

BETA SIGMA CHAPTER AND PLEDGES



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Standing left to right: Frances Smith, Marjorie Young, Madeline Roach, Willette Jarrell, Louise Guthrie, Helen Johnson, Virginia Steele, Georganna Bowers, Sara Clark, Allyne Graber, Aurelia Pearson.
 Seated left to right: Elizabeth Nichols, Christeen Chitwood, Myrtle McIntosh, Frances DeBogory, Kathleen Talley, Mary Netterville, Virginia Treadwell.
 Not appearing in picture: Virginia Leddy Somerville.

BETA SIGMA INSTALLATION

SOUTHERN METHODIST UNIVERSITY, MARCH 8-9-10

WHILE Kappa Alpha Thetas everywhere were wearing the colors for the installation of a brand new chapter, we were rejoicing in Dallas, because we felt that colonization at Southern Methodist university had been a tremendous success.

During second semester rushing, six new girls were pledged, enlarging the group to twenty-one.

Because the personnel of a new chapter is an intensely interesting matter, I am going to include a list of the girls, and only a word or two about their individual honors. Suffice it to say, that the detailed accounts would take up pages and pages.

Mary Netterville—Dallas. Linz award (average above 90); salutatorian; national oratorical contest; lead in senior play.

Christeen Chitwood—San Angelo, Texas. Prominent in debating; president of pep club in high school.

Myrtle McIntosh—Ratoon, New Mexico. Debating; basketball; Glee club; Dramatic club.

Etoile McFadin—Dallas. Dramatic club; vice-president of Dallas club at T.C.U.; princess for All-college circus.

Elizabeth Nichols—Dallas. Honorary swimming club; honorary dancing club; medal in athletics; Dramatic club.

Virginia Treadwell—Dallas. Little theater; editor of annual in high school; president of freshman class at C.I.A.

Kathleen Talley—Dallas. Junior from Wellesley; dramatics; English club.

Frances De Bogory—Dallas. Junior from Smith; dramatic association; tennis team.

Willette Jarrell—Wichita Falls, Kansas. Latin club; girl reserve.

Georganna Bowers—Dallas. Latin club; Dramatic club; annual staff; basketball; Linz award.

Frances Smith—Dallas. Editor of annual; Linz award; debating club.

Helen Johnson—Port Arthur, Texas. Glee club; Dramatic club; national honor society.

Louise Guthrie—Dallas. Theta pledge at University of Oklahoma. Presidents of freshman and sophomore classes in high school; hockey team; Dramatic club.

Virginia Steele—Dallas. Annual staff; Glee club; national honor society.

Allyne Graber—Dallas. Best all around athlete, 1927 and 1928; girls' council; Hockaday four-cast staff.

The new pledges include:

Sara Clark—Dallas. Winner of Dallas county girls' single tennis championship; winner of the Highland Park single tennis championship; Dramatic club.

Aurelia Pearson—Dallas. Swimming team; volleyball; Dramatic club.

Virginia Dupies—Dallas. Honor student in high school; Journalism club; Latin club.

Virginia Letty Somerville—Dallas. Vice-president high school Little theater; two Linz awards; highest average in sophomore class; one of ten in "Cutest freshman co-ed contest" at S.M.U. She and A. W. Somerville wrote *The hoodlums*, which appeared in the *Saturday evening post*.

Marjorie Young—Dallas. Valedictorian of class; won Junior high school medal for 98 average for the year; president Spanish club for three years.

Madeline Roach—Dallas. High honor student; Journalism club; first place in district and state meet in fourth year Latin essay contest; business manager for yearbook; has written poetry which has been read over the radio.

Because these girls had been pledged in December, it was not necessary to hold a pledge service, previous to initiation.

The installing officers, Mrs Grasett, Mrs Neff and Mrs Banta, were entertained at the home of Mrs Rich, Tau, on Friday noon. The executive board of the alumnae chapter was present. Plans were made for the future of the new chapter. The officers were delightfully entertained at the Little theater in the evening.

Saturday at two o'clock the initiation service took place at the home of Mrs Fernald, Upsilon. Seven members from Beta Zeta, one from Alpha Omicron, one from Alpha Theta, and several alumnae from Wichita Falls and Fort Worth assisted Dallas alumnae chapter with the services. About forty-five Thetas were present.

