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nervous wrecks at a time when they ought to be robust and strong. Ought not they or whoever is to blame be made to realize that intellectual strength without accompanying physical endurance is not only robbing themselves but the future generations of that which ought to be every person's inheritance—a strong body?

Men delight to call women narrow-minded, and we, the college-bred, are endeavoring to prove that this is mere prejudice. Yet by the very fact that we are so apt to sacrifice all else for scholarship, are we not losing ground? Womanlike we have put our whole soul and body into the strife for higher education, forgetting the broad aspect of life which man keeps as his standard. High scholarship is a good thing, an acquirement to be desired, a realization which every student should strive for, but it should be attained with a sanity which shall make us better fitted for the every day world in which we live.

### INSTALLATION OF ALPHA SIGMA

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"Have we today the far-seeing vision such as our Founders had, such as built up our fraternity, chapter upon chapter, such is needed if Kappa Alpha Theta is to continue to be a welcome factor in the college world? I believe we have;—the proof is in our treatment of such splendid groups as Pi Delta Phi. The sooner such groups are Kappa Alpha Theta chapters, the better for Kappa Alpha Theta."

If, when the Grand secretary read her extension report to us last summer at Lake Minnewaska—a report including the splendid paragraph I have just quoted, there was any who questioned the soundness of her judgment or the wisdom of her extension policy, I wish that doubter might have been of the twenty-five representative Thetas who on November 8 last helped install our new Alpha Sigma chapter, at the State College of Washington. Of the enthusiasm of these women, there can be no slightest doubt. The campus, the college, the faculty, the student body, our own particular group of splendid girls, and especially, perhaps, the proved efficiency of the curriculum, made them deeply and sincerely conscious of the fact that Kappa Alpha Theta *does* possess the "far-seeing vision" of

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the secretary's prophecy; and that Theta is a welcome factor in the life of this progressive college is most happily a matter of record.

As we approached the little town of Pullman—a town nestling comfortably among the purple hills of southern Washington, a feeling of anticipation was awakened which was hard to account for. Possibly it was the air we breathed—pure clear air direct from the wind swept mountains, air that was bracing and full of promise. And when, later, having climbed the hills of the little town we suddenly were confronted with the broad expanse of the college grounds and had a bird's eye view of the many splendid buildings which it boasts, we felt that our minds had become attuned properly, in some magic way, and we knew that our mission was a big one, commensurate with the bigness of the beautiful hills, and with the big ideals of the college itself. And this atmosphere of bigness, of earnestness, and of high ideals was not dispelled during the days of our stay. It was evident on the campus, where the college buildings were in accord with the stateliness and dignity of the surrounding hills; it was evident in the charming home of President and Mrs. Bryan; and we were keenly aware of it in the chapter house where most of the visiting Thetas were entertained.

So it was that when we met there on the evening of Thursday, November 6, to pledge the alumnae members of Pi Delta Phi to our fraternity, we were impressed with the fact that the service was one of tremendous importance to the sixteen women who participated. It was the culmination of years of patient effort, years during which they had worked not only for the betterment of their college, realizing that Theta entered only colleges of the highest standing, but for the strengthening of their own lives and chapter, realizing that Theta accepted only such, even in the foremost colleges. It meant, too, the giving up of their own identity as Pi Delta Phi, an organization that stood high in its own world and must have been very dear to them after their years of work together.

The service was a beautiful one; it was led most impressively by Ruth Axtell of Alpha Lambda, aided by the group of visiting Thetas who had come to Pullman for the installation. From Alpha Lambda there were Ruth Axtell and Sophie Hogg; from Portland,

Oregon, alumnae chapter, Mrs. Katharine Stoughton Hart and Helen Higbee; from Alpha Xi, Virginia Peterson; from Alpha Nu, Stella Duncan; from Spokane alumnae chapter, Mrs. Nell Koken Mann, Mrs. Rowena Pattee Evenson, Mrs. Mary Wise Steele, Mrs. Mary Nickey Newman, Bessie Graham, Robin McKinley, Randie Jeldness, Margaret Johnston and Mrs. H. L. Gifford; from Walla Walla, Mrs. Blanche Blynn Ruby and Laurentine Meissner; from Dayton, Mrs. Livengood, beside the four Pullman members, Mrs. Charlotte Malotte Kreugel, Mrs. Pearl Cassell Bender, Alice Patterson, and Marion Swezey; twenty-two in all, representing ten different chapters—Alpha, Beta, Iota, Upsilon, Rho, Psi, Alpha Iota, Alpha Lambda, Alpha Nu, and Alpha Xi. In addition to these, and most important of all, was Mrs. Ruth Haynes Carpenter, our Grand president, who endeared herself to all. The charm and dignity of her manner and her noteworthy efficiency combined to make the services what they were intended to be, a dignified but none the less cordial welcome into our fraternity. Was it not an auspicious beginning for Alpha Sigma?

