

Our total enrollment is 457, among which twenty-three states are represented. We have seven national fraternities which are, in the order of establishment, Pi Beta Phi, Alpha Omicron Pi, Chi Omega, Kappa Kappa Gamma, Phi Mu, Alpha Delta Pi, and Kappa Alpha Theta, besides Vah Sukam, a non-competitive Jewish fraternity.

Our Panhellenic association, which consists of three delegates from each fraternity, two actives and one alumna, is well organized. Its rules, which are the result of faculty cooperation are strict but reasonable and are seldom broken. Last year Panhellenic undertook successfully to establish a lunch room in one of the New Orleans factories.

Rushing is informal and entirely free from petty regulations. It has been one of the chief aims of our Panhellenic association to avoid rather than to make rules concerning the details of rushing and in this way, we feel, much trouble has been forestalled. We have sophomore pledging and find the system a very good one.

With Newcomb's development a spirit of democracy has grown up among the students and has done much to fill the chasm between fraternity and non-fraternity girls. There is also a strong feeling of comradeship among the fraternities themselves. We cannot imagine a situation different from our own and yet are told that the atmosphere of good fellowship which exists at Newcomb is rarely found. Our student body is like one large family in which snobs are the exception and not the rule.

And would you also like to know something of our future? A tract of land of thirty acres adjoining the Tulane campus has been purchased and here the new Newcomb is to be built. The situation is ideal in that it will round out the university by bringing the various departments together on the same campus. There are to be eleven buildings in all, including laboratories, gymnasium, library, administration building, et cetera, but only four are to be erected at first. These are, one dormitory to accommodate 200 students, the administration building which will contain the academic rooms and temporary laboratories, the Music building and the Art building. The plans of the dormitories would amaze you with their many contrivances for convenience.

Actual work on these buildings was to have begun last spring but was delayed by the general depression in business conditions, and now all things must wait on the war. All our hopes are centered in the new Newcomb for with its advantages our college will necessarily advance with leaps and bounds.

We are very glad that Kappa Alpha Theta found Newcomb worthy of her recognition and hope that in its growth our college will surpass her greatest expectations.

E. HATHAWAY GIBBENS, *Alpha Phi*

ALPHA PHI

Strange to say Alpha Phi chapter selected Alpha Phi as a petitioning name and was given this same name as a chapter of Kappa Alpha Theta. Most of the girls in this group had been regularly initiated into the Phi Mu Gamma sorority established at Newcomb on January 4, 1911.

The idea of leaving Phi Mu Gamma and petitioning some large national, came after the decision of the Phi Mu Gamma convention in December, 1912, that three college chapters be allowed to withdraw and separately petition any fraternity they chose provided a notice of withdrawal was in Phi Mu Gamma's hands by October 1, 1913.

Months of discussion and argument followed, so much in fact that meetings grew to be battle grounds of heated debate. September came and no decided step had been taken. Something had to be done so on September 13 a petition was drawn up and signed by ten girls, the five members of the active chapter and five alumnae, all of whom had finally decided to withdraw from Phi Mu Gamma and formally petition Kappa Alpha Theta.

At the close of Mrs. Georgina Lyman Edwards' visit of inspection Pledge-day brought us five girls. It was impressed upon them that pledging themselves to Alpha Phi, local, meant nothing less than pledging themselves to become loyal workers for Theta. Their enthusiasm proved their willingness and they were accordingly initiated on October 11.

Our work began early in November when we were asked to get up something in the way of booklets and the like to send to the district convention to be held at Nashville. We did, and when we heard of the vote of approval our joy was boundless.

But the chapters were not to vote on our petition until the spring. And how long it seemed with nothing to cheer us but the occasional visits of Thetas, until District IV in March voted to approve us. Among the Thetas we met were Helen Pence from Psi, Lorena Cruce from Alpha Omicron, and Mrs. Mary Wilson Swindell from Alpha Delta. Knowing them made us all the more anxious to be Thetas also and we set to work with doubled effort (if that were possible) in compiling the booklets which were to go before the chapters with our petition in the end of March.

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And still more waiting! But you know our happy fate, and now we have forgotten the work, the trials and the waiting, in the happiness of working to make Alpha Phi ever worthy of being numbered among Kappa Alpha Theta's chapters.