The installation banquet was at the Dallas Woman's club Saturday night. The visiting college Thetas sang the *Processional* and *Recessional*, and seventy guests formed the procession. Mrs Banta acted as toastmistress, Mrs Grasett gave the council welcome, Virginia Treadwell, who had been president of pledges, responded for the chapter. Mrs Neff gave an outline of Theta Service, Mrs Warren responded to the loving-cup toast, and Mrs Clark read the "Thetagrams."

On Sunday morning the installation service took place at the home of Mrs Clark, Alpha Mu. Forty-five Thetas took part in the ceremony, which established Beta Sigma chapter at Southern Methodist university.

After a chapter meeting and Sunday dinner parties, the alumnae chapter entertained at a "family tea." Sweethearts, husbands, and children gathered at the home of Josephine Duvall, Alpha Omicron, to show their appreciation of the accomplishment of the colonization.

It was with real satisfaction that the installing officers of Kappa Alpha Theta left Dallas on Monday night. We feel sure that the newest chapter of our fraternity will gracefully take its place upon the chapter roll, and will live to do Kappa Alpha Theta a real service.

MARGARET K. BANTA

SOUTHERN METHODIST UNIVERSITY

The first session of Southern Methodist university was begun September, 1915. Beginning as a new enterprise of Texas Methodism, it early attracted the attention of Methodists throughout the South until it is now owned and controlled by the General conference.

With the highest scholarship as its aim, S.M.U. has grown astoundingly. The present session of 1928-29 has an enrollment above 1,600 students. Dr C. C. Selecman, president of the university, has raised scholarship standards until S.M.U. was admitted in the fall of 1928 to the group of first grade universities.

S.M.U. comprises the following schools: College of arts and sciences, Graduate school, School of theology, School of music, School of engineering, School of law. It is well endowed with a 1912 Endowment fund of \$279,178.62 and a 1920 Endowment fund of \$1,000,000. The buildings include Dallas hall, the main building, gift of the City of Dallas; School of theology, gift of Mr and Mrs Harper Kirby; the handsome University Auditorium, gift of Mrs McFarlin; Atkins hall, dormitory for men; Snider hall and Virginia hall, dormitories for women; Hyer hall of physics; and the gymnasium.

The university has chapters of fifteen national women's fraternities: Pi Beta Phi, Delta Delta Delta, Zeta Tau Alpha, Sigma Kappa, Alpha Omicron Pi, Delta Gamma, Chi Omega, Beta Phi Alpha, Delta Zeta, Phi Mu, Kappa Alpha Theta. Kappa Kappa Gamma, and Gamma Phi Beta are being petitioned by colonizing groups.

MARGARET MYRICH CRAWFORD, *Alpha Theta*

EARLY HISTORY OF BETA SIGMA

All Texas Thetas had long felt the need of another chapter in Texas. The idea of Beta Sigma chapter was born in the minds of Dallas alumnae as early as 1927. In the early summer of 1928, Kate Weaver, president of District VIII, came to us with the possibilities of Southern Methodist university as a colonizing point, and suggested that we send a delegate to convention to present our cause, "A Theta chapter at S.M.U." Gladys Crandall was chosen as our delegate. Mrs Weaver introduced the subject at convention and our delegate presented the Dallas alumnae viewpoint. The high points of the argument were: (1) S.M.U. as the logical college for Theta expansion in Texas; (2) The real need of another chapter in Texas; (3) That now was the crucial time for Theta expansion, particularly because Kappa Kappa Gamma planned colonization there in September, 1928. Mary Ford of Alpha Theta and Patricia McMurray of Alpha Omicron expressed their approval of S.M.U. as a colonizing point. Mrs Bemis spoke Grand council's approval. When the vote came it was unanimously passed that Dallas alumnae, with the cooperation of Thetas everywhere, be permitted to colonize a chapter at S.M.U. in September, 1928. Needless to say we were all jubilant over our possibilities.

