

We Salute Beta Beta

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Grand Council



President Gayle King thinks of her Kappa Alpha Theta Year

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Although Beta Beta Chapter of Kappa Alpha Theta no longer exists as a chartered chapter of the fraternity at Randolph-Macon Woman's College, alumnæ of the chapter and Thetas everywhere will be happy to know that her spirit lives on in tangible form as well as in Theta hearts, and will forever. Sister chapters in District XVI have received, to be used by them and future generations of Thetas, the silver cups used by Beta Beta, and the chapter's silver Revere bowl and bread plate will be used as District trophies, a symbol of the excellence and distinction which marked Beta Beta as a beloved chapter of Kappa Alpha Theta. All of these

tangible legacies have been engraved "From BB Chapter, 1960."

The intangibles will continue to contribute to the progress and development of Theta as Beta Beta's alumnæ in their daily lives demonstrate the qualities of leadership, loyalty, and cooperation which have been and are Beta Beta's heritage. The chapter's robes, worn in the past with pride by the young women from Lynchburg, have been distributed among the chapters in the District—the College of William and Mary, Duke University, George Washington University, and the University of Maryland.

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Last active delegate from Beta Beta to a Theta Grand Convention was Nancy Jean Colean (right), who with good friend and chapter adviser, Dorothy Hughes, was caught in this picture taken just before the formal banquet at the 1960 Coronado conclave. Nancy succeeded 1960 graduate Gayle King as chapter leader, has managed final details of chapter disbanding. Says she of Dorothy Hughes, Randolph-Macon faculty member and 1937 initiate of Beta Beta: "I hope you will give much credit to Miss Hughes. She has been the fairy godmother to all Beta Beta for so long and I don't know what we'd do without her. I suspect that she may be one of the most loyal and loving alums that Theta has!" And in finale she says, "The girls who are still at R-M, as well as all those before us, are wonderfully loyal to Theta."

devoted help of Miss Dorothy Hughes, a member of the faculty and, since her initiation into Beta Beta Chapter in 1937, loyal friend and adviser to the chapter, plans were made for the disposition of property. The chapter lodge was purchased by the College.

Beta Beta's final year as an active chapter was perhaps typical of the many years which have passed since the chapter was installed on May 16, 1916. Forty-four years of happy Theta friendships and accomplishment are typified by the honors received by members of the Class of 1960. Chapter president Gayle King's paper, "The Comparative Study of Available Titrimetric Methods for Uranium," was presented at the Virginia Academy of Science, and Gayle received the Merck, Inc., Science Award. Virginia Cummings was the winner of the Chi Omega award for outstanding work in political science. Marnie Reed received a \$1500 award from the Randolph-Macon Biology Department for graduate study. Randy Foy, Phi Beta Kappa, was the recipient of both a Fulbright Grant for study in France and a Wilson Fellowship for study at the University of Wisconsin for the following year. These girls, dedicated scholars and fine young women, have brought honor to their fraternity.

Kappa Alpha Theta's thanks go to Gayle King and Nancy Jean Colean, who, as chapter presidents during the final, trying year, led the chapter with dignity and enthusiasm. To the Beta Betas still at Randolph-Macon, know that you are not and never will be forgotten. To Beta Beta alumnae all over our nation, the sweet southern drawl of Virginians will be sorely missed when the roll call of college chapters is taken at Grand Conventions of the future, but it will be joyfully welcomed at alumnae activities everywhere!

In concluding Kappa Alpha Theta's happy years at Randolph-Macon Woman's College, let us listen to Plato, in *Phaedrus*:

Phaedrus: *And now as the sun has set let us depart.*

Socrates: *Should we not first offer up a prayer to the local deities?*

Phaedrus: *By all means.*

Socrates: *Beloved Pan, and all ye other gods who haunt this place, give us beauty in the inward soul; and may the outward and inward man be at one.*

Phaedrus: *Let us go.*

Vignettes of Beta Beta



Lou Cowan
1960
May
Queen

(R.) Horriet Hodges
president
Order of Greyfel



(L.) Mimi Wilkinson
chairman
R-M Social Committee

Thetas in sailor suits at 1960 Panhellenic Song Rally. All came in costumes worn for rush. Theta rush theme: "Theta Pacific."



"Who will have a cup of coffee?"

Yearbook Picture

