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MAY AGILE FRIDAY

The Sixty-Fifth Chapter

KAPPA ALPHA THETA announces the establishment of Gamma Zeta chapter, University of Connecticut, Storrs, Saturday the third of October, 1942.

Welcome to Kappa Alpha Theta's sixty-fifth active college chapter! No longer can Lambda be called "Theta's only New England chapter," the unique position it has held ever since the short-lived, Lambda sponsored, Xi chapter returned its charter, way back in 1887, when Connecticut Wesleyan university decided that its five year experiment with co-education "had not been successful."

Would you like to know something of Gamma Zeta's university and location? Where it is, was a question railroad officials answered vaguely. No wonder, for no railroad runs through Storrs, in fact Storrs is really no city, but the seat of the University of Connecticut, its one and only interest and industry. Storrs is reached from Willimantic by bus, and from there by train via Hartford to points north and south; or by a brief Hartford to Storrs 25 mile auto trip, except in this gas rationing and save the tires time.

The campus is extensive, there is a small lake, and wonderful surrounding hills, all gorgeous with autumn color to welcome the new chapter. The buildings are suitably red brick, and many, and handsome—especially the ultra modern and complete dormitories both for boys and girls. An impressive and well equipped campus, where some 1900 students, about equally divided between the sexes, study and play, under the supervision of a fine faculty, a teacher for every 6 students.

Has the University of Connecticut a history? Yes, a history much older than most of its buildings, and also older than its name. In 1881, with a gift of 170 acres of land and \$6000 from two brothers, Charles and Augustus Storrs, Connecticut established the Storrs agricultural school. In 1892, as the institution had grown in size and funds, had raised its admission standards and had set definite collegiate goals, the State changed its name from school to college. In 1893 Storrs received Connecticut's share of the Morrill land grant land and funds; and in 1899 became the Connecticut

agricultural college, granting its first AB degree in 1904. Another change of name in 1939, to the University of Connecticut! So, today it is a full fledged state university, with colleges of arts and sciences, of agriculture, engineering, home economics, pharmacy, business administration, nursing, and education. There are 1700 acres in today's campus, on which are more than 50 college buildings, not counting residences of faculty, fraternities, and others connected with the college. The annual budget is about \$2,250,000.

As Gamma Sigma local, Gamma Zeta chapter had developed and made fraternity history on the Connecticut campus. It made more history by becoming the first national woman's fraternity on that campus. Gamma Sigma's total membership approximates 150, many now living in far corners of the world. Ten alumnæ, all 1942 graduates, returned to become charter members along with 24 upperclassmen, juniors and seniors in college. The most recent pledge class, 27, are now sophomores and will become Thetas before this year's freshman rush begins.

Gamma Sigma maintains a chapter house, large and well furnished, where 25 girls and a chaperon can be housed comfortably. The house, once the home of the university's president, is owned by the university, but Gamma Sigma owns all the furnishings and equipment. Overnight, while we slept after initiations, the Gamma Sigma sign that designated the chapter house, disappeared, and in its place swung a brand new Kappa Alpha Theta sign, symbolic of the physical property that came into Kappa Alpha Theta along with the far more valuable and treasured human property—the members of Gamma Zeta chapter.

This story was to have told much more about the chapter's growth and development, and pictured both university and chapter, but somewhere, some way, notes went astray, and time to take pictures never coincided with the sun's shining—and so, wait until the January issue continues the story.

Charter members of Gamma Zeta are: alumnæ, Roberta Baeder Cuato (Mrs Felix) Eleanor Frances Costello, Margaret Jane Griffith, Marie Gertrude Hartman, Beatrice Anna Stedman,

Phyllis Mary Bradley, Jane Carol Hancox, Ella May Wibberley, Nancy Bowers Hill, Dorothy Elizabeth Perkins; and actives—Norma Mildred Anderson, Roberta Helen Burns, Lorraine Margaret Hammestrom, Lois Gertrude Johnson, Bessie Sylvia Amsden, Anne Freeman, Kathryn Mary Keser, Ruth Evelyn Service, Barbara Elizabeth Hall, Florence McKone, Pauline Marie Barbieri, Lynette Jesma Bishop, Mildred Louise Dewey, Elizabeth Rose Gariepy, Virginia Rose Halapin, Inez Virginia Hansen, Mary Jane Ingham, Marjorie Constance Sarratt, Elizabeth Mae Willsey, Barbara Gertrude Hugo, June Marie Schenker, Priscilla Prentiss Bourne, Mary Gertrude Murray, Joyse Madeline Fraser.

In charge of installation was Virginia Davis Boyce, who as Grand vice-president had guided the petition of Gamma Sigma for a Theta chapter. The Grand president, Pearl VanSiclen Higbie, presided; assisted by L. Pearle Green, editor, Shirley Buell Bernreuter, president of District VII (the district that claims the new chapter), Helen Stiles French, former president of District IV, and Kathryn Hoover, Beta Lambda, who is co-organizer in residence with Gamma Zeta.

Official college delegates were: Dorothy Elliott, Alpha Delta; Noel Donaghy, Alpha Kappa; Sarah Colmery, Beta Beta; Maureen Gothelin, Beta Lambda; Jean Engelhardt, Beta Eta; Priscilla MacClellan, Beta Phi; Elisabeth Roberts, Lambda. As visitors and helpers came also, Doris Hudson and Ethel Hagen of Alpha Kappa, Doris Stevenson, Beta Phi, and Jane McAuliffe, Lambda, and the following alumnae—Marjorie Hooper Haggerty, Upsilon, chairman of the new chapter's Advisory board and its friend and guide while still a local; Clara Davis Tucker and Marion Hinds McCormick, Alpha Delta and Baltimore alumnae; Frances Collins Denny, Alpha Iota, and Aileen Trimble, Alpha, of New York alumnae; Ruth Kenny Hart, Chi, president of Hartford alumnae club and these other members of that club—Mary K. Mangus Hudgens, Gamma; Ann McGuffey, Alpha Omega, Sabey Driggs, Beta Zeta, Mary Frances Headington LaHue, Alpha, Helen LaShelle Orraca, Beta Kappa, and Norma Robson Lacy, Beta Pi.

(Don't miss the new chapter's first letter on page 85.)

Thetas in Hawaii

In sending the story which follows, Charlotte Hall, Upsilon, the fraternity's able State chairman for the Hawaiian islands wrote—

"This will assure you that all is well with all Thetas in Hawaii, after the cowardly attack on Pearl harbor. The first of the year found me deeply involved in intensive defense work which has kept me out of mischief eight hours a day for at least six days a week, and I am still at it."

PEARL HARBOR! Nestling in the arms of the shores of Oahu—a lovely gem in a lovely setting! Treacherous the attack that beautiful Sunday morning by a deceitful foe, giving a new meaning to that fair name—a war slogan arousing the nation to action. REMEMBER PEARL HARBOR!

To those who live far from the influence of a War Zone, a general description of some of the more important restrictive conditions necessary in a combat area may prove of interest.

The first necessary step was that of proclaiming Martial law, carrying with it the strict

military discipline which inspired in the citizenry a feeling of safety.

A total blackout (total having but one meaning) was put into effect that first night and has been strictly obeyed ever since. Hawaii does not know the meaning of "dim-out." Without street lights, total darkness reigns out of doors except for the wonderful tropic starlight which has come to be appreciated as it never was before. During the winter months when Venus was the Evening star, washing dishes or even retiring was made possible by her brilliant light. We are hoping that when the time comes for the order "lights on," we shall not have for-

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