

Green and myself went to Iowa City. We were much pleased with the girls presented for our approval and when our report to Council was made and approved, word was sent to pledge those eleven girls. They were pledged February 14, 1926.

From then on, meetings were held weekly at Dr Stewart's and a study of the fraternity made. Also, the group was given permission to collect other girls whom all might agree upon, so that a total of around twenty might be ready for initiation.

June 8 and 9 were the dates set for installation. Mrs Bemis, Grand vice-president, was in charge, and she was assisted by Mrs Lebrecht, Grand president, and Mrs Grasett, District president.

At that time seventeen girls were initiated:—Millicent Ritter, Edna Westerstrom, Iva Richardson, Barbara Kittridge, Mable Crooks, Marian Ask, Genevieve Harter, Lillian Kahle, Anne Beman, Ruth Sailor, Corinne Parsons, Helen Singley, Gwendolyn Moore, Myrtle Van Pearson, Louise Stedman, Coral Eglund, and Anne McDonald. Three pledges remained to be initiated this fall; Frances Klein, Helen Ann Dolly, and Helen Hammerstrom.

The Delta Gammas and the Gamma Phi Betas very cordially opened their houses for our use during installation.

This fall I went back to find our new chapter all settled in a real fine old colonial house, very attractively furnished with all new furniture, bought by Dr Stewart with a loan made to the chapter by the national fraternity.

Mrs Banta, President of District X, went with me and we feel very pleased to announce nine new girls for this chapter. We rushed very distinctly against Kappa Kappa Gamma and Delta Gamma, and were recognized on equal terms. Even for our last party we had girls split dates with those old established groups. We consider that an able beginning and plan to give all the supervision and advice possible to prove that colonization is a success and that Kappa Alpha Theta can make it so.

Jeanette Grasett

Beta Pi

The scene changed quickly—aboard a lone Pullman on the tracks at Iowa City at an hour somewhat before midnight awaiting the through train for Chicago and musing over the events of the past few days during Beta Omicron's installation—then Chicago with one's chief thought on arriving in Lansing in time for pledge service for Beta Pi chapter at Michigan State

college. And this was to be, by the way, a more difficult matter that it sounds, because with all the perusal of train schedules and nice calculations the important item of day light saving was left out of the reckoning.

Festivity and joyousness greeted a very dusty and travel worn person on arrival on the evening of June 12 at the home of Mrs Doris Porter-Person of Eta chapter, where pledge service was even then just beginning. The house was filled with young college girls interspersed with some alumnae, and only by the scrutinizing of pins could one distinguish the new pledges. Many had come to participate in the installation, a dozen or more from Eta at Michigan, two each from Mu at Allegheny; Alpha Omega at Pittsburgh, Alpha Tau at Cincinnati, and Gamma Deuteron at Ohio Wesleyan, and several alumnae from Albion and Detroit. There were present, of course, the resident alumnae of Lansing. Alpha Gamma at Ohio state was the only chapter of the district unrepresented and that was because examinations were being held at the time. Miss Green was the installing chairman assisted by Mrs Overturf, president of District III and the Grand vice president, Mrs Bemis. Miss Green also had the assistance of Ruth Smith, Phi, as head marshal and Anna Payne, Alpha Delta, her office assistant.

An installation is an event unlike anything else in fraternity life. The whole official machinery of the fraternity is available for the event and nothing is overlooked in starting the new chapter on its new adventure. It is a joyous gathering of those who are travelling the same road and those who have completed a part of the journey but are still so enthusiastic about continuing that their efforts have been unsparing in behalf of a similar opportunity for this new chapter. Throughout those days there is a strange mixture of pleasure, responsibility, joys of new acquaintanceships and the renewal of old ones, a renewed realization of fraternity meaning, awe occasioned by the solemnity of the occasion, and above all sheer joy.

Friday afternoon initiation began and lasted far into the evening with an interval for dinner, which was arranged and served as if no unusual event was taking place. Fifty-one were initiated of whom 10 were alumnae and 40 college members.

The next day, Saturday at one o'clock, after a leisurely morning for the installing officers, came the installation service, in the delightful new hotel of Lansing, followed by the installation luncheon over which Miss Green presided. The dignified for-

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mal dining-room with its crystal chandeliers, the masses of flowers with their riot of color, the yellow tapers and the quaint colonial corsage bouquets at the speakers' table, the gift of alumnae of Sororian who were ineligible for initiation, gave a delightful setting to the scene. And the toasts! The welcome by Mrs Hancock of Detroit, state chairman for Michigan, the response for Beta Pi by Margaret Foote, the toast to service by Mrs Overturf and the loving-cup toast by Mrs Rich of Lansing alumnae, with Miss Green's ever happy phrase in introduction, all have places in recollections of the day. Then, too, there was the presentation of a jewelled badge to Mrs Person by Dorothy McWood of Beta Pi, in appreciation of her tireless efforts in behalf of its charter. The formal reception in the evening, for faculty and students of the college, completed the festivities of installation.