E. LOUISE BERREY, *Alpha Phi*

INSTALLATION OF ALPHA PHI

When on the morning of April 27 the long awaited telegram arrived telling us that we had been granted a Theta charter, our delight and excitement knew no bounds. The waiting had seemed so long, and our anxiety so great, that we could not believe we were about to realize our greatest hopes. As plans became definite, however, and letters of instruction arrived, our fear of waking up and finding it all a dream grew into wild enthusiasm.

So on the morning of May 14, we were all anxiously awaiting the arrival of our first Theta guest, Frances Slemons from Alpha Eta. That evening brought the other visitors: Miss Hope Davis, Grand vice-president, Mrs. Martha Cline Huffman, Grand treasurer, Mrs. Helen Parker Finch from Omega and Cincinnati alumnae, and Helen Anderson from Alpha Iota. We were more than delighted to welcome these Thetas to New Orleans and to introduce them to our college world.

The two residents Theta's, Mrs. Laura Woodburn McGovney of Beta and Mrs. Constance Addington Davenport of Gamma, who had done so much for us in the gaining of a charter, were as enthusiastic as we were over the coming events. The pledging was held at 7 a. m. Friday so that the college girls could get to their early classes. The beautiful ceremony which was at the home of Flavia Hereford was led by Mrs. Huffman. To us it was the first step in the fulfillment of our dearest wish.

That evening the initiation took place at the home of Mrs. Constance Addington Davenport. Here the thirteen alumnae and active members of Alpha Phi, local, became the charter members of Alpha Phi chapter of Kappa Alpha Theta. How can we ever tell you how wonderful it was to us—the beautiful ceremony of the initiation which made us a part of this splendid and noble sisterhood, and how it thrilled us to feel our hand clasped in the true Theta grip, to know that we too had a share in the joy which Theta bestows on all her children!

And our happiness was complete when on Saturday morning May 16 the much desired charter was presented to us by Miss Davis our Grand vice-president. We hope that Kappa Alpha Theta's confidence has not been misplaced and that there will always be a worthy Theta chapter at Newcomb.

The charter members of Alpha Phi are: Flavia Hereford, LaReine Hill, Edna Niebergall Black, Ethel Barkdull, Ethel Friedrichs, Mildred Snyder, Gladys Gibbens, Louise Berrey, Margaret Marks, E. Hathaway Gibbens, Mabel R. Sivewright, Katherine Hoffmann and Marion Jackson.

GLADYS GIBBENS, *Alpha Phi*

THE BANQUET

"Alpha Phi chapter of Kappa Alpha Theta!" How many times we had repeated it to ourselves, had even whispered it to one another to accustom ourselves to the sound—but never, no never, had we dared to utter it aloud!

On the morning of May 2, 1914, at the home of Mrs. Constance Addington Davenport of Gamma chapter, we thirteen Alpha Phis who had crossed the threshold of Thetadom the night before, received the *charter* for which we wish to express our gratitude to each chapter of Kappa Alpha Theta as well as to each member of its Grand Council. How we hugged that scroll and how eagerly we unrolled it, but alas, when its contents were revealed not a word of it could we read! Were we disappointed? No, we could read our names and moreover we were Thetas with implicit confidence in our Grand vice-president from whose custody we had received this paper; so with perfect assurance that we had not been fooled, but still had something more to learn, we sat ourselves down to partake of a modest repast while we chatted and sang of Theta.

Our charming toast-mistress, Miss Hope Davis, as is ever her way had for us only words of encouragement and love. The *Theta Welcome* was extended to us by Mrs. Martha Cline Huffmann who told us among many impressive facts that over 700 sisters were wearing the black and gold for us that day. Girls, we can only wish for you that each could experience the thrill that knowledge brought to us! Flavia Hereford then expressed for us what *Theta in Realization* had meant and would mean to us in the future and on the other hand our desire to be a help and a credit to our fraternity—"We pledge to thee our hearts and our lives."

