



On Monday night, December 6, 22 new members (pictured above) were initiated into the campus honor society, Alpha Chi. To become a member in Alpha Chi, a student must be of good character, have a 3.5 overall quality point average, rank in the top 5% of their respective class, and be in either the junior or senior class at Mars Hill.

Photo by Kirk Hall

Alpha Chi Meets

New Members Inducted Into Honor Society

In a candlelight ceremony on Monday night, December 6, twenty-two members were initiated into campus honor society, Alpha Chi. Meeting in the President's Dining Room, the inductees took part in a 30 minute initiation in which each member pledged to further academic excellence on campus as well as in their own lives. Winona Bierbaum, sponsor, along with Dr. James Lenburg, associate sponsor, with Dr. Richard Hoffman, Dean of Academic Affairs led each of the new members in their initiation pledges. After the ceremony, Dean Hoffman issued a challenge to both the new and old members to "search for idealism" in their academic and personal lives. In addition, Hoffman asked all Alpha Chi members for their input in aiding faculty and administration in formulating new approaches to the curriculum.

After Dr. Hoffman's comments newly-elected officers were sworn in: Kim Allen, president; Jo Ann Johnson, vice-president; Gary Bridgman, secretary - treasurer; and Bill

Fowler, delegate.

New members to Alpha Chi included: Rebecca Blankenship, June Brendle, Gary Bridgman, Diane Brown, Rhonda Bryant, Carla Ruth Bunn, Jamie Cowan, Margaret Douth, Bill Fowler, Karen Lynn Greene, Cathy Hill, Ninette Humber, Patricia Ann McKinney, Danny Lee Metcalf, Beverly Parrish, Sally Dee Phillips, Tina Pippin, Debra Lynn Todd, Ronnie Trammel, Sarah Vickery, Marsha Walker, and Susan Maney.

After the ceremony, the college honored the members with a dinner. Entertainment for the evening was provided for two of the new members, Ninette Humber playing a Tellemann sonata on flute, and Margaret E. Douth accompanying on piano.

To become a member of Alpha Chi, a student must be either a junior or senior, in the top 5% of his or her respective class, and have a 3.5 overall quality point average. Good reputation and acceptable character as well as high scholarship are also essential qualifications for membership.

News in Brief: A Bizarre Request

(CPS) Patricia Wilson is dead, but her brain lies deeply frozen in Oakland, California awaiting the day it might be plopped into another head in order to create another Patricia.

That, at least, was the bizarre request of Patricia's parents following the 15-year old's violent murder in early October. They asked the Oakland coroner to turn the girl's brain over to a cyronic (body preserving) organization in the hope that it can someday be "cloned" into a person exactly like their late daughter.

Cloning is the new process in which modern scientists delicately reconstruct an entire body through the duplication of a single cell. Since scientists have not yet perfected this technique, Patricia's brain is kept at a temperature of minus 310 degrees Fahrenheit until that scientific milestone is reached.

The girl was found on the first Sunday in October bound and beaten in a Berkeley apartment.

On the Way Up

(CPS) According to a recent Gallup poll, a large number of Americans are turning away from traditional religions and are turning to transcendental meditation, yoga, astrology, and the charismatic movement.

Evidence presented by the pollsters shows that six million Americans have embraced TM. Some meditators claim that if one percent of the population can be induced to repeat coded mantras twice a day, peace, freedom, and similar benefits could be reaped in a resulting Utopian "Maharishi effect."

Yoga, with roughly five million participants, runs a strong second to TM. Also, the charismatic movement, a religious group which interests itself in holding prayer groups and understanding many languages, registered an estimated jump in membership to a new high of three million.

Surprisingly, 32 million Americans, mostly female, believe in astrology; nine out of ten Americans under thirty know their birth sign.

Apparently believing that somebody is "still up there" two million Americans have tied themselves to Eastern religions.

A Losing Battle

(CPS) Some people never give up. Blistered by election results, Jim Johnson, a University of Nebraska student, has founded an anti-Carter/Mondale group in Lincoln, Nebraska. Johnson, a registered Republican, explained that his organization is reactionary, not radical.

Shortly after Carter's victory, Johnson placed an ad in the Daily Nebraskan soliciting cohorts for the group, which will examine and criticize the Democratic platform for Carter and Mondale. Johnson has been barraged by phone calls ever since, though no one has left a last name.

"My greatest concern," said Johnson, "is that the Democratic platform tends to lean towards socialism. I don't want to see socialism in my lifetime, so hopefully this organization can look into this and other issues and see what Carter plans to do."

Johnson hopes that the group will expand soon to other points in Nebraska and then nationwide. "This is very exciting to me," he commented, "because it's my first real experience in politics."