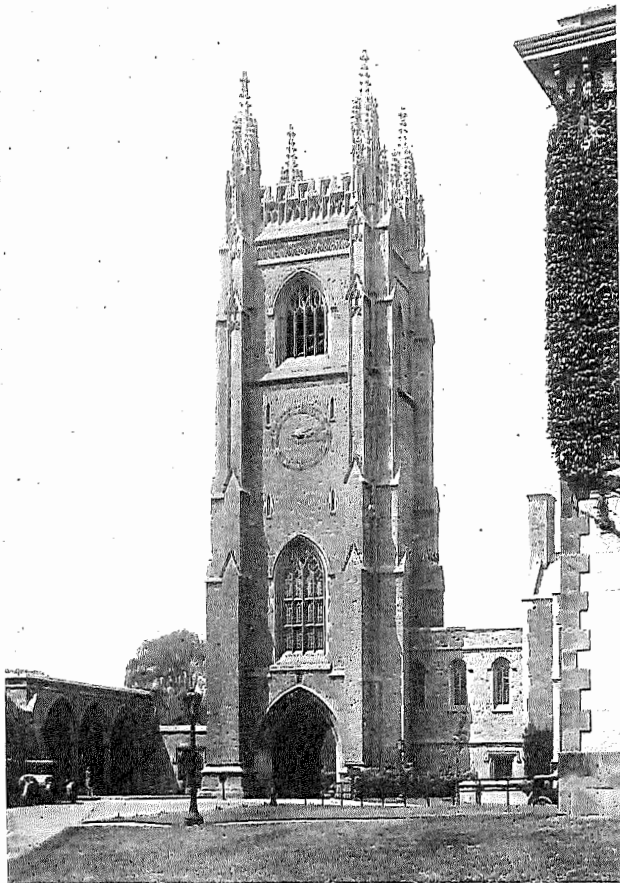


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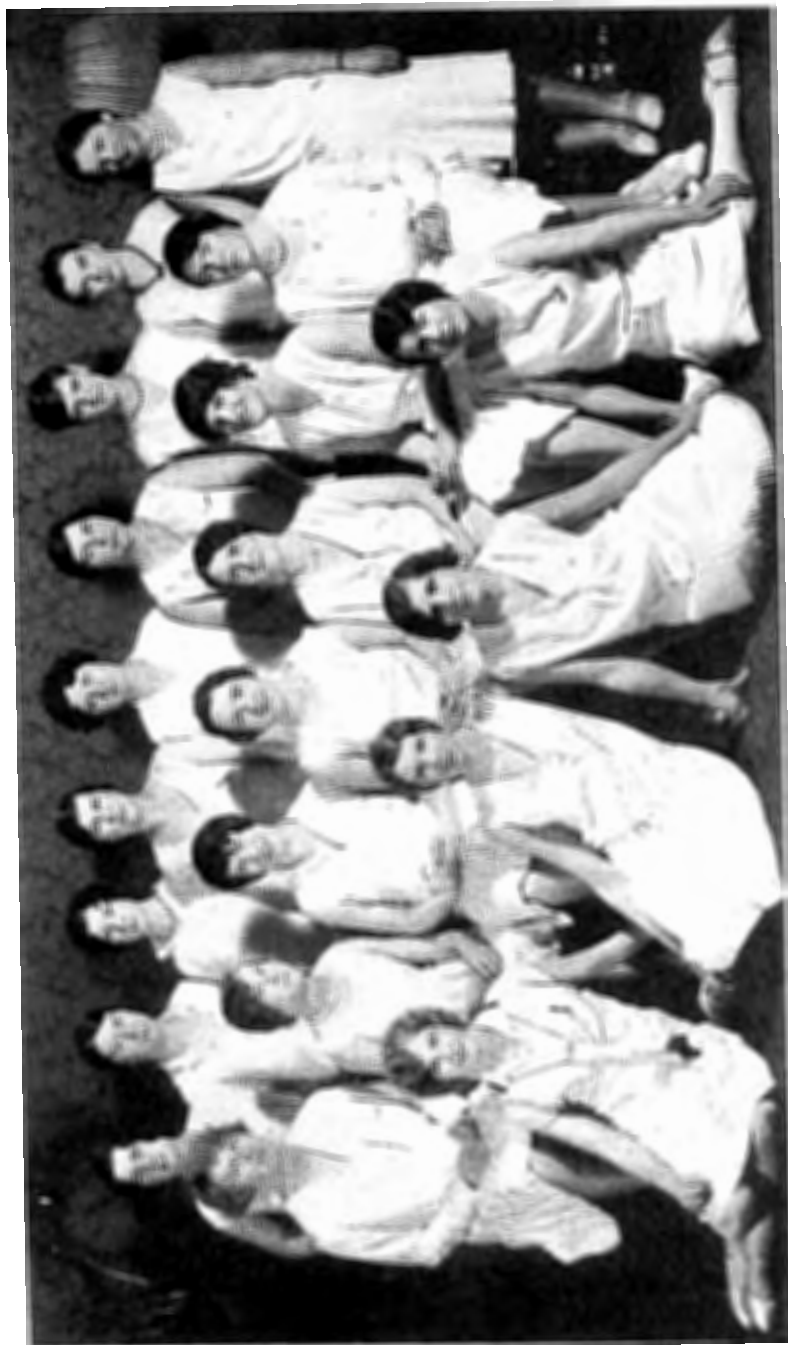
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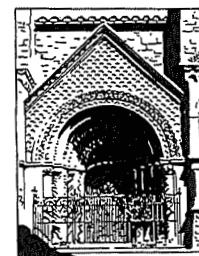