Then came the messages of good-will and love which Mrs. Davenport had thoughtfully been saving for us to hear, one from our grand president, Mrs. Ruth Haynes Carpenter, another from one of our founders, Mrs. Shaw, as well as those from the various chapters. After spending many happy moments perusing these notes and telegrams, Louise Berrey was called upon to toast *Theta and Alma Mater*. Mrs. Laura Woodburn McGovney of Beta chapter then gave a splendid toast to *Theta, our Fraternity*. And finally we all joined in to

"Let the loving cup go round
That cup with joyous mem'ries crown'd.
Tho' one by one old friends must part,
Still Theta love shall rule each heart."

E. MILDRED SNYDER, *Alpha Phi Alumnae*

THE RECEPTION

Saturday, May 16, at 4 p. m. we entertained for the first time as Thetas. And we were indeed happy to be wearing our kites and introducing our guests of honor, the visiting Thetas, as our sisters. The reception was given in the gold room at the Grunewald Hotel and among the guests were members of the faculty and fraternities of Newcomb and representatives from the Tulane fraternities.

THETA'S WELCOME

The cordiality with which Kappa Alpha Theta was received by the fraternities at Newcomb speaks well for the fraternity spirit at our college. The news that Alpha Phi was to be granted a charter of Kappa Alpha Theta came on the morning of April 27, and before we could announce it the joy on our faces had been fathomed. We were met by congratulations on all sides and a beautiful bouquet of roses, the gift of Chi Omega, soon adorned our chapter room. The week-end of our installation brought still more congratulations and flowers from all.

E. HATHAWAY GIBBENS

BUSY

Now I could prove my point by mere statistics on the comparative busy-ness of an active and an alumna fraternity girl, but then I shouldn't have the pleasure of venting the accumulated annoyance of years!

Query—Why is it that no one is quite so busy as the college maiden, and why does she not realize that anyone can be busier, till she is an alumna herself?

The active fraternity girl seems to imagine her routine of college work and college play a weary burden compared to an alumna's idle life of library work, or teaching, or mending, or philanthropy.

Surely, she seems to reason, should not a married alumna (granting even that married life isn't all new gowns and frothy desserts) have more time for keeping up fraternity interests and visits and for correct replies to invitations and other social demands?

An active's day may contain four hours of recitation, two of preparation, two of fraternity discussions, and four of dancing; and an

alumna's day may hold sixteen hours of household routine or responsibility, with hours for rest broken not by giggles or gossip but by the demands of restless little people.

In my own apparent vexation at being mistaken for an alumna of unlimited leisure and freedom I do not claim that college life is not one of many demands and that the college girl should be busier than she is. Heaven forbid more young "break-downs" being laid to college work or college play! But I do beg for a more lenient viewpoint toward the harassed alumna, for you know she really would like to come oftener to your dear fraternity meetings and initiations, and would truly appreciate social visits from her active sisters, in whom, if she is a Theta, she always has a loving interest.

ELINOR HALL HORNER

SIGMA DELTA PSI IN TRANSITION

This was one of the toast subjects assigned for the installation luncheon of Alpha Upsilon, and in that subject lay a thought which put at rest any of the sad little regrets that might have clung to the passing of the name of Sigma Delta Psi. Ever in the process of evolution each succeeding period has been built upon the foundation laid in the period gone before and a new name attached to the whole—So we feel that Sigma Delta Psi isn't dead, she has simply "evolved" into the larger and stronger Kappa Alpha Theta, a goal toward which we have been looking ever since the founding of our sorority in 1903. Through all of the worries which beset a new organization; in all of our efforts to establish a high standard of sorority scholarship, to acquire an honest place in college activities, and to mould a strong sorority individually, we were building Sigma Delta Psi, but we were building for Kappa Alpha Theta. And we must look back through those eleven years of building to find what we have to offer Theta in return for all that we will receive from her. We are anxious to carry over into our new state anything good which our work and love and hope have wrought in Sigma Delta Psi.

Our founders taught us that the first thing necessary in a live fraternity is unity. They dinned the spirit of coöperation forever into our ears and the dinning has continued down through time until we now have an organization which we feel must stand. Every member is made to feel the necessity of teamwork and no personal prejudices are allowed to stand in the way of the good of the whole. We hope that this may prove the basis for a strong Theta link.

Out of this spirit has grown a loyalty which has always been one of the strongest stones in Sigma Delta Psi's foundation. It is not a loyalty which dies with commencement day, but a feeling strong