls would not speak to men voting on the other side for some time after the election and some reproved fraternity men for being on speaking terms with their political opponents.

To Cut or Split Glass

IT OFTEN occurs that glass tubes of various dimensions have to be cut where a diamond is not at hand, as in shops and power plants where oil and water gauge tubes must be neatly fitted. The usual method adopted is to file a small groove a sharp rap at the place weakened by the file. The result is not always satisfactory, because the ends often break unevenly owing to the difficulty of making a straight groove with the file. Better results are obtained when only a small incision is made with a file, just enough to cut through the enamel of the tube, on one side, and not all around. While the tube is still warm from the friction of the file, the tube is then taken between the thumbs and forefingers, the thumbs opposite the file incision, and the forefingers around the tubing, close to but not covering the incision. Pressure of the thumbs invariably causes the tube to break in as straight and clean a line as though cut with a diamond.

Another method is to use a fine saw blade (the finer toothed the better, for a saw is only another form of a file), and this should be kept fed with fine emery, (carborundum, or pulverized silica sand of hard grit, moistened with camphor, oil, turpentine or water). A straight, steady and even stroke should be made, and when

the work is carefully done against a gauge the cut will be as true as though it had been ground. Nor is even a toothed blade necessary, if a suitable hard and finely gritted abrasive is used and regularly fed between the glass and fine wire, watch-spring or blunt but even blade of an ordinary table knife. The latter will be somewhat slow, of course, but a fine steel wire run at high speed like a band saw, if regularly fed with fine emery or carborundum, will give very satisfactory results, not only for cutting either straight lines or curves in window, but plate or optical glass, in such thickness as makes cutting with a diamond difficult, precarious or impossible.

Window glass, especially single strength, can be accurately split either in straight or curved lines by first making an incision through the enamel of the glass, and then holding a hot iron close to the incision till a fracture is started. The fracture will follow the hot iron with remarkable fidelity. The iron should be preferably round and somewhat blunt and with a bulky head (like an ordinary fire poker), so as to retain its heat well for long cuts, especially for thick sheets, to keep the fracture going when once started, even if two heated irons have to be used.—National Glass Budget.