



BETA RHO INSTALLATION

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

FEBRUARY 17, 1928 at 4 o'clock twenty-five members of Sigma Tau of Duke university were pledged to Kappa Alpha Theta. The service was at Mary Scanlon's home in Durham. Dorothy Miller Humphrey, president of District XI, conducted the service. Twenty-three Thetas from many different chapters took part in the service. The Raleigh-Durham alumnae club entertained with a delightful buffet supper immediately following pledging.

Initiation for the alumnae, and senior and junior classes took place that night at nine o'clock in the Duke university Union building. The Grand treasurer, Mrs Grasett, and the Grand secretary, Miss Green, were the presiding officers, with Mrs Sarah Cady Patten, Alpha Epsilon, state chairman of the Carolinas, acting as chaplain; Edna Rising Jackson, Kappa, as head marshal; and Lucy Grasty, Alpha Eta, at the piano. The sophomore and freshman classes were initiated Saturday at one o'clock. That afternoon the new Theta chapter, Beta Rho, gave a delightful tea at Southgate hall, the girls' dormitory, in honor of visiting officers and delegates.

The final ceremony, and the most inspiring, the installation of the chapter, was conducted by Miss Green, assisted by Mrs Humphrey. Each girl received her shingle; Beta Rho received its charter, and Kappa Alpha Theta added another link to its strong chain.

The long line of Thetas then marched to the banquet hall to celebrate this joyous occasion. Evalina McCauley Daniels, Alpha Eta, was a clever and charming toastmistress.

All were impressed with this attractive new group of Thetas and, as Mrs Grasett told them in her toast, felt they were already fullfledged members of Kappa Alpha Theta.

Members of Kappa Alpha Theta who took part in the installation: Dorothy Miller Humphrey, Kappa, president District XI; Jeanette Bligh Grasett, Tau, Grand treasurer; L. Pearle Green, Phi, Grand secretary; Rachel Williams, Beta Beta; Mrs Helen Scanlon Wright, Alpha Eta; Frances Williams, Alpha Eta; Lucy Grasty, Alpha Eta; Amelia Adams, Alpha; Mrs Sarah Cady Patten, Alpha Epsilon; Mary McGee Smith,

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Beta Beta; Edna Rising Jackson, Kappa; Alice Templin Rankin, Kappa; Verlynn Moore Carter, Beta Pi; Jane W. Dinwiddie, Iota; Mrs W. F. Pate, Epsilon; Frances Dwight Garret, Psi; Evaline McCauley Daniels, Alpha Eta; Melissa Darby, Beta Nu; Elizabeth Fuller, Marion Hitler, Beta Beta; Martha Wilson, Alpha Phi; Elizabeth Sexton and Helen Bristow, Beta Lambda.

Members of Sigma Tau initiated into Kappa Alpha Theta: Alumnae—Nancy Crews, Edith Sherrill, Adelaide Royall, Henrietta Still; seniors—Lillian Stewart, Lillian Rogers, Celene Phipps, Mary Wylie Stuart, Rebecca Kirkpatrick; juniors—Hal Grimes, Mildred Holton, Miriam Ashmore, Mary Cuyler Scanlon, Gladys Culberson, Montee B. Moyle; sophomores—Helen Jenkins, Elizabeth McFadyen, Margaret Royall, Mary Frances Rodwell, Sarah Alice Harris, Mabel Welton; freshmen—Zelle Williams, Mary G. Brown, Eloise Lambert.

Pledged to Beta Rho of Kappa Alpha Theta: Elizabeth Rucker.

WHAT VISITORS THINK OF BETA RHO

Girls, girls and more girls—that's Florida state. Girls, boys, and more boys—that's Duke. But what the girls lost on quantity they certainly have more than made up on quality, for Beta Rho girls are as charming a group of girls as one could hope to know. And the lovely part is that they really made you feel that you did know them.

The true bond of Theta sisterhood brought us together and each ceremony strengthened the bond a little more.

Almost as charming as the girls however, was the beautiful country in the midst of which Duke university lay. The spacious campus, beautiful buildings, the hills and woods, and the lovely drives added much to the pleasure of our visit.

Beta Rho—Beta Nu welcomes you with open arms and a loving heart.

MELISSE DARBY, *Beta Nu*

Kappa Alpha Theta could hardly have chosen a more desirable location to establish her youngest child—Beta Rho. The nature of a child should be to grow "in stature, in wisdom" and in favor. To what extent this is realized depends partly on the child itself and partly on the environment.

Beta Rho is a chapter full of personality and promise. The members are charming, gracious, and intellectually alert. As for the environment—Duke university, with its splendid endowment and generous expansion both planned and under way, is

ideal. It certainly seems that Beta Rho is well able and likely to grow in all desirable ways.