GLADYS CARNAHAN CRANDALL, *Alpha Mu*

RUSHING BETA SIGMA

Rush week was about the most thrilling experience any of the alumnae had felt for years. We found ourselves possessors of dates with about ninety girls, and with a whole week of rushing, consisting of two parties each day. At first we had thought we would not attempt entering rush week with the other fraternities, as we had so little time between convention in July and the opening of college in September. After reading a great deal of publicity about rushing plans of other fraternities, we decided it would be best for us to enter also. So the Sunday preceding rush, Kappa Alpha Theta had quite a lay out of party plans in the newspapers. In reality we didn't have a single definite plan, but we gave the reporters plenty of material on different kinds of parties and trusted to arrange some of them, so as to make them meet with their newspaper descriptions.

Had college chapters gone into rush activities as amateurish as we were, they would have been in a panic. It's true we were

a little panicky ourselves, but we had a faith which carried us over all obstacles.

Most of us had not done any rushing in ten years or more. Three Thetas from Alpha Omicron came to our rescue and were invaluable in their assistance.

A luncheon was given first. The newspaper had called it a "pansy luncheon" or something like that—it was merely a luncheon. It will always be traditional, for at it the famous potato apples and fruit conserve in orange baskets were introduced. From that time until this, they have appeared on every Theta menu. We even served them to Mrs Banta and Mrs Grasett the other day!

Each morning we were doubtful as to what was to take place that particular day. On one occasion a seated tea was arranged after twelve o'clock that day. One alumna consented to let us use her home. Her curtains were down, being laundered, but that didn't stop us, for a group of patriots hurried over, hung the curtains, cleaned the home, and had the food prepared in time. This was really a most successful party, for out of it we secured two of our best pledges.

Our most unusual party was given at an architect's studio. This party had much character. We blindfolded the rushees and took them from the residential section to this studio down town. When we took the blindfolds off, the entire atmosphere was a perfect surprise to them. At this party we served Italian food and had a clever little skit.

We converted the home of one of our alumna into a cinema house. We had an electric sign in front of her home with "Theta Theater" on it. All kinds of western posters hung about the walls; red exit lights and entrance lights were used. A feature picture and a comedy were exhibited and our refreshments consisted of peanuts, popcorn and soda pop passed at intervals. We even had ushers with flashlights!

By the time the week had passed we had accomplished far more than we had dreamed possible. Some way, some how, we had concocted fourteen parties and had pledged fourteen girls that any chapter would be proud to own.

Of course we were weary; most of us doubtful as to whether we could live through the week. In spite of all, we still retain our husbands though we had neglected them sadly. No divorces have developed, as an aftermath to this strenuous week.

CLAUDIA FAY WHITE PUCHABER, *Alpha Omicron*

VISITORS' IMPRESSIONS OF BETA SIGMA

I am exceedingly well pleased with Beta Sigma. The girls have pleasing, attractive personalities. I was delighted that they did not all look alike, as I find a new group of girls has a most distressing tendency to do these days; so that it is hard to know one from the other when you meet a new group. The sincere earnestness with which they accepted their new responsibilities gave promise of their ability to form a most desirable chapter. I feel proud of them and happy about their installation.

Since the word thrilled is taboo I find myself entirely too inarticulate to express my feelings about the whole experience. The harmony that exists between Dallas alumnae and the new chapter; the friendliness and cordiality of all, made my visit a most beautiful and ever-to-be-remembered experience.

LOIS FOSTER BLOUNT, *Alpha Theta*
Texas State Chairman

Alpha Theta looks upon Beta Sigma as a little sister. She has no parental authority over her, but desires to guide her and help her whenever it is in her power. Realizing from her own years of experience the trials of the novice and the mistakes that are so easily made, Alpha Theta is only too glad to be of any possible help to Beta Sigma.

We are proud of Beta Sigma's triumphs and are happy to see her succeed. We feel that the founders of the chapter were chosen wisely and that they will be a credit to their fraternity and college.

The idea of establishing a new chapter in one's district naturally fills any chapter with trepidation. It is similar to awaiting the development of a picture. What will it be like. Alpha Theta heard of the colonizing of the Theta chapter at Dallas with all the nervousness a young girl feels when she is about to receive the proof of the pictures she has had made for her best beau. And it is with a sigh of relief and pleasure that she finds that they are far better than her wildest dreams had anticipated. So were we pleased to meet our new Theta sisters. We extend to them our desire for cooperation and mutual love.

