

CONVENTION AFTERMATH

ALPHA NU INSTALLATION

The Installation of Alpha Nu Chapter at the University of Montana on July sixteenth, established a new outpost for Kappa Alpha Theta in the great northwest.

This university is the smallest that Kappa Alpha Theta has entered in many years and yet it offers an exceptional field for fraternity work. It is a new university, in a new country of vast possibilities and very progressive inhabitants, who are ready to develop their educational institutions until they can claim equality with the best in the country.

Fraternity life in the university is not as yet extensive. There are chapters of only two fraternities among the men, Sigma Chi established in 1906 and Sigma Nu in 1907.

The women students have only one, besides our own Alpha Nu—a chapter of Kappa Kappa Gamma established early in 1909.

These two chapters are to be envied the great opportunities that are open to them in this untried field. What may they not accomplish in the development of the fraternity idea; in aiding the growth of their university; in raising the type of woman students in improving the effect and scope of her work and in the effect and influence of their own chapter life?

Each of these groups has a suite of rooms in the dormitory, in place of a chapter house. The opportunities this situation gives for working with and for the non-fraternity girl, are unlimited. Let us hope that here in this young university where the clean, broad-minded, open-hearted spirit of the west prevails, that these two chapters, representing such strong national organizations and standing for such high ideals, may avoid the selfish tendencies and the petty complications which so often arise among fraternity women and that they may stand together for what is broadest, truest and highest, to the honor of their fraternities and to the lasting appreciation of their college and state.

The local Theta Phi which has become Alpha Nu chapter was organized in 1906, and has had a very prosperous existence. Her membership has not been large owing to the small size of the university, but has been most congenial and of a very uniform type. I wish that every Theta in the land might know each one of them—might see for herself what fine strong girls this big northwest can produce and how big a factor in our organization they are bound to prove.

There have been only twenty-six members of Theta Phi in all. Of these, twelve are still in college, ten have graduated, only three have dropped out without finishing and one has died.

There were seven founders, four of whom were present at the installation. Eloise Knowles, their faculty member, who has been a tower of strength to them all, had gone east for a year's study and was greatly missed by all of us, especially as the installation was held at the Knowles home. But Stella Duncan and Mary Fergus, both dignified school teachers of two years standing, were there and Minta McCall, who is now Mrs. Bonner; Mrs. Kelly came up from Butte with a big brown eyed baby under one arm, just as full of enthusiasm and fun and earnestness as when she was simply Frances Nuckolls.

Fan Hathaway, Lucy and Carrie Hardenburg, who live in Missoula, and Helen Goddard from Helena, graduated in 1908. Marie Freeser was the only graduate of last spring, and her place in the chapter will be hard to fill. These eight graduates were initiated. Of the active girls, three had been temporarily out of school, one was unable to come to Missoula at the time, so there are just eight active Thetas to enter college this fall. But in so small a university, with the aid of town alumnae and the four former members who have not yet been initiated, these eight will be able to accomplish a very great deal.

Florence Cattin and Effie Cordy will be seniors, Annabelle Robertson, Isma Eidell, Lillian Williams, Lucile Marshall and Fay Foster (if she is able to be back) will be juniors and Fay Wright will be the only sophomore.

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The week preceding that most important day of July sixteenth was a very busy one in the small town of Missoula. The Flathead Indian Reservation was just being opened to homesteaders and as Missoula was the headquarters for the "run" great excitement, much prosperity and hordes of men were everywhere in evidence. But even in the midst of all this the coming of a chapter of Kappa Alpha Theta to their university was welcomed with the kindest interest and the most gracious hospitality by the people of Missoula.

Mrs. J. B. Bonner's large comfortable house as well as her carriage and her daughter's machine, were entirely at our disposal and Mrs. Knowles was equally kind—even eager to foresee our needs. Our gratitude and appreciation were great and must be thus publicly expressed.

The days were spent together in joyful preparation, interspersed with the numerous drives and parties with which a guest in Missoula is always so overwhelmingly honored and which culminated in a delightful afternoon at the home of Mrs. Spottswood where all the members of Theta Phi, their patronesses and immediate friends met as a sort of farewell to their local organization.

The next day was spent by a few of us in the hard work of final preparations and the installation began at seven o'clock. Afterwards seventeen happy Thetas drove in a big carry-all across the river into town where at "Ye Old Inn" a banquet was waiting for us in a narrow mirror-lined room. Smilax and pansies were everywhere and in the center of the table the immense basket of candy tied with black and gold ribbons which had come from Spokane with the congratulations of Sigma Chi.

Other congratulations, notes and telegrams were read and finally we came to the "speech-making." After Annabelle Robertson's charming response to the welcome, Stella Duncan told of the beginnings of "Theta Phi" and was followed by Frances Nuckolls Kelly in an interesting account "From Theta Phi to Theta" and then by Jessie Macfarland on "Kappa Alpha

Theta." Minta McCall Bonner spoke on "Days Past," Marie Freeser on "Days Present" and Fay Wright on "Days to Come." These toasts, with songs and much informal talking carried us far into the early morning hours.

Early the next day, the first chapter meeting was held, for our time was somewhat limited. In the afternoon the Montana chapter of Kappa Kappa Gamma welcomed us into the Greek world of the university with a tea at the delightful home of Mrs. Tole.

That same evening we met again at Mrs. Bonner's, for a long talk in the twilight before the departure of the old Thetas who came to make new Thetas and who went away confident that this new chapter will ever justify the trust Kappa Alpha Theta has thus shown.

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ALPHA Xi INSTALLATION

It is somehow hard to think of Alpha Xi as a very new chapter of Kappa Alpha Theta. Oregon itself has such an air of stability and conservatism, the university has been so long established and for so long this group of girls has seemed to live according to the actual aims and policies of Theta itself, that there is nothing really new about them. The installation was merely a growth from their former status.

And when in Portland on the morning of July nineteenth, sixteen Thetas met to perfect plans and to talk over the new chapter that they were to install, it seemed that the girls of Beta Epsilon ought to be there planning with us—we felt so strongly that they were already Thetas in spirit. For this reason the installation was particularly inspiring and gratifying, to us all.

These sixteen enthusiastic workers were Maude Cleveland, Frances Gill, Dorothy Moore and Bernice Bronson of Omega; Mrs. Cross and Miss Anna Cross of Kappa; Marjorie Holcomb of Phi; Vera Jones, Dorothy Dean, Claire Dean, Helen Higbee, Robin McKinley and Roxy Lucas, all of Alpha Lambda; Mrs.

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