RUTH RICHMOND BURR, *Alpha Eta*

Have you ever asked yourself which part of a trip you enjoyed most and found that you couldn't quite decide? Each part of the trip to Duke seemed more exciting than the one before and my final conclusion was that it was everything in general that made installation such a great success.

Our new sisters are twenty-four of the most attractive girls to be found anywhere, and so very enthusiastic too. The Raleigh-Durham alumnae club did so much, not only toward helping Beta Rho prepare for Thetahood, but also to add to the pleasure of Theta guests. Could any of us ever forget that delicious buffet supper?

Then pledging, initiation, and installation services were so beautifully and impressively conducted by Miss Green, Mrs Humphrey and Mrs Grasett. It was quite an event for most of us to meet our national officers, whom we had heard so much about, but had not had the pleasure of knowing. Thanks to Duke for so many wonderful things!

MARTHA WILSON, *Alpha Phi*

The group of Beta Rho charter members are a happy combination of all the types of girls which compose an ideal Theta chapter. They all are charming upon first appearance, and delightful to know better. Not only are they attractive girls, but they are intensely interested in all phases of college activities, which is always a great advantage for any chapter.

On the inside, the girls were congenial and happy. On the outside they had many friends belonging on campus, and were highly commended both by students at large and by members of the faculty.

I was also struck by the promising future of Duke. In several years I believe it will be the university of the South. An increasing number of girls will be enrolled each year, which will call necessarily for more fraternities. Our girls will have obtained a firm footing and we can congratulate ourselves for knowing when to seize upon a real opportunity.

ELIZABETH FULLER, *Beta Beta*

When I learned to know the Beta Rho girls in the three days that I was at Duke, I realized how fortunate Kappa Alpha

Theta is to have such a chapter installed at Duke. Not only were the girls attractive but their hospitality made us feel at home from the first. They are all girls whom Kappa Alpha Theta should be proud to call her own. I only wished that more Thetas could have been there and could have known them as we did.

It was a treat to those of us who did not know them before, to meet and know Miss Green, Mrs Grasett, Mrs Humphrey, and others of whom we have heard so much in our Kappa Alpha Theta world. These are now no longer mere names to us but we have become acquainted with them and can in a better way understand just what they mean to Kappa Alpha Theta and just what they are doing for her. Although Miss Green and Mrs Grasett had been through the initiation service an infinite number of times, they made it so real, so earnest, and so impressive, that no one present could fail to feel the sacredness of it.

It was with regret that the small band broke up on Sunday, each to go her own way. The week-end had given us a glimpse into the rest of the Theta world, into what they are doing, and introduced us to the girls themselves. It had given to us a new chapter—Beta Rho. To her we wish success.

ELIZABETH SEXTON, *Beta Lambda*

AN OFFICIAL OPINION

Impressions are such vague things at times, but my impressions of the installation of Beta Rho chapter at Duke university are quite distinct. They are a perfectly splendid group of girls, well organized with a fine spirit of unity and loyalty that should develop into a banner chapter of Kappa Alpha Theta.

We may well be proud of them. The Raleigh-Duke alumnae club have helped tremendously in solving a good many problems and we are exceedingly fortunate in having such alumnae actively interested in this new group.

The university is developing rapidly. There are many new buildings and a steadily increasing faculty.

Our welcome on this campus seemed unanimous. The university gave us the entire upper floor of the new Union building for our services and student body and faculty turned out en masse to the tea given for the installing officers by the new chapter.

I know that every Theta wishes this new chapter success and happiness in her new affiliation—and I am sure that we as

Thetas, may count Beta Rho a chapter worthy of Kappa Alpha Theta.

JEANETTE GRASETT, *Grand Treasurer*

NORTH CAROLINA THETAS WELCOME BETA RHO

What does it mean to Kappa Alpha Theta to have a college chapter in North Carolina? This Theta could better tell what it means to us few alumnae to have a college chapter nearby.

One advantage which the fraternity derives through Beta Rho is the lessening of the distance between the links of her chain of chapters. Heretofore there has been no college chapter between Virginia and Florida; between Tennessee and Louisiana. The two southernmost chapters have been completely isolated. They are still too far away, and it is to be hoped that other chapters may be established within the intervening distance.

Duke university has an immense endowment and is using it wisely. The building program, ambitious as it is, is not more so than the standard set for a faculty of the best available men. The university is destined to become one of the foremost in the country and Kappa Alpha Theta is fortunate in securing a foothold there.

