

New College Chapters

"Watch later issues for a continuation of the story of colonization." That was the sentence with which the story in the November issue ended. So here is the news at hand when the last possible day arrived for copy to go to press.

At George Washington University

"KAPPA ALPHA THETA announces the establishment of Gamma Kappa chapter at George Washington university, Washington, District of Columbia, November 10, 1946." So reads the widely distributed installation card.

Some way, some how, neither pictures nor copy on the installaton, or of the new chapter's present activities succeeded in making the air or train trip between Washington and Ithaca. So, what follows is just random notes picked up from personal letters, other chapters' letters, and an incidental contact with "one who was there."

The advance program read: November 9: 1 P.M.—Initiation of charter members at Gamma Kappa apartment, 2121 G. street, N.W. 7 P.M.—Banquet and charter service, Sapphire room, Mayflower hotel. November 10: 11 A.M.—First Gamma Kappa chapter meeting, followed by buffet luncheon for its members and the installing officers. 4 P.M.—Reception and tea at Washington club house.

"This program was carried out successfully and in Grand style by the installing officers," so it is reported. Those officers were—Mrs Grimm, Grand president, Mrs Wilson, president of District VII, and Mrs Higbie, former Grand president. They were ably assisted by members of Washington alumnae chapter, delegates from every college chapter in District VII, and by two delegates, Gloria Harrington and Iris Cooper, from District IV's newest chapter, Gamma Eta at Massachusetts State college.

Since installation, Gamma Kappa has one additional pledge, Janet Glissen, president of the campus dramatic club, Cue and curtain. It has also had a dessert party honoring the Theta alumnae who helped it during rush; and has entertained Thetas from Beta Lambda chapter who were in the city for a football week-end.

Furnishings (on order since last summer) didn't arrive before installation, so Washington Thetas graciously loaned furnishings from their

own homes to make the apartment attractive and usable for installation events. One by one as the chapter's purchases arrive, the alumnae loans are being returned.

A great many Thetas from neighboring chapters and states attended, and enjoyed installation events. Many student, faculty, and city friends were present at the installation tea.

And here ends the grape-vine routed news. Maybe by the next issue the magazine can at least announce the names of Gamma Kappa charter members.

At the University of Maryland

The latest news is that the temporary chapter house is still "under construction." But pledge training is well advanced. A third Theta on campus, Barbara Hudson, Alpha Chi, is co-operating with coorganizers, Jean Ford, Beta Phi and Sally Reed, Alpha Rho, in directing the group of fourteen pledges. The girls are happily finding their place in campus activities. Everyone is studying diligently, so every pledge may become a charter member February 15.

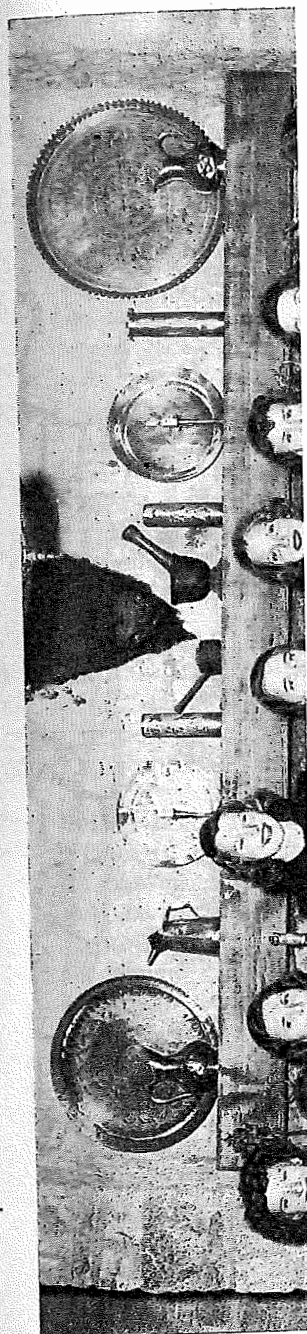
Yes, February 15, is the date of their installation and the place is—District VII's convention at Haddon Hall, Atlantic city, New Jersey.

So far as this reporter knows, this will be the first time a District convention has had the privilege and opportunity to be in the installing team for a new chapter. Lucky District VII! And lucky Maryland group to have its fraternity introduction include a convention experience!

And Now to Beloit College

Rush was about to begin in the November issue report. Rush was most successful.

Rockford alumnae club planned and steered events, aided by alumnae from other towns near the college. The Grand president, Mrs Grimm, was at some of the parties. Psi and Tau undergraduates went to help with every party, and Alpha Psi, though farther away helped at some of the events.



