

permitting, and there is all sorts of room for loafing and playing together in the big clubhouse. For the first time in the history of Theta conventions there is all the room we need, and Thetas may bring along their families, and find plentiful accommodation in Club cottages. There is playground equipment and a supervisor for children, so the youngsters may have a good time, too. The meals are wonderful, and the tri-daily bulletins on the menu, are interesting in the matter they announce and their simplified spelling manner of so doing. I am overflowing with enthusiasm at the entire prospect, from the unique Five Nations Council Fires planned for the first night to the banquet arrangements, on the last. It will be a great gathering of Thetas and you must not miss it!

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#### ANOTHER FABLE OF A THETA ALUMNA

Once upon a time there was a Young Woman who went to college and joined a national fraternity. Throughout her four years she was an eager student, ranking always among the first three in her class, and was ever an enthusiastic active member of the fraternity.

In due time this Active Member was graduated with honors from her college, was married, and lived in a large city where she became a member of an alumnae chapter.

Mrs Alumna kept up her interest in her college chapter, went back for Commencement, and left a small check for the chapter. It was not acknowledged.

One fall she recommended a very promising girl who was entering college. She went up for initiation and found not her young friend among the initiates.

She and her husband were touring and visited town on a time. A fraternity picnic was to be held at a tea house several miles out in the country and she was notified by the secretary. But an Eager One came to the hotel and especially invited her to go as her guest. Mrs Alumna on the appointed day took her car and gathered up this Eager One and some of her friends and drove to the picnic place. The others came by street car. Mrs Alumna paid for her own cup of tea, while the Eager One saw not, being engaged in conversation with one at her other elbow.

On leaving town Mrs Alumna sent a violin record up to the house, and to this day has never heard from it.

Is Mrs Alumna still interested in her college chapter?

## INSTALLATIONS

### BETA IOTA—UNIVERSITY OF COLORADO

The dates for this event were April 21-24. The installing officers were—Miss Betty Newsom, Grand president, Mrs J. T. Haviland, Grand vice-president, Miss L. Pearle Green, Grand secretary, and Mrs Hal Lebrecht, District president.

The program ran thus—Thursday evening, pledge services; Friday afternoon and evening, initiations; Saturday morning and afternoon, District convention; Saturday noon, installation and installation luncheon, Saturday night, reception of Beta Iota chapter to university and town friends; Sunday, chapter meeting and chapter officers' conference with national and district officers; Sunday afternoon, formal tea for the new chapter and its guests given by Panhellenic at the Pi Beta Phi house.

This program takes no account of the delightful hospitality enjoyed by the visitors in various chapter houses between scheduled events, of the wonderful flowers that came with greetings from other groups, or of the constant thoughtful courtesy of everybody. Surely no fraternity was ever more heartily welcomed by its rivals-to-be than was Theta at the University of Colorado. The tactful, generous, helpful service of all alumnae Thetas, the constant enthusiasm and will to do every task shown by Beta Gamma chapter, combined to complete a situation most satisfactory and delightful.

With the cooperation of Beta Gamma and Denver alumnae, as well as the support of Thetas scattered over the whole state of Colorado, the success of the new chapter is assured.

The one thing that marred the event was the steam shovel which prevented the carrying out of the installation luncheon program, an interference with plans that was regretted by every one unless it be the victims of that program, one of whom was heard to remark that she felt like going out and presenting her wonderful corsage of sweet peas to the shovel, since it had gotten her out of making a speech.

This luncheon was attended by 93 Thetas representing the following chapters:—Alpha, 1; Gamma, 1; Delta, 1; Zeta, 1; Eta,

1; Iota, 1; Kappa, 9; Mu, 4; Pi, 1; Rho, 6; Tau, 1; Phi, 1; Alpha Gamma, 1; Alpha Eta, 1; Alpha Mu, 2; Alpha Rho, 1; Alpha Sigma, 1; Alpha Upsilon, 4; Beta Gamma, 21; and Beta Iota, 34.