BETA UPSILON, COLLEGE CHARTER MEMBERS

Top row: Rena Fleming, Katherine Lee, Alice Smith, Bernice Roberts, Olwen Thomas, Margaret McLeod, Frances Darling, Elizabeth Douglas, Marjorie Greenwood.  
Middle row: Doan Owen Jones, Mary Morris, Ena Henderson, Marjorie Kirk, Loraine Crowe, Phyllis Smith, Barbara Ashby.  
Seated: Mary Dooley, Alice Mathers, Beatrice Stewart, Dorothy Barrow.

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## Newest Theta State

THE UNIVERSITY OF BRITISH COLUMBIA

AN EARLY effort to create the University of British Columbia failed, and in order to offer first year arts, the Vancouver high school was affiliated with McGill university, and Victoria high school became Victoria college by affiliating with McGill. In 1906 an act was passed permitting the establishment of McGill university college of B. C. at Vancouver. The scope of the work gradually increased and when the University of British Columbia opened in the autumn of 1915, both McGill university college and Victoria college ceased to exist.

Today Canada has twenty-three institutions of higher learning, the University of British Columbia being one of the youngest. Its growth has been rapid and today it ranks among the best in western Canada. The university is ideally located on a rolling head-land at the tip of Point Grey, six miles west of the city of Vancouver. The location commands a delightful view across the straits to Vancouver island. The sites set aside for fraternity building overlook the water and offer splendid opportunities for beautiful houses. So convenient is the beach that on fair days students may be found scattered about there pouring over their texts.

But the university has not always had such space for expansion. From its opening in 1915 till the summer of 1925, the university carried on its work in temporary quarters in Fairview. Classes were held in

churches and other available places. Today the university has twenty-seven buildings, following a definite building plan for the campus.

We were all envious when we learned that college is over the first of May, but a bit consoled when we learned of Saturday morning classes and the increased amount of work due to the shorter session. There are no dormitories as yet, for most of the one-thousand-seven-hundred-and-thirty-students are Vancouver residents.

The permanent buildings of the campus are Tudor done in grey stone. The five hundred forty-eight acre campus offers every chance for extensive planning and building. This campus, surrounded by snow capped mountains, seems a perfect setting for our new Beta Upsilon chapter.

LOUISE LEBRECHT, *Alpha Nu*



A VIEW OF THE NEW CAMPUS OF THE UNIVERSITY OF BRITISH COLUMBIA

### SIGMA BETA PI

As Sigma Beta Pi, six girls organized a local group October 25, 1926. Though fraternities were not officially recognized at the University of British Columbia until 1927. These six girls are: Hester Cleveland, Edythe Winter, Norma Roberts Abernethy, Donalda Straus, Wilberta McBain, and Marjorie Kirk. All but one, Edythe Winter married and living in Montreal, were initiated as charter members of Beta Upsilon of Kappa Alpha Theta.

Sigma Beta Pi first heard of Theta from Edythe Winter who met two Thetas while traveling in Italy. They made such an impression on her that she returned to college anxious for Sigma Beta Pi to strive for

Thetahood. The local chapter of Kappa Kappa Gamma also urged Theta to them. The first petition was sent June 8, 1928.