Perhaps Theta's greatest gain will accrue from her introduction to this progressive state. North Carolinians have been, for the most part, locally-minded. They do not know that such fraternities as ours exist. When I told a friend, a brilliant and genuinely cultured woman, that I was going to Durham to spend three days with my fraternity sisters she was amazed that I, who have been twenty years out of college, should so eagerly anticipate this installation of a college fraternity. Her daughters had been sorority girls at the best junior college in the state but their "sorority" interests had been put away as childish things when they returned from college. I tried to explain that Kappa Alpha Theta holds true worth and merit for mature women as well as for college girls but I fancy that she is still sceptical.

May the time soon come when one may wear the Kite abroad in the "Land of the Long Leaf Pine" and have it recognized as something more than an odd piece of jewelry!

ALICE TEMPLIN RANKIN, *Kappa*

SIGMA TAU HISTORY 1924-1928

Sigma Tau was established secretly at Trinity college in the late fall of 1924 with eight members. Plans were made for

the petitioning of the national fraternity, Kappa Alpha Theta, this being the object of the group in organizing. College authorities prevented the formal announcement of the new fraternity during the college year 1924-25, since the policy toward new organizations of this type was not then fully determined. So, Sigma Tau was unable at that time to present any formal petition to Kappa Alpha Theta.

In December 1925, the group was allowed to be formally announced as a local fraternity, as the authorities of the university had decided to allow locals to organize. In January the local group was recognized by the Panhellenic council of Duke university, and given equal representation with the national fraternities represented at Duke.

At this time a formal petition was sent to Kappa Alpha Theta, the Durham-Raleigh Theta club sponsoring the petition. In the spring of 1927 the organization received district endorsement from nearby chapters of Kappa Alpha Theta, and the fall of 1927 marked the issue from national office of the final petition to the chapters. The results of this final vote, and the endorsement of the Grand council of Kappa Alpha Theta granted the charter to Sigma Tau on December 8, 1927.

ELIZABETH MACFADDEN, *Beta Rho*

BETA RHO OF KAPPA ALPHA THETA—1928

Beta Rho has led a busy life since installation, trying to get all of the routine business of the chapter arranged and running smoothly. Bylaws have been drawn up and adopted; new officers have been elected. Beta Rho is fortunate in having as its new president, Mary Scanlon, under whose leadership a successful 1928-29 is assured.

Beta Rho was glad to affiliate Rachel Williams, Beta Beta, who as a Duke student for two years has been our true friend and helper.

Honors that have come to Beta Rho recently include: Mildred Holton initiated into Eko-L, honorary scholastic organization; Lillian Rogers, Rebecca Kirkpatrick, and Mildred Holton initiated into Kappa Delta Pi, national educational fraternity; Helen Jenkins initiated into Chi Delta Phi, literary society; Margaret Royall elected vice-president of the Y.W.C.A. Helen Jenkins, chairman of Vespers committee, and Elizabeth MacFadyen, assistant treasurer and manager of the "Y" store, will also be Cabinet members of Y.W.C.A.

In order to promote interest in higher scholastic achieve-

ments, Beta Rho has instituted a custom of two scholarship bracelets to be handed down each year. One bracelet is to be awarded to the member attaining the highest scholarship record in the chapter, and the other to the pledge with best record.

The first Theta wedding for Beta Rho occurred March 23, when Mabel Welton was married to Oscar Eugene Ross, a former Duke student and member of Delta Sigma Phi.

ELIZABETH MACFADYEN, *Beta Rho*

DUKE UNIVERSITY

Growth is certain for Duke university; large funds have already been set aside for building expansion; at Durham, North Carolina, the seat of the university, there is now under way the greatest stone masonry project ever undertaken in America. This is to be the principal unit of the university, one with 44 handsome buildings erected on a new campus consisting of nearly 5,000 woodland acres.

The old Trinity campus has been the scene of miraculous transformation since Trinity changed its name to Duke and took on the program of a university. New buildings have risen and landscape architects have placed the finishing touches on what is now a beautiful campus.

In its great program of expansion Duke is not forgetting women students. This old but completely changed campus is to be eventually turned over to the co-ordinate college for women, with a capacity for 1,800 young women. For Duke there will be no restricted sphere of influence and service. Equipment and buildings will be provided for two great units; one will be for the college of arts and science, the medical, religion, engineering, and other graduate schools; the other for the co-ordinate college for women. The two units are to be one mile apart, but connected by a beautiful boulevard which will not leave the university property.

For a third of a century women have matriculated at Duke university, and today there are 350 women students among an enrollment of 1,800 students. Duke women have always been outstanding in both curricular and extra-curricular activities; they led the way to the establishment of student government; Duke alumnae have taken a high place in professional and civic affairs. Today there are seven times as many applications for enrollment as the university can accept with limited facilities for women students. When the second large unit is completed,