

# Archives Additions Asked for 1983 Convention Display

## National Archives Chairman Uniquely Suited to Position



Virginia Porter Fiser, Xi, Wichita Alumni, 1980-1983 National Archives Chairman, is no stranger to Mu Phi Epsilon's history. During her twelve years as National Executive Secretary Treasurer (1956-1968), she obtained many of the objects which form the nucleus of the fraternity's Archives as they exist today. During those years she carried on a wide correspondence with many long-time members. Included were Alpha chapter members, Dr. Winthrop Sterling's daughters, Elizabeth Mathias' son, and other early day leaders. She interviewed Alpha charter member, **Ethel Kimball Vance**, and visited **Bertha King Van Tilburg**, specifically to learn about Mu Phi Epsilon's early days. She has been well acquainted with many former National Presidents and other national and chapter officers.

Over the years, Virginia has received many honors and awards. Growing up in southeastern Oklahoma and later Cherryvale, Kansas, she and her family were involved in community activities and performances, winning awards also in numerous academic competitions. She began study of the flute, and was valedictorian of her high school graduating class.

As a music major at the University of Kansas, Lawrence, Virginia held two scholarships and received awards for highest scholastic achievement in the School of Fine Arts. She occupied several secretarial positions, including that of secretary to the Dean of Fine Arts.

Virginia has held all offices in the Wichita Alumni chapter and was chapter adviser to Phi Pi at Wichita State University. She assisted National President **Ruth Row Clutcher** in the installation of Epsilon Phi at Friends University, and later helped install other chapters in the South Central Province. She was delegate to the 1954 Salt Lake City Convention, and was chairman of the formal banquet.

After her retirement from her position at NEO, she became the first National Philippines Chairman.

Active in Professional Panhellenic Association (now merged into the Professional Fraternity Association), Virginia was national City/Area Chairman, national Treasurer, and national President in 1971-1973, also serving on the Board of Directors of IRAC (Interfraternity Research and Advisory Council). She has been a featured national con-

## Chapters and Members Urged to Contribute Historical Mementos

By Virginia Porter Fiser, Xi, Wichita Alumni

As you know, Mu Phi Epsilon will celebrate its 80th birthday at the August, 1983, International Convention to be held in Wichita, Kansas. As National Archives Chairman, 1980-83, it will be my privilege to arrange the Archives exhibit including articles donated in prior years and all new donations received this triennium. As a former national chairman and national officer, I know first hand that there have been many, many important occasions and activities which have not yet been recorded in the fraternity Archives, yet which have been an important part of our proud history.

Won't you, as individuals and as chapters, set aside some time to search through your stored Mu Phi Epsilon materials, locating things you have saved and perhaps even forgotten you had? Then write me about any items you can donate to our Archives. Don't overlook important recent events, either, for today becomes history tomorrow.

Some of the things you might contribute include:

**PHOTOGRAPHS** — of special chapter occasions, special honors received by members, District Conferences, Province Governor visits and National Conventions. (All should be clearly labeled and dated.)

**CLIPPINGS** — about members or chapter activities of importance.

**LETTERS** — from prominent members or prominent musicians.

**GREETING CARDS** — of special significance.

**CONVENTION BANQUET FAVORS** — Over the years, many unique objects have been given as banquet favors. What a colorful exhibit these items alone would make! Archives has none of them at present. Delegates from your chapter received them. Send one or more!

**PRINTED PROGRAMS** — made for special chapter events, and program inserts which were not incorporated into the main National Convention booklets.

**PLACE CARDS** — unique to Mu Phi Epsilon affairs.

**ITEMS** of all sorts which have Mu Phi Epsilon letters or crest on them, jewelry or otherwise.

**OLD TRIANGLES, or OLD MUSIC PUBLICATIONS** with articles about Mu Phi Epsilon. (Prior to shipment of TRIANGLES, please provide a list of issues available in order to avoid a lot of duplication.) Archives needs a complete set of TRIANGLES, and we are searching for rare editions missing in other national files. However, Archives can use other issues too, to use as tear sheets. Tear sheets will help us create a file of chapter installations, of former national officers, etc.

Do your part! Reserve and preserve! Future generations will thank you!

vention speaker for IRAC, Lambda Kappa Sigma (Pharmacy) and Kappa Epsilon (Pharmacy). An associate member of Zeta Phi Eta, Speech Communications, she is also a member of Phi Kappa Phi, Scholarship. She was listed in the first edition of *Who's Who of American Women*.

Virginia's husband, Van, who has been her accompanist since childhood, used his accounting expertise to reorganize NEO accounts. They have two sons and five grandchildren,

*now six and a half!  
seventh due in '83!*