The absence of chapter houses made the use of homes necessary for weekly meetings. Every other meeting was tea and business. The rushing is informal, and pledging is in sophomore year.

There are five women's fraternities on campus now: Kappa Kappa Gamma, Gamma Phi Beta, Alpha Phi, Delta Gamma, and our own Beta Upsilon. There is one colonizing local still.

Sigma Beta Pi entertained each year with a formal and an informal. The campus has no scholarship rating for all houses, but the grades of Sigma Beta Pi average a high B for last year. Their campus activities have been good. Everything seems to point to a very successful career for Beta Upsilon.

RUTH OSTERMAN, *Alpha Lambda*

### BETA UPSILON'S GUESTS

All Thetas in the northwest have been eager to have a chapter at the University of British Columbia. So, from the states they came fifty strong to welcome the new group, each college chapter in District IX sending a delegate. In addition, all chapters, except Alpha Nu and Beta Theta who were too far away to leave classes, sent additional representatives. Alpha Sigma and Beta Epsilon each were represented by two girls, and Alpha Xi by five. Seattle being only five hours away, Thetas from there came by carloads—twenty from the college chapter, Alpha Lambda, eight Seattle alumnae, and one Tacoma alumna. Then there were the installing officers Mrs Moore, Grand president, Mrs Bemis, former Grand vice-president, and Mrs Walker, president of District IX.

Installation would have been a difficult task if it had not been for the faithful work done by the ten Thetas living in Vancouver, the chairman of whom was Mrs Theodora Stoppenbach Smith. Being in a strange land with no Theta connections, these ten had never met before, but the call to arms came and they answered enthusiastically. The alumnae already living in Vancouver come from scattered chapters: Theodora Stoppenbach Smith (Mrs Arthur James) Alpha Xi; June Gilmore English (Mrs Norman) Alpha Lambda; Helen Schafner Willan (Mrs W. B.) Sigma; Lydamae Davis McLallen (Mrs John) Alpha Lambda; Virginia Spencer Reed (Mrs Harris) Alpha Sigma; Elizabeth Robinson Hargraves (Mrs J. S.) Sigma; Alene Thompson Kiltz (Mrs William, jr.) Alpha Xi; Grace Gillies Sheppard (Mrs F. W.) Alpha Sigma; and Kathleen Cordingly Scott (Mrs R. B. Y.) Sigma. With such a varied background they form a fine unit around whom the new Theta alumnae of Beta Upsilon may gather and grow into a loyal and helpful alumnae chapter, closely associated with the newest college chapter.

District IX is particularly happy to have the second Canadian link in the fraternity. It is a privilege that many districts can never have; so proudly we claim Beta Upsilon and welcome her as a part of District IX. Those of us who sponsored the installation gladly take the responsibility of making her an integral part of the fraternity, and thereby Theta adds her bit to the great world movement for international harmony and friendship.

VIRGINIA WALKER, *President of District IX*

### THE JOY OF BECOMING A THETA

From February 13 to 16 was a memorable time for the forty girls who pledged their loyalty to Kappa Alpha Theta and the new Beta Upsilon chapter. While there came a tinge of sadness at giving up our beloved Sigma Beta Pi, there came also the happy thought that we were not really leaving it behind but expanding it and entering on a broader sphere of fraternity life. How satisfying it was in accepting the ideals and traditions of Kappa Alpha Theta to find that many of them were merely extensions of the ideals of our former local group.

The welcome we received from the many Thetas who attended our installation and especially from Mrs Harry Staats Moore, Grand president, could not have been more sincere. May we also take this opportunity to thank the many college and alumnae chapters who wrote and wired us, sending their congratulations and heartiest welcome into the bonds of Theta sisterhood, at the time of our installation.

We are duly grateful to all who worked so hard in making our installation such a success; to Miss L. Pearle Green for her kindness and extreme patience in helping us with preparations; to the installing officers, Mrs Moore, Mrs Vera Bemis, and our District president; to the loyal Theta alumnae of Vancouver who were so untiring in their efforts to make our installation a never to be forgotten occasion. As they succeeded in this, so we, the new Beta Upsilon chapter of Kappa Alpha Theta, hope to succeed in living up to your expectations of us.

