

## 100 YEARS AT THE UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA

October 23, 1986 marked the 100th Anniversary of the installation of Delta Xi Chapter at the University of California. On April 3, 1987, this great anniversary was duly observed by the Graduate and Undergraduate Brothers of the Chapter at their 93d annual Norris Pig Dinner. Yes, as has been hoped for in the famous "Exile's Toast", Brothers from North and South, East and West, gathered together at the Claremont Country Club in Oakland, California, to again remember that Phi Gamma Delta is not for college days alone.

When the founder of our Fraternity, John Templeton McCarty, left his native Indiana and established permanent residence in Marysville, California, little did he realize that over 100 years later a Chapter of his Fraternity would be celebrating an anniversary, some 135 miles to the south of his burial site. The pioneers of California did, however, have in mind the establishment of an institution of higher education, for the first constitution made provisions for a state university. A private institution, called the College of California, was opened in Oakland in 1860. The legislature established the University of California in 1868, and in 1869, the College of California discontinued its instruction, and the University of California opened its doors at the Oakland site. In 1873, the University was moved to its present site in Berkeley. Phi Gamma Delta first came to the University of California in 1881, and after a brief period, as the "Phi Gamma Delta Quarterly" of April, 1892, states: "It flourished for a few years, and then, owing to unfortunate complications in the life of the chapter, subsided. This was in 1884." Fraternity life at this period of time, had reached a very low ebb, with very few students to draw from. As late as 1889, the entire enrollment of the University was only about three hundred, while the entire City of Berkeley boasted of less than 5,000 population.