THEA GOLDSCHMIDT, *Alpha Theta president*

UNIQUE MESSAGES OF CONGRATULATIONS

The first Sigma sends her most cordial greetings to the third. We all regret that the distance between us is so great that we

cannot come to your installation, but we are looking forward eagerly to seeing many of you at convention next year. Since Alpha Sigma is at Washington State university we think that the three Sigmas are a splendid representation of Theta. "From coast to coast, from the North to the Southland" a very hearty welcome!

ISABEL CLELAND, *Sigma*
Toronto, Canada

Better to be right than president. Congratulations and welcome to Theta.

Alpha Phi alumnae

Congratulations to the fifty-seventh variety of Theta.

Beta Rho

WELCOME RESPONSE, A TOAST BY A CHARTER MEMBER

Thetas here, Thetas everywhere. We could barely contain ourselves during your most cordial greeting to the Kappa Alpha Theta fraternity.

This is the time we have been looking forward to for five happy months. Even now, there is such a tingle inside of me, that is somewhat akin to an indescribable melody, that I would call it a thrill, but that word has been so overworked that it cannot express one-half of what I feel.

Along with this joy we realize a great responsibility. We want to make you proud of the Beta Sigma chapter of Kappa Alpha Theta. I wish you visitors knew just what our alumnae chapter meant to us. They have been kind and loving yet firm and wise counselors. Once when I complained that my family was too strict with me, my mother told me this story. It helped me then; it helps me now. I am going to tell you this story for it is about kites and quite fitting for Theta.

One lovely spring day a little boy took his new kite out to fly it. Soon the kite went high into the air and reached the end of its string. The little kite wanted to go higher, but the little boy said, "I'm sorry but you have reached the end of the string." The little kite tugged and tugged till at last, snap went the string—and it is needless to say what happened—the kite fell. And thus the kite found out that the very thing that was holding it down was holding it up.

I think we might take a lesson from this kite. These rules

which seemingly hold us down are in reality the strong cord woven of wisdom and love that is holding us up. We are going into a new chapter and no doubt we will reach the end of our string. We'll try not to tug too hard, but if we should be foolish little kites, please, pick up us, and mend us, and use us again.

We want to be what you want us to be. Although that may not be possible, we will do our best. Will every member of Beta Sigma chapter stand and pledge with me our best to Kappa Alpha Theta—

“Then let the Theta Cup go round,
The name with blessed memories crowned
That flows whene'er we meet.
No drought can hold a drop of sin
If only love is well stirred in,
To keep it pure and sweet.”

VIRGINIA TREADWELL, *Beta Sigma*

DID YOU KNOW

Dallas alumnae used one of the original Theta pins in the initiation services of Beta Sigma? Mrs. J. W. Cason, 4128 Bowser street, Dallas, Texas, daughter of Bettie Tipton Lindsey, fell heir to the pin at the time of her mother's death, July 19, 1909.

COLONIZATION

THERE never was a person who did anything worth doing that did not receive more than he gave.” I believe these words of Henry Ward Beecher come nearer expressing the reaction of Dallas alumnae to the installation of Beta Sigma than anything else I can say. We have certainly come through the experience richer in many ways—richer because of a closer affection and regard for each other, richer as in unselfish striving for a single purpose we unconsciously deepened the bond that held us together before only casually.

Can you picture to yourself a group of alumnae, mostly mothers, suddenly presented with the fact that convention had decided to colonize at Southern Methodist university, Dallas, and authorized this group to proceed? We had not the remotest idea just what that little word “proceed” contained. Those were anxious August mornings that we gathered together to decide how to go forward. We look back to those days and marvel at how we ever had the courage to begin. This one thought held us—Grand council said it could be done, so evidently it could—then we would try, so we went to work.

Ruth Sweeney and her committee started calling on mothers as well as daughters. Greth Bryan returned from Europe one week before rush started to find herself social chairman with twelve parties to be given. She accepted her responsibility with a smile and that smile never faltered, rather typifying the spirit with which each girl carried her task all the way through.

By the time we entered rush week we had our nucleus of three, one Theta little sister, one Theta pledge, and the most charming town girl we could find.

