

Thus far we have initiated but one new member, Lillie Kirwin. She is a girl of rare accomplishments, and is a valuable addition to our number.

At the meeting of the Board of trustees of Hanover College, arrangements were made for a Department of Music. Laura Palmer, one of our members, has been chosen as instructress. She is an excellent musician and is well qualified for filling the place.

One of the receptions that Nu has arranged to give every month, was held June 1st. The weather was very disagreeable, but that did not prevent our friends from being present.

We anticipate a grand time this commencement. One of our best and brightest girls, Eva Fitzgerald, will graduate. She has always been one of our best workers, and her absence will be greatly felt.

We expect our new professor at the opening of the fall term.

We were very much interested in Cornell's plan of "not rushing." Although it has never been necessary to do much rushing here, we think it would be an excellent thing to have such a rule. Owing to the Prep. Law of our College, no fraternity can initiate any below Freshmen. This avoids the rush to a limited extent.

The fact that Lawrence has been chosen as the editorial office of another Greek Journal shows that Kappa Alpha Theta was wise in her selection. There seems to be something in the Kansas atmosphere peculiarly favorable to fraternity publications.

We were much pleased with Epsilon's account of the convention and the visit to Greencastle.

Nu sends love to all the chapters.

## OMICRON.

*University of Southern California, Los Angeles, Cal.*

We Omicrons have been looking over the April number of KAPPA ALPHA THETA, enjoying the reports of sister chapters and rejoicing in the fact that we too have a right to the "black and gold." Though our chapter is young and we are as yet undisciplined in fraternity matters, yet we are sure we possess the true Theta spirit. Our chapter consists of fourteen members. As yet we are alone in our glory, being the only Greek chapter in Southern California, but, judging from appearance, we have reason to believe that the Delta Gammas are making preparations to establish a chapter here.

Since our organization, March 3d, we have held regular meetings once in two weeks, and have held two "spreads." The first was given soon after our initiation by Mrs. President Borard, a member of Alpha chapter, on which occasion we were honored with the presence of five sisters from Alpha chapter and one from Delta chapter, who taught us how to enjoy a "spread" in true Theta style. The second was given by one of our own chapter at our last meeting, to celebrate the initiation of two new members. Being inexperienced in the management of the goat we found it a little unruly, but managed finally to get control of it, and after the ceremony put it into good humor again by feeding it sumptuously. On this occasion we initiated Miss Ida Lindley, professor of Latin in our University, who is an alumna of Wesleyan.

We are very glad to be welcomed among you, and we hope soon to make the acquaintance of sister chapters through correspondence.

PI.

*Albion College, Albion, Michigan.*

From the Peninsular State Pi chapter sends her first greeting to KAPPA ALPHA THETA.

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During the weeks that have intervened since her advent into the world of Kappa Alpha Theta, the six happy, happy girls comprising her chapter members have been literally treading on air, and sending forth in every direction their glad paeans; and indeed, we have even set the wise old proverb, Patience and Perseverance accomplish all things, to a merry tune and have been singing it, right joyously, morning, noon and night.

We feel that we have abundant reason for our gladness, for after many months of earnest effort, after many a low tapping, tapping at Theta's door, it has at length been opened unto us; across the border line of States, into fair Michigan, the "black and gold" has come. Within our hands a standard of Thetatism has been placed, and we trust none will be found more faithful among its many followers than we.

Perhaps a few words regarding the struggle that led ultimately to the establishment of chapter Pi will not be amiss, and perchance, they may be of interest to some of our sister chapters.

Very nearly two years have come and gone since a few of our college girls, realizing the growing need that existed in our institution for a first-class Greek fraternity for ladies, banded themselves together and applied for a chapter of Kappa Alpha Theta; but, alas, it was our fate to be disappointed, our humble little petition was refused. Nothing daunted, however, we pressed forward; if we were not to be permitted to follow in Kappa Alpha Theta's honored footsteps, we would follow in those of none. As "Sigma Thetas," "Daughters of Sappho," we would be pioneers, and break the ground for a new fraternity.