The next day was spent in the usual work of organization, in the morning a meeting to perfect chapter organization, when details were gone over and policies and customs explained, and in the afternoon conferences with the newly elected officers and the committee chairmen. The evening found Miss Green on her way to Ithaca and myself again on a lone Pullman awaiting a through train for Chicago, this time on the tracks at Lansing, but again with time for musing.

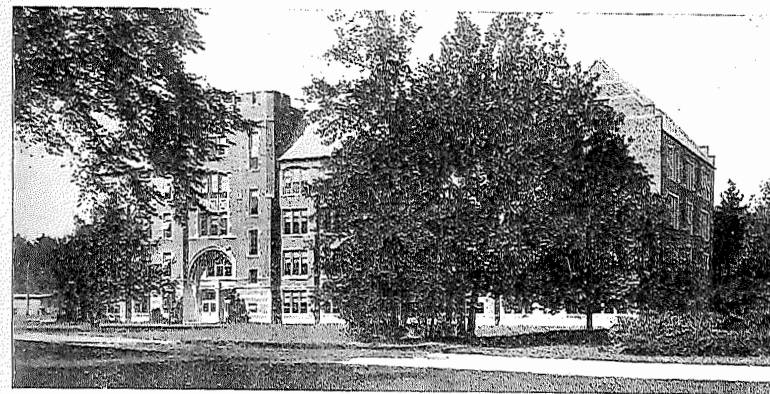
No account of those days would be complete without mention of the well ordered régime that made provision for the entertaining of all these guests with seemingly no commotion, for with some few exceptions guests for the installation were entertained in the well appointed home that Sororian had, just off the campus in East Lansing, the college community situated about three miles from Lansing. The same régime provided appetizing and well balanced meals for these numerous guests with a minimum of confusion and faultless service.

Were one to judge of the appreciation of Sororian by its fellow fraternity friends, by the heartiness of their congratulations as expressed in floral contributions, one would have no doubt of the extent of it. The entire day of initiation, the following day, and even the day following that, there was a continuous procession of parcel boys bringing every conceivable sort of arrangement from florists shops—baskets of all kinds and boxes of seemingly everything in season, and some out of season, until everywhere one looked one saw a mass of blooms. In fact the house was taxed to accommodate guests and flowers. There were other gifts as well.

Beta Pi is entering upon its new life under the best of auspices

with the respect and good wishes of its fellow students, a well established place on the campus, an already well thought out organization and the support of enthusiastic alumnae.

Vera Bemis



MICHIGAN STATE COLLEGE HOME ECONOMICS BUILDING

Michigan State College

Founded nearly three-quarters of a century ago, and the first of its kind in the world, the college stands today with a student enrollment of 2,500, faculty numbering 436, and includes over sixty buildings.

Kenyon L. Butterfield, former president of Massachusetts Agricultural college, became our president in 1924 and brought with him progressive policies which have been carried out in every detail.

The location of the college in East Lansing affords many of the advantages of a small city that is close to a larger one. It is three miles from Lansing, which is the capital of Michigan and has a population of nearly 100,000.

A generous legislature made possible the addition of several new buildings, and also changed the name from Michigan agricultural college to Michigan State college of agriculture and applied science, shortened by usage to Michigan State.

The latest units of the building program include: a library and an home economics building, costing one-half million dollars each; a concrete athletic stadium with seating capacity of 20,000; a union memorial building nearing completion; and excavations begun for a new chemistry building.

The campus is lovely at all seasons of the year. With stately forest trees breaking the broad expanse of well kept lawn, the

whole appearance is of a great natural park. There are particular spots on the campus with characteristic names such as the Forest of Arden where the annual senior play is presented, and Sleepy Hollow which provides the setting for Lantern Night.

Flowing along the edge of the campus is the Red Cedar river which is famous in the song and story of the college. It is there where the Water Carnival is held and also where the freshmen and sophomores struggle in the tug of war for class supremacy.

For various reasons in the past the movement toward national organization was suppressed so that the present time finds five men's and five women's national fraternities on the campus with the possibility of further extension in the near future.

Margaret Partlow

The Chapter House

At the bend in Evergreen street stands a tall white house of nondescript architecture. It is there you will find the girls of Beta Pi. A diagonal walk leads from the street to a vine covered porch brightened by a gayly striped porch swing.

One enters a small reception hall to the right of which is a living room. There is a broad window seat on which are several colored cushions. You will find the Victrola (so essential to a fraternity house) a wicker table, three wicker chairs, a fernery and a davenport. On the walls are pictures which suggest the gold and blue color scheme of the rooms.