On Friday morning, after breakfasting at the early hour of six forty-five, we began the day with the pledge service for the active girls, and—their twelve attractive pledges, finishing in time for the girls to make their first hour classes. Again it was deeply impressive, this time in charge of Helen Higbee of Alpha Lambda and Portland alumnae. As soon as the college girls were safely out of the way, preparations were begun for the initiation of the alumnae members of Pi Delta Phi, and as there were sixteen of these latter, it was fully noon before we could finally clasp their hands in the true Theta grip and hail them as "sisters". In the afternoon the fourteen active girls were conducted safely and gloriously into our midst—and behold, there were fifty-three Thetas in the little town of Pullman. Throughout the day Mrs. Carpenter was assisted in the initiation by Miss Norma Hendricks, president of District IX, Mrs. Bender and Miss Marion Swezey of Pullman, and Mrs. Katharine S. Hart of Portland.

On Friday evening in their fraternity house the new chapter entertained the faculty members and student body most charmingly in

honor of Mrs. Carpenter and the visiting Thetas. On Saturday we began the day initiating three of the Pi Delta Phi alumnae girls who had been unable to reach Pullman in time for the ceremony the day before, and immediately after luncheon the final formal service occurred—the installation, which added to our chapter roll our new and splendidly equipped Alpha Sigma.

The days were so crowded with interesting and enjoyable events that it is not possible to do any one of them its full justice. The football game, on Saturday afternoon, where the visiting Thetas were the guests of Mr. Bender, the coach, (whose wife is one of the resident Thetas of Pullman), was most thoroughly enjoyed; and the tea which was given later by Mrs. Bryan in her beautiful home in our honor, was an event that will long be cherished in our memories. Mrs. Bryan is a delightful hostess, and it was at once evident to us that to her personality and influence was due in large measure the fine atmosphere of broadness and culture and friendliness we had found so prevalent on the campus.

Saturday evening, in Van Doren hall, came the crowning event of our three busy days, the banquet at which fifty-four Thetas gathered around one long table stretched the entire length of the two banquet rooms, a table beautifully decorated with chrysanthemums and exquisite in its appointments. Mrs. Charlotte Mallott Kruegel, to whom Alpha Sigma chapter owes so much, made a charming toast-mistress. The many telegrams and letters of congratulation which she read—messages from practically every chapter, active and alumnae, made us most happily and deeply conscious of our national life and national responsibility and were a fitting background for the inspiring toasts which followed. It is not possible to touch upon the banquet without explaining that it was planned, ordered and cooked by college students. Think of it—a six course, delicious banquet, for fifty-four guests. Could the average college girl boast of such skill and ability? Nor would I slight the splendid serving, for our own twelve Theta pledges did this service, and did it admirably.

The happy event of Saturday evening was a fitting climax to the three days' activities, and Sunday morning found most of the visit-

ing Thetas en route to their homes, keenly appreciative of the hospitality which had been extended to them and of the capability with which the events had been arranged for by the resident Thetas. And as the activities of the three days were reviewed, and the earnestness and sincerity of the initiates remembered, a lasting impression was created that to our roll of chapters had been added one that was destined to prove worthy.

The charter members of Alpha Tau are; Olga Todd Gay, Mabel Baker Hooker, Maude Putman, Beryl Flood, Pearl Flood Goldsworthy, Elmina White, Lora Green, Florence Waller, Verne Gaddis, Bess Fishback, Orpha Huxtable, Marion Flood McCroskey, Margaret Wilmer, Beulah Wellman, Dorothy Fortier, Grace Coulter, Marie Wilmer Kulzer, Marie Vestal, Melcena La Follette, Viola Vestal, Gladys Waller, Gladys Persels, Laila Egge, Margaret Brislawn, Grace Baker, Marion Gray, Ella Alexander, Ruth Boedefeld, Opal Green, Grace Pritchard, Anna Waller, Jean King, Martha Miller, and Edna Carnine Price. The following will be the pledges of the new chapter: Laila Bryan, Juanita Strong, Kathleen Dawson, Katherine Lewis, Etta Losee, Hortense Williams, Mary Ward, Iras Troy, Julia Vestal, Frances Wilmer, Gertrude and Ethel Thompson.

## THETA BOOK SHELF

*The Pilgrims first Christmas* by JOSEPHINE PITTMAN SCRIBNER

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Her latest literary effort comes as a little Christmas book, *The Pilgrims first Christmas*. It was originally intended merely as a paper to be read before a literary club. It has to do with the landing of the Pilgrims, their first Christmas and of the birth of the