But, hardly had we become firmly established, scarcely had the first furrow been turned, when suddenly the clouds above us rolled away, disclosing to our bewildered vision their inevitable silver lining. Though the exertion of Kappa chapter the veto had been withdrawn. Then came to us the joyful tidings that Kappa Alpha Theta, in convention assembled, had granted a charter to Albion. The news was kept profoundly secret, for it

is a well founded belief here, as well as elsewhere, that girls *simply cannot keep a secret*. With countenance as inscrutable as that of the Sphinx, bearing, it may be, an additional tinge of sadness, we went our way, quietly. No one guessed it; no one dreamed it, until suddenly, upon the fraternity horizon dawned the black and gold. Our sex was forever redeemed.

We were especially gratified when we learned that our initiation was to be in charge of Miss Mina Fallass, of De Pauw, one of our college alumnae, well known to us all. At her hands the trying ordeal seemed robbed of half its terrors. Our initiation followed soon upon the granting of our charter, and now, standing as we do just over the threshold, almost overwhelmed by the mystery surrounding us, we desire to return our sincere thanks for the many kind words of welcome that have been extended us.

A word as to our future outlook. Chapter Pi enters upon her career beneath skies serenely fair; financially and socially she is in a flourishing condition. A prospective hall will very soon become a happy reality, and, as three of our girls are good artists, and all more or less æsthetically inclined, many are the bright plans under way for beautifying the shrine of our Penates.

We have already had one initiation, our candidate being Miss Emma Southworth, an alumna, who was to have been a charter member, but unfortunately she could not be present at the time our chapter was formed. Of course we indulged in a "spread," at which it became plainly manifest that all were true disciples of Pi-e.

Two of our girls, Annie Stevens and Rose Oldman, will graduate this year with high honors. Miss Stevens is already a conservatory graduate, and for the past year has occupied the position of tutor in Greek and Latin. She is also president of one of the literary societies. Miss Olive Hull, another member, has been elected to the place of honor on the annual exhibition of the Erosophian Society, which occurs during Commencement week.

Our chapter is also well represented upon the board of managers of *The Pleiad*, our college monthly, two of our girls filling the only editorial position open to ladies this year. A Commencement reception and banquet are already being discussed by our girls, concerning which—you will doubtless have an account later.

Although our chapter is small in numbers, it is our intention to make haste slowly, in the direction of new members. Owing to the relations existing among the fraternities here, "spiking," "bidding" and "rushing" are deemed necessary, although the practice is a deplorable one and has never been favored by our girls.

Before another year rolls around it is hoped that Albion College will have been metamorphosed into "Asbury University," and then a broader scope and an additional impetus will be afforded our fraternity world. May Kappa Alpha Theta lead all others.

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RHO.

*University of Nebraska, Lincoln, Neb.*

It gives us great pleasure to at last greet all Thetas as such. In this, our first letter, it is our desire to give you a little of our history. At the beginning of the year two of our girls were invited to join the Kappa Kappa Gammas, but owing to a previous suggestion by the late Mr. Frank Wheeler, a Sigma Chi, that there was material enough for another ladies' fraternity here, they hesitated. For a long time we faithfully studied Baird, and at last decided on the Kappa Alpha Thetas. But our battle had only just begun. For seven months we waited with only an occasional letter to keep up our spirits. Very cheerful ones came from De Pauw, Worcester, Burlington and Cornell, but the most frequent and encouraging were those received from Kappa chapter.

After having petitioned Kappa chapter to work in our behalf we received a letter from them saying, that one of their number, who was in Omaha, was coming to visit us. In Miss Pratt we found a much needed friend, and with her visit the turning point in our career. Owing to her encouraging letters, and to the untiring efforts of Kappa chapter, through Miss Kate Wilder, we are now in existence as Rho chapter of Kappa Alpha Theta. It was with great rejoicing and enthusiasm that we heard Miss Wilder was coming to initiate us on the seventh of April. The Sigma Chis magnanimously offered us their hall in order that our initiation might be held with proper mystery and terror. Promptly at eight o'clock six girls might have been seen wending their way in a solemn and mysterious manner towards the hall. It was with an imposing show of courage and heroism, which was only equalled by our inner trembling, that we went through the beautiful but solemn rites of the Kappa Alpha Theta initiation.

Now we are in working order, and have laid out work in Emerson. It is too soon to speak of our prospects now, but we hope to compete with the Kappas successfully.

One of the most pleasant of fraternity receptions given this season, was given in our honor April 8th by the Kappas, at the pleasant home of Miss Rae Manley. It is needless to add that we need the best wishes of all our sister chapters.

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