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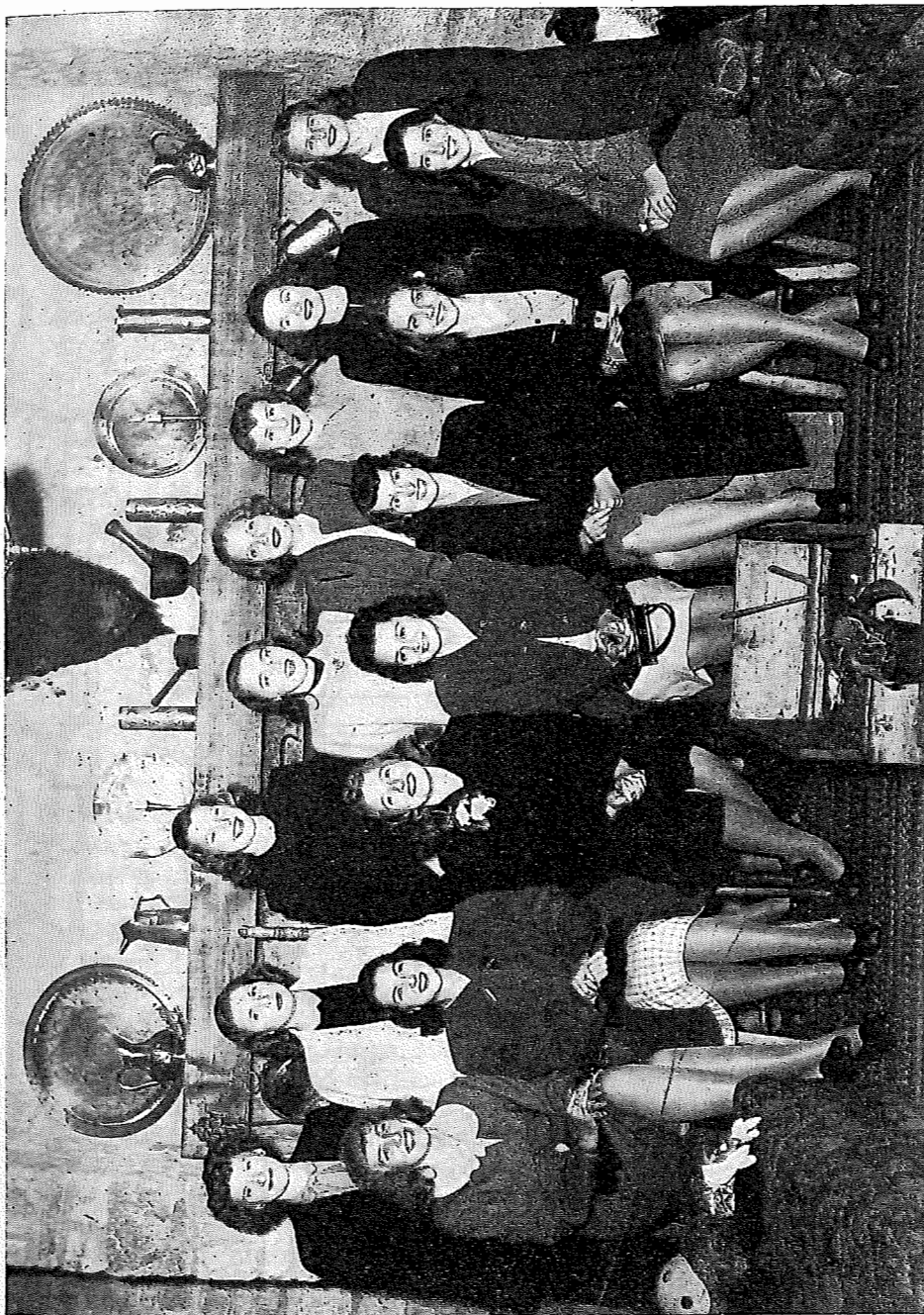
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BELOIT THETA GROUP

Standing: VIRGINIA IRGINS, DOROTHY GOLL, PATRICIA BANNAN, BARBARA GREVER, CORINNE KEATING,
LOUISE COLLINS, ALISON PETERYL, CAROLYN LOVE.
Seated: JOAN LINDEMER, ELIZABETH OWENS, VIRGINIA EDWARDS, DIAN DE WEESE, DORIS LANUM, JOAN
HOLMAN, GAIL ENSLOW.
(Not in picture: DARTHEA VAUGHN)

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Pledge day added thirteen pledges to the nucleus, Dian De Weese, Gamma, coorganizer, Virginia Edwards and Doris Lenum, upper-class pledges.

The new pledges are—from Wisconsin: Darthea Vaughn and Virginia Irgins, Wauwatosa; Gail Enslow, Milwaukee; from Illinois: Joan Lindemer, Joliet; Elizabeth Owens, Oak Park; Joan Hohman, River Forest; Carolyn Love, Beverly; Dorothy Goll, Harvard; Patricia Bannan, Rockford; Corinne Keating and Louise Collins (sister of Dorothy Collins Duryea, Alpha Psi) Chicago; from New York:

Barbara Grever, Forest Hills; and from Michigan, Allison Petertyl, Traverse City.