CHAPTER HOUSE, BETA PI

Back of the living room is another room, a favorite in winter for its coziness. Here you also find wicker furniture, a table, chairs and desk, while across one end of the room are open book shelves and a fireplace.

There are two more rooms on the first floor. The piano is in one room which serves as a gathering place after dinner. Opening off this room is what was once a family kitchen, but is now used as a "catch-all," a laundry and sewing room.

To reach the second floor you may use the front stairs that wind up from the reception hall, or take a short cut up the back stairs from the kitchen. Either way will take you into a hall extending from the front of the house to the back.

Off this long hall opens six rooms, four of which are study rooms, one is the house-mother's room and the other the bathroom. The third floor numbers three rooms which are similar to those on the second floor.

Two sleeping porches on the first and second floors accommodate sixteen girls, while cots in all the rooms supply those who prefer the inside. Where to eat became a problem so the basement was remodeled. There you will find a dining room a la Greenwich village with its white stone walls, bare cement floor and long tables.

Margaret Partlow

Sororian Becomes Kappa Alpha Theta

In the fall of 1902 a group of twelve girls at Michigan agricultural college in East Lansing dreamed and planned the forming of a society that would enable them to attain higher standards of scholarship and to broaden in a social way. With the kind assistance of an East Lansing teacher, Miss Edith Dresser, their dream was realized and in February 1903 the Sororian literary society was formed and its charter accepted by the faculty.

During the first struggle for existence the Feronian literary society, now Alpha Phi, allowed the girls to use their society rooms in Morrill hall, a women's dormitory, until suitable rooms were found for meetings.

Their pin, designed by Prof. Hollsworth, was a small anchor with three pearls.

As Sororian became established the idea of applying for a national charter grew until action was taken in that direction. The national committee made it its business to become acquainted with the various national organizations and found itself deeply

interested in Kappa Alpha Theta whose record was so admirable. Kappa Alpha Theta generously became interested in Sororian and the movement culminated when Sororian received a charter and became Beta Pi chapter on June 11, 1926.

Margaret Partlow



MICHIGAN STATE UNION MEMORIAL BUILDING

On Michigan State Campus Last Year

Marion Clegg: Acting president of Panhellenic and Y.W.C.A. Cabinet officer.

Ruth Featherly: president of Home economics club, one term at Merrill-Palmer school in Detroit for Home economic students of high scholarship.

Margaret Foote: Sphinx, local honorary campus fraternity, president of Women's athletic association.

Margaret Hager: Elected alumni secretary of '26.

Dorothy McWood: president of Women's Self-government association, only woman member of M. S. C. social committee.

Margaret Shaddock: Won award for highest scholarship among women; Omicron Nu; Merrill-Palmer school.

Edna Brown: Merrill-Palmer school.

Corinne Backus: Infantry sponsor, secretary of junior class, Tau Sigma, honorary science fraternity.

Olga Bird: President elect of Women's Self-government association; Sphinx.

Ruth Ketcham: president Union board (first woman president), secretary of Women's athletic association, treasurer of Home economics club; Sphinx.

Emma Hyde: Women's athletic association advisory board, treasurer elect of Home economics club.

Margaret Matthews: Women's athletic association advisory board, vice president of junior class this year.

Alice McWood: Varsity swimming, Women's athletic association advisory board.

Margaret Partlow

BOTH A PLEDGE AND A THETA AT CONVENTION

Convention initiates, all girls of high scholarship were—Barbara Frick, Phi; Alice Vorland, Alpha Upsilon; Julian Miller, Omicron; Catherine King, Rho; Sue Heatly and Emily Long, Alpha Theta; Marjorie Ford, Beta Iota.

Convention meant more to me than simply the arrival of hundreds of Thetas from all over the country. It meant my personal initiation and realization of the vast, real meaning of Theta. When I pledged, it was with thirty girls, which seemed as a local club. I knew that I was pledging myself to a national fraternity with highest standing, and that I liked the group of girls better than any other on the campus. This was, however, somewhat vague, and it was not until I was initiated at convention that I fully realized the meaning of Theta. To see the veneration that all girls hold for Theta made me realize the importance and powerfulness of Kappa Alpha Theta. It is impossible to become intimately acquainted with every Theta met at convention, but my initiation with six other girls from different chapters made the bond of sisterhood more binding. As a pledge, I felt wholly unaware of my surroundings in Theta, but as an initiate at convention where nothing is lacking to really make one a true Theta, I was quickly made to realize just how lofty and unsurpassed Theta is. Initiation away from one's own chapter lacks the personal touch because there are many strange faces in the group of which you become a part. The dignity of any initiation could not be excelled when Grand council was officiating. To have the Grand president conduct the ceremony, to have alumnae present that are still loyal after many years out of college makes it all impressive indeed. You then know that you are not joining something to last merely during your college years but for your lifetime.

Emily Long, Alpha Theta