



Installation of Beta Omega



BETA OMEGA, UNDERGRADUATE CHARTER MEMBERS

The Newest Theta College

COLORADO COLLEGE, the oldest institution of higher education in the state, was founded in 1874 at Colorado Springs. In these early years, while Colorado was still a territory, the Congregational denomination, so famous for building colleges, gave its sanction and help to this college established on a broad Christian foundation. At the present time there is no denominational control for this privately controlled co-educational college.

The college is a delightful small college, with its enrollment limited to one thousand and its entering class to three hundred. During the year ending June, 1931, there were six-hundred-forty-seven students; three-hundred-forty-nine, men; two-hundred-ninety-eight, women.

The sixteen buildings owned by the college are beautifully situated on a fifty acre

campus—one of the outstanding buildings from an architectural point of view is the stately Shove Memorial chapel, dedicated November 1931. The property and equipment is valued at \$1,495,000, and the college has an endowment of \$2,475,000.

In an outline of the new college plan at Colorado college, President C. C. Mierow says: "Colorado college has long enjoyed the reputation of being one of the leading liberal arts colleges of its type in America. But we are now living in what is perhaps the most rapidly changing period in history as regards the theory and practice of education; and no school or college, however distinguished its past, can afford to rest on its laurels. In order to vindicate anew its claim to leadership, Colorado college must make its own contribution to American educational readjustment.

"It was, therefore, on the basis of such

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considerations and with the purpose of redefining the legitimate objectives of the liberal arts college and of estimating the extent to which Colorado college has attained its ideals, that the Board of trustees approximately a year ago invited Dr Henry Suzzallo, president of the Carnegie foundation for the advancement of teaching, and Chancellor Samuel Paul Capen of the University of Buffalo, to conduct a survey for the college. At their suggestion, the trustees authorized the faculty of the college to undertake a self-survey of the situation under the expert guidance and advice of this official Policy advisory committee.

"In consequence of the information obtained from the self-survey and in accordance with the advice of the Policy advisory committee, a number of changes were recom-

mended by the faculty of Colorado college and were formally ratified by vote of the Board of trustees."

Among these changes was action on national women's fraternities. February 1, 1932, the four societies organized for years were allowed to petition nationals. Delta Gamma was first to grant a charter, to Minerva. At the two national conventions of Kappa Kappa Gamma and Kappa Alpha Theta in June, charters were granted to Hypatia and Contemporary club, respectively. Kappa Alpha Theta installed Contemporary club as its Beta Omega chapter September 1-3.

It is our hope that the policy of our fraternity will fit in with the fine spirit of the new plan now in use at Colorado college.

ALLINE WRIGHT
Grand vice-president

Looking Backward

KAPPA ALPHA THETA has a fine new chapter in Colorado college called Beta Omega. Until September 3 this Theta baby was known as Contemporary club with a well established reputation and a worthy alumnae group. A short résumé of its history gives us a picture of its desirability.

The local club was organized in 1899 by a small group of girls who first called themselves the Ten-pins. Later, of course, they became the Contemporary club. One of the charter members became a Theta in September with the rest of the charter members of Beta Omega.

Through the years the club has flourished—and always has stood for high scholarship. When Contemporary became Kappa Alpha Theta it had 500 alumnae, 350 of whom had degrees from Colorado college. Among their alumnae are many members wearing the Phi Beta Kappa key. On their list they have seven Deans of women of different colleges scattered over the country. In fact the Déan of women at their own Colorado college is a Contemporary.

The alumnae were organized and had annual meetings in Colorado Springs. Every two years they put out a bulletin giving a

list of members, news of any special honors that any of them had received. The last one issued 1927-29 told, among other things, that the Contemporary club had won the right to keep the Skelton painting in their club house, that this made the fifth consecutive year that Contemporary club had taken the scholarship honors on campus!

The present group on campus are keeping up the old reputation. They are still winning scholarship honors as well as holding many important campus offices. Last year in their group were two Phi Beta Kappas, the president of W.A.A., president of Ticknor hall, secretary of Associated women students, Tiger club secretary, treasurer of Associated women students, Tiger club treasurer, head of archery, lead in college play, as well as the Perkins scholarship for the highest average in Colorado college for freshman and sophomore years.

In addition to this inspiring list of honors and activities they hold, they are a charming group of young girls that every one of you would like to meet and know better. They are now working to keep up their old reputation and add new laurels for Kappa Alpha Theta. KATHERINE A. WEAVER

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Facts and Figures

INITIATED into Beta Omega at installation, September 1-3, were forty alumnae of Contemporary club and sixteen members who were active at the time the charter was granted. Alumnae came to Colorado Springs from distant places to become charter members of their new chapter—Elizabeth Sutton Brown and Lillian Degenfelder, California; Harriet Mason and Mary K. Leonard, New York; Sharley Kathleen Pike, Missouri; Dorliska C. Hannan, South Dakota; Marguerite Knutson Graham, New Mexico; and from Wyoming Esther Rockafeld. There were twenty-one alumnae charter members from Colorado outside of Colorado Springs.

Among the Contemporary alumnae initiates into Theta were two Deans of women: Gladys C. Bell of Denver university and Sharley Kathleen Pike, Northwest Missouri state teachers college at Maryville, Missouri. Miss Clare McCoy another initiate was a

charter member of Contemporary.

Each chapter in District V was represented by one or more delegates. Kathleen Asher was here from Kappa; Patricia Stewart from Alpha Upsilon; Lura Lou Wallace from Rho; Eloise Griffin, Ida Marie Lorang and Maxine Hartner from Beta Iota; Beth Mitton, Dorothy Evans, Katherine Clayton, Betty Portner, Helen Prout, and Marie Hanfield from Beta Gamma. Alpha Mu did not send a delegate but was represented quite adequately by having two of its alumnae among the installing officers, Mrs Wright and Mrs Carroll

Additional Thetas from Boulder and the state came to Colorado Springs for the formal banquet Saturday night. Denver alumnae chapter was represented by about twenty-five members who came at different times for the installation services and social functions.

AUGUSTA SPENCER LE CRONE

Unfortunately a large part of the planned story of Beta Omega's installation went astray in the mails, so it may be continued in the next issue.



Spokane Panhellenic

THE combined efforts of Gladys Evans Guilbert (Mrs David C.), Kappa Alpha Theta, Katherine Merrin (Mrs Donald), Kappa Kappa Gamma, and Mamie Johnson, Alpha Delta Pi have given to Spokane, Washington, an organized Panhellenic affiliated with National Panhellenic. Through contact with representatives in town of every national fraternity the first meeting gathered to draft a constitution and adopt rules.

The rules concern rushing by alumnae in Spokane and provide a limit of two parties for each fraternity; parties scheduled with

secretary of Panhellenic to do away with conflicts; time limit set to overcome last minute rushing; no newspaper publicity, except notices given out by the secretary of Panhellenic; a yearly meeting in May.

The benefits of the organization are to make rushing more friendly, more pleasant, and less expensive. After one most successful rushing seasons we feel proud to say that Theta, with Gladys Evans Guilbert's enthusiasm and perseverance, took the lead in organizing Panhellenic in Spokane, Washington.

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