MARY ALICE MCMORRIS, *Beta Upsilon*

### JOY OF MAKING NEW THETAS

Coming from remote chapters in District IX meant not only looking forward to meeting the girls who were to be Thetas, but it meant knowing better the girls of other chapters. Traveling together, going through the rituals together, and sharing all the experiences of being visitors in a strange city of another nation, all these we agreed were invaluable in welding together the chapters and their delegates. More than this, it was one of the happy memories of Theta that we will take with us through the years after we have left college.

The girls of Beta Upsilon showed us every hospitality, and were anxious to make our visit in Vancouver the most interesting one possible. In spite of grey days which made kodaks almost useless, we were made happy by little attentions and courtesies. I think I am giving every one's feeling when I say that these new Vancouver Thetas are a splendid group and cannot help but prove worthy of the new affiliation.

When we return to tell the girls how charming it all was, and that the Canadian girls are such enthusiastic Thetas, we shall also be talking in more familiar tones of the other chapters around us. There will be many times when we shall wish ourselves together once more in Vancouver. And we shall also long for room 905 at the Georgia hotel, where many of us gathered to eat, talk, and powder our noses.

JANE HALEY, *Beta Theta*



THE LIBRARY OF THE UNIVERSITY OF BRITISH COLUMBIA

### IMPRESSIONS OF INSTALLATION

Everything was held at the rather new Georgia hotel situated in the heart of the city. This was nice, except that there was some complaint about our being awakened by chimes of the big city clock too early in the morning. We were all on either the ninth or the twelfth floor, so that calling on friends was possible. The Japanese elevator boys must have tired of our constant running from floor to floor.

During initiation the squeaks in the door were overcome by an administration of olive oil, but we didn't feel quite able to use that, no matter how much we may have wanted to, to quiet the songs that came wafted in from a bachelors' dinner next door. And then we were forced



ALUMNÆ CHARTER MEMBERS, BETA UPSILON

Top row: Nona Graham, Victoria Gardiner, Margie Greig, Sheila Armstrong, Wilberta McBain, Irene Almond, Alfreda Thompson, Margaret Gillespie.  
Middle row: Hester Cleveland, Grace Teetzel, Jean Holland, Norma Abernethy, Orle Hood, Blanche Almond, Donaldia Straus.  
Sitting: Lillian Mathers, Elizabeth Groves, Dorrie Greenwood, Mildred Dickie.

to remove a shade like that on a kerosene lamp when we wanted to turn off one of the necessary lights. That night all Thetas tumbled in to bed fast, for many of them had been working and standing up all day.

Saturday was a most enjoyable day. We went through the buildings on campus, down in the stacks of the library where we were not supposed to be, up to the roof of the science building, but found the guinea pigs locked up. Then we drove through the proposed fraternity district and caught a glimpse of the bay. Delicious luncheon at a campus shop and then shopping. Much hunting in an effort to find an inexpensive souvenir of the occasion. Home to dress for the installation and banquet. Took notice of every one's gowns and like them all.

The banquet was the best part of all, the climax. Mrs Moore conducted everything in her delightfully informal manner, and we had five delicious courses interspersed with telegrams of congratulations, flowers, and song in which there was some rivalry as to which variation of the tune from different chapters would win out.

Toasts were short and enjoyable, following an interesting plan which I suppose is employed at all such affairs. And then we went to the reception at which more food was served. We were all interested in meeting representatives of other fraternities and learning from them that we had one of the best groups on the campus, which only confirmed our own opinions. Then, if we didn't go out we went to our rooms to talk and celebrate.

In the morning many were leaving in order to get home in time for college, but some of the closer visitors remained to conduct the chapter meeting. I know that none of us will ever be able to forget this experience and we all hope that Beta Upsilon will be coming down to return the call.

ELEANOR FLANAGAN, *Alpha Xi*

#### ALUMNÆ CHARTER MEMBERS

By no means the least enthusiastic initiates were the alumnæ of Sigma Beta Pi. It is these members who for two years have been eagerly looking forward to becoming Thetas. The first president of the local was Donaldia Straus, who is now teaching grade school in Victoria. Some of the others are teaching in the junior high schools of Vancouver.

We were certainly impressed by these girls and the better we became acquainted, the higher our opinions rose. We know that the alumnæ group will form a stanch background for the development of Beta Upsilon. And we know that they will be a nucleus for the formation of an alumnæ chapter in Vancouver.

ALBERTA PHILLIPS, *Beta Epsilon*