Then there was naught to do, but that we cast the years behind us and return to the days of our youth and—rush. I believe “it is the law of the story teller's art that he does not tell a story—it is the listener who tells it. The story teller does but provide him with the stimuli.” If you have a husband and one or two progeny of your own we need not describe rush week. Let this only be said: The Lord was good, we frankly admit we prayed, and that such spirit of cooperation prevailed that we came through not only successful in the thing we had undertaken, but so drawn together that we were ready to meet the vicissitudes of organization and training of our group of fifteen girls.

Eleanor Hall was called upon to produce quantities of wild flowers for decoration. She arrived quite out of breath at the designated time exclaiming as she came that she couldn't understand, she had six children at home with the chicken pox but when Josephine asked for flowers the call was absolutely irresistible and she couldn't say no—that was the spirit that prevailed.

Where to get the money that was constantly needed to carry on was another puzzle. It always came first from one source and then from another, enough to meet each emergency. It fairly smacked of mystery. We publicly acknowledge our gratitude.

There were problems purely feminine, Bernice Wahle was forced to leave her piano in the midst of initiation to feed her four-weeks-old daughter. To you girls in college that has just its humorous side, but to us who are older, the graciousness with which that task was accepted in spite of a tiny baby was one of the sweetest Theta services I have seen rendered.

Perhaps our greatest difficulty was to give to the young girls on the campus the things that older Theta sisters in any normal chapter would give them—Theta dignity, Theta ideals, Theta love, these were the qualities we longed most to see them imbibe.

The consummation of the winter's effort has just taken place and Beta Sigma chapter has been installed. A song is in our

hearts, a song of real joy. Grand council has seen fit to approve and our promise to the girls we rushed in the fall has been fulfilled.

The messages that came from Theta college and alumna chapters all over the United States and from Toronto made us more glad than you can know. To have done a service for Theta was reward enough in itself, but to know that you were happy rejoiced us.

Dallas alumnae stand ready now to help with Beta Sigma's problems of growth. We will not relax our efforts until this chapter is in its full strength. We have utter confidence in her future.

KATHRYN CLARK, *Alpha Mu*
Retiring president of Dallas alumnae

BEING A PLEDGE AT S. M. U.

RUSH WEEK is over, and you have your pledge pin. You fully expect a hurricane, earthquake, or at the very least, an eclipse to commemorate the occasion. You spend about an hour a day polishing the pin, and treat it with the reverent care a mother does her first child's baby book. Annie Marie, the cook, who does not understand intrinsic value, becomes convinced that the pin is either a charm or something which she can hock to her profit. You catch her absconding with it four times before you are able to convince her that her actions are unethical.

You shudder with horror when your dressmaker, who does not know a fraternity from Plutarch's lives, asks you if that is a Girl Scout pin you are wearing. You give the poor lady such an impassioned talk on Theta and its merits that she gets excited and sews a sleeve down the front of your dress instead of the jabot. You wear your pin with much pride on the campus; in fact, your profile comes to bear a close resemblance to a dollar mark. After a while you become a little better adapted to having your pin. While you are still full of pride, your chest no longer feels heavy with the weight of it.

But even if you wanted to, you would not be able to forget your pin entirely; for the members of other fraternities show an avid interest in it. The interest of the members of other fraternities takes the form of acute suspicion, especially that of those whose complacency in getting the rushees they wanted has received a shock. They regard the new chapter with the warm

affection and loving trust they would bestow upon a Communist gathering in their midst, and act as if they expect you to put a bomb behind them at almost any moment. The interest of the men's fraternities takes a little kinder form; they are merely curious; they know how to rate the pledge pins of established fraternities, but Theta is so new on the campus; they are groping for a standard by which to judge its pledges. They cannot fit it into their preconceived rate scheme; it cannot be placed just before the Delta Woofles or just behind the Alpha Piffles. It stands isolated in a class to itself. It is "X," the unknown quantity. This attitude gives the pledges an atmosphere of mystery which they are not loath to capitalize. Naturally, it makes you a little self-conscious, but it is a pleasant self-consciousness, like having a new dress which fairly shrieks that it is an importation.