The charter members of Beta Iota are:—Alumnæ, Elizabeth Thompson, Isabel Scott Young; postgraduates, Eva M. Baum; seniors, Margaret Virginia Smith, Bertha May Parsell, Ella Lillibridge, Helen A. Hurlburt, Helen Bean, Mildred A. Young, Anna E. Putcamp, Frances Simpson, Lillian E. Benson, Irene Sweet; juniors, Myra Campbell, Helen S. Simpson, Hazel Irene Lawler, Hazel H. Mayer, Helen Hayes, Mildred E. Bean, Merry Ruth Noggles, Marian F. Mayer; sophomores, Martha L. Hansen, Lucile Seagley, Mabel E. Perry, Genevieve DeArmond, Lois P. Nance, Agnes Louise Loving, Elizabeth R. Woodward; freshmen, Edith Marsh, Margaret Loebnitz, Elizabeth B. Hum, Helen Stewart, Barbara Burrage; special, Helen Garvin.

Three girls eligible as charter members could not be present for installation, but were initiated shortly afterward: Ruth Kirkendall and Frances S. Donehue, alumnæ, who could not get leaves of absence from their jobs at that date, and Emily Johnson, freshman, who was ill with tonsillitis.

Two members of Delta Chi Zeta who had not yet qualified for fraternity initiation under the Colorado rules, were pledged to Theta at time of installation. They are, Flora Margaret Forsythe and Virginia D. Corlett.

The installation, April 21-24, of Beta Iota chapter at the University of Colorado, was an event of great importance to Theta in Colorado. For those of you who perhaps have not been told, there are in Colorado two fine and growing state institutions, the Agricultural college at Fort Collins, and the University of Boulder. For four years there has been at Fort Collins a flourishing chapter of Theta. In Denver was reorganized recently an alumnæ chapter, as into that city had gravitated a small group of women from widely scattered colleges. The alumnæ chapter could reasonably expect a certain steady maintenance and even growth from graduates of the Agricultural college, but both chapters felt we were not including all the good material possible. The situation was unbalanced by not having a college chapter at the university.

This university for several years past has been receiving a greatly increasing supply of new students, among whom were young women of the best Theta type. The women's fraternities already long-established there found they could not possibly use

all this splendid material. And not only was the college growing in number of student body but also it was assured an ever increasing development by certain factors which may be briefly outlined:

The last legislature levied a new mill tax for schools insuring all state institutions an increased and a definite income. The Medical school has this last year secured from the Rockefeller Foundation, a half million dollar donation which is to be increased to one million by Colorado subscriptions. A Liberal arts building has just been completed; a four hundred thousand dollar gymnasium is to be built this year; and next year will see a large Woman's building. The Music department also is carrying out plans for a large extension. Altogether it seems the most favorable time for Kappa Alpha Theta to establish herself and to add a third and most important link to the Colorado chain. We recognized that in the applying group we had a foundation for building a chapter of the best Theta type.

In their management of the functions attending their installation and the District convention which followed, we of the Denver alumnæ thought we saw in them evidences of unusual maturity. We encountered also, an atmosphere of most genuine and unaffected cordiality, in which the new group was well sustained by the chapter from Fort Collins which had come to Boulder for the ceremonies. At the close of the college year, and in spite of the added expenses of its installation, our new chapter on closing its books, found itself with about four hundred dollars to spend on furniture. This sum they used very wisely, and with the help of certain alumnæ, were ready to throw open a most attractive house for the rushing season.

It was their first experience in rushing against the national groups, but they stepped out bravely and without a doubt rushed the best of the new girls and against the strongest of the nationals. There was some grief as was to be expected, but we are all very proud of the freshman nucleus of the new Theta chapter.

Beta Iota was fortunate in having for rushing captain Mildred Schwinn, a Kansas Theta who is affiliating this year. Her experience and indefatigable energy were invaluable to the new girls, as was also the presence and enthusiasm of the alumnæ from Boulder and Denver who could be there. Four of the fine group of pledges are sisters of Thetas. We feel they are already well grounded in Theta loyalty and ideals. Altogether the new chapter is starting under most auspicious circumstances. We want you to know of it, and solicit your constant and enthusiastic support.

*Denver alumnæ*