Pledge meetings seem strange and bewildering to you. At the first meeting you attend a dance is under discussion, and you become initiated to the process of booming, which goes something like this: The list of boys to be invited, which the members have turned in, is read out, and after each name, the ones who do not want that particular boy to come to the dance yell "Boom!" Three "booms" mean that the gentleman concerned will have ample leisure for studying on the night of the dance. This sometimes occasions bitter words.

"Listen, So-and-So," somebody will say indignantly, "don't you dare boom him. Why, his cousin is one of my aunt's best friends."

"I don't care," says the one addressed, firmly, "he's about three feet tall, and he always tags us tall girls; not only that, he gallops; he absolutely gallops! I positively will not risk having to gallop past the stag line with a boy whose head comes about an inch above my middle."

"Well, of all the silly reasons," begins the other vigorously.

"Girls!!" interposes the head of the pledges reprovingly.

"All right," one says in a martyred tone, "I suppose I can get in bad with my entire family merely because she"—infinite scorn, "objects to 'galloping.'"

But in circumstances of this magnitude the booms are usually recalled, although sometimes with infinite reluctance.

Not all the booms are intended to bar the boomed one from the dance. For example, when a boy's name is read who has pinned one of the pledges, and whom everyone knows she will favor at the dance, the whole chapter rises and booms him with

one voice. This sort of boom is taken as a matter of course and does not offend the pledge who is wearing the boomed one's pin. The mystery of the situation is how the secretary of the pledges knows whether a name is being boomed in dead earnest, in which case she must scratch him off the list; or whether he is being boomed for fun. Possibly the difference lies in the fact that a boom which is not intended can only be heard for two blocks, whereas the other can be heard within a radius of six.

But there are other more important things. You must turn in your cuts and extra-curricular activities. You begin to learn the songs and chapter roll. You engage in weighty discussion of fraternity policy and interfraternity politics. There are rival fraternity groups in every class election. The Women's groups are traditionally allied with certain men's groups. These groups court Theta assiduously, since the races are usually so close that the Theta votes may be the deciding factor. Naturally, it is a matter of utmost importance that Theta ally herself to the group best in keeping with her campus interests.

Being a pledge to a new chapter has its joys and ills. The joys are obvious, the zest of being a part of a new thing, and the thrill of building. One of the chief ills was, strangely enough, the fact that the pledges were not bossed very strongly. While the supreme control was vested in the alumnae chapter, and all important matters went to them for final decision, still the pledges had none of the campus control to which pledges are usually subjected. This situation, as pleasant as were the feelings of importance and independence which went with it, gave you certain pangs.

For example, you meet an Alpha Piffle pledge on the campus:

"You Theta pledges certainly lead easy lives," she says, "no initiates to boss you around."

You feel the sort of jealousy Tommy feels when Johnnie says his father gets the drunkest.

"Why," you say, immediately defensive, "we are bossed. The alumnae boss us."

"Pooh!" she says derisively, "you don't know what bossing is. Listen, I just came over from the dormitory. I made up eleven initiates' beds and straightened up six rooms. My back feels like a pretzel. Of course, I had a date this afternoon, but the initiates very considerably broke it for me."

"Well," you counter weakly, "I'm awfully tired too. I had to cut holes out of a dozen brown and white sandwiches and turn them so that the brown holes were on the white sides. I am worn out."

She looks at you with deep disgust: "You must be exhausted," she says crushingly. "Well, I've got to be going. I am on my way to sit in an initiate's seat in chapel so that she can have a date. Of course, my seat will be vacant, and I will have to explain to the Dean, but what difference does that make? I am only a lowly pledge. You and your brown and white holes," she goes off muttering.

You feel a little envious as you watch her go, martyrdom in every line of her retreating form.

But all of this applies only to the days before there were initiates. Things are changed now. You no longer join the conditionites in rambling, garrulous meetings. You meet decorously upstairs and at the end of the meeting are marched down to report to the initiates like a chain gang. There are initiates now, mysterious creatures who are subtly changed. You have to suppress a desire to say "Yes Ma'am" to them. They have little trouble devising enough work to keep you dizzy though they are somewhat easier on the charter pledges, who are not so lowly and green. But in spite of your groans and wails, you enjoy it immensely.

And you look forward impatiently to the time when you will be a lofty initiate, inspiring fear and admiration in the hearts of subsequent green, dumb pledges.

VIRGINIA LEDDY SOMERVILLE

[Virginia Somerville with her husband, A. W. Somerville, wrote *hoodlums* which appeared in a recent issue of *Saturday evening post*. She was pledged to Kappa Alpha Theta in February.]

IMPRESSIONS

I was delighted at the opportunity to be one of the installing officers of Beta Sigma chapter at Southern Methodist university. After hearing Mrs Banta's glowing report of the pledging and of the whole-hearted cooperation of Dallas alumnae, I was quite prepared for a splendid group of girls but I did not expect to find Southern Methodist university such a large and flourishing college.

The campus is in Dallas, but far enough to one side of town to be a community by itself. It has many new buildings, including two splendid dormitories, and apparently a great deal of time and money have been expended in the planning and arranging of these buildings for the future greatness of Southern Methodist university. A student co-op on campus is one of the interesting local features. Mrs Banta and I spent a whole day on the campus, interviewing the Dean, attending classes, and

last but not least spending a free hour in the co-op. Here every one gathers between classes and either eats some campus delicacy or sits in friendly groups to the benefit of college spirit. Here also was our opportunity to meet many students and to compare most favorably our new Thetas with them.

As for hospitality, Dallas fairly buzzed with it during the entire time of our visit. For enlivening and invigorating alumnae there is nothing like colonization. Many of the alumnae in Dallas had been out of touch with college chapters for years but I imagine now any of them could give many pointers on rushing to some of our college chapters.

All in all, Beta Sigma is a fine example of colonization and a real Theta chapter thanks to a splendid, loyal group of Theta alumnae from many chapters throughout the country.

JEANETTE GRASSETT, *Grand Treasurer*

FELLOWSHIP ANNOUNCEMENT

THE second fellowship of Kappa Alpha Theta known as the Alice Allen Brandt Social service fellowship is to be awarded to a candidate who will pursue graduate or research work in subjects pertaining to the advancement of women and children. Applicants in the field of economics or social service will be given the preference, though applicants whose contact with women and children is in other fields will be considered.

This fellowship will be awarded in January, 1930, for the year 1930-31. The amount is \$1,200 payable in three instalments, the first payment to be \$600, the second and third \$300 each.

GENERAL REQUIREMENTS

The fellowship is open to members of Kappa Alpha Theta. The applicant must be a college graduate, must have proved her ability in initiative and research and had at least one year's graduate study or experience in the work to be pursued.

The acceptance of the fellowship implies the obligation on the part of the Fellow to devote herself exclusively to study or research as outlined in her application; to submit any proposed change in her plan to the chairman of the Committee on fellowships for approval; and to send to the chairman a quarterly report on her work. The period of time for research shall be not less than nine months and not more than one year. The committee regards the acceptance of a fellowship as creating a contract requiring the fulfillment of these conditions.

DIRECTIONS FOR APPLYING FOR FELLOWSHIP

Application must be received not later than October 1, 1929. It should be accompanied by:

1. A certificate from the registrar of the college or university awarding the degree or degrees received by the applicant.
2. Testimonials as to health, character, personality, ability and scholarship of the applicant. One such testimonial shall come from the District president of Kappa Alpha Theta.
3. Statement of purpose of the use of the information to be gained from the fellowship.

The committee reserves the right to withhold the award if no suitable candidate presents herself.

FORM OF APPLICATION

Applicants will please follow the following form in applying for fellowship.

Name

Address

Date of birth

Chapter of Kappa Alpha Theta

Academic record
(Give degrees with dates)

Practical experience
(Give publications if any)

Field of study for which fellowship is desired

Mrs. H. E. Woolever
3511 Rodman St. N.W.
Washington, D.C.

Chairman of Fellowship Committee

LOAN AND FELLOWSHIP FUND

THETAS who have watched the growth and development of the Scholarship fund from its small beginnings in 1904, to its position of strength and usefulness in 1929, will be interested in the reorganization of its management which has just been completed.

Those who were not fortunate enough to attend convention at Breezy Point in 1928, will also be interested in the following recommendation passed there:

"That the name of the Scholarship fund be changed to Loan and fellowship fund.

"That the Los Angeles alumnae chapter shall be the custodian of the Loan and fellowship fund.

(a) The administration of this fund shall be under a Board