This group is busy with organization, studying both fraternity matters and class room assignments, for they too all expect to be charter members on an undetermined, as yet, day in February.

Over in Rockford, Mrs Rush Ward Boswell, Tau, gave a tea December 7 at which all Rockford Thetas met all Beloit pledges. Psi has invited all the Beloit group to come to Madison as guests at the Theta Christmas formal December 14—and all are going.

District Conventions

PLANS call for a District convention for each of Kappa Alpha Theta's eleven district. Follows a schedule of time and place, as far as decided at this time. Later issues will make further announcements. But NOW is not too soon for chapters, college and alumnae, as well as Thetas everywhere, to begin to plan how to get to the District convention nearest their homes.

District I, Maxinkuckke Inn, Culver, Indiana, June 16-18.

District II, Edgewater Beach Hotel, Chicago, June 24-26.

District III, Catawba Cliff Beach club, Catawba, Ohio, June 24-26.

District IV, Probably with Chi in Syracuse, New York, in June, but days not determined yet.

District V and VIII, a joint convention, place and time not yet settled.

District VI, place not determined, days in June to be selected later.

District VII, Haddon Hall, Atlantic City, New Jersey, February 14-16. This convention will have the privilege of installing the new University of Maryland chapter.

Mrs Carl Weaver, 3906 Canterbury road, Baltimore 18, Maryland, is convention manager. Write her for details.

Rates American plan (varying as to whether you want a room on ocean front, and how many will be in one room). The Chalfonte and Haddon are under one management, and directly across the street from each other.

Rates	At Chalfonte—At Haddon H
1 person per room	\$27.50-\$32.50 \$27.50-\$33.50
2 persons per room	21.50- 29.50 23.50- 31.50
3 persons per room	20.18- 26.18 22.18- 27.50

Rates are quoted for all time from Friday afternoon, February 14, to Sunday afternoon, February 16. Rate includes all meals, parties, and the installation banquet.

Rooms, etc. are available also under the European plan for any length of time one wishes to make reservations, consult Convention manager for details.

There will be a small registration fee, probably \$2.50 which will cover all tips, etc. District IX, Not yet definitely settled where and when.

District X, Still unsettled as to time and place.

District XI, Alpha Eta's chapter house, Nashville, Tennessee, June 14-16.

"A liberal is, quite simply, a person who believes in freedom—who believes that human life can reach its fullest stature only through a process of continuous liberation."

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THOSE last few days I were so far the most I've been slow to exp
forgive me.

A month ago today, foot on European soil, on the S. S. *Colombia*, a luxury liner. It was and retained much of Our state room was sixty women! And o war time label: "isola

But, in spite of mi joyed every minute o wasn't sea sick, altho rough days. There wei can college people o panionship, and we sj bridge and having the and song fests.

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The University of Maryland has an enrollment of over 7,000 students. In the new post-war campus activities Thetas can be expected to play a large part.

MARTHA JEAN CRAWFORD

Gamma Lambda at Beloit college

The dates for its installation are February 28, March 1-2.

In the interval since the January issue went to press and this one starts the same trail, the Theta colony has some news to report, too.

"Before the holidays a tea was given for the pledges of all other Panhellenic groups at Beloit. It was an informal get together with Christmas the keynote for decorations and food. After

the Beloit-Lawrence football game, an informal open house gave the group an opportunity to entertain Thetas from Alpha Psi chapter, as well as some of the girls' Dads, as this was Dad's day week end.

"January 25, the Theta group had its first formal dance in the campus art hall. Preceding the dance they had a formal dinner for the dance-goers and their escorts and chaperons. Following Beloit custom this dance was the same night that each Panhellenic group also was having a formal dance.

"Barbara Grever is the most recent member to have distinguished herself in campus activities, by winning a part in the next dramatic production of the college players club."

What Fraternity Means to Me

SOME months ago there was planned a series of brief articles recording reactions of alumnae of different periods—"50 years a Theta," "25 years a Theta," "a freshman in the alumnae world." Responses were not as many as expected, but those which came seemed so significant in these days of questioning values for everything on campus that they are here presented.

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One Theta, less than one year out of college, is distressed about the number of girls who want to make a fraternity, but fail to be included within a quota. "Unless the rushing system is drastically changed to permit membership for all girls desiring it, I see no chance for an improved situation," she concludes.

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Another very recent graduate, has another solution for what seems to her the fraternity system's worse feature—the necessity of selecting only a limited number of new members each year. "Establish enough chapters so that the benefits may be shared by all students desiring membership." She even thinks that one fraternity might have several chapters on one campus, if the desirable material and desired girls would "make one chapter too large."

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And a third new alumnae Theta who has written for this forum, says:

"Fraternity: a group associated for their common interest, business or pleasure. The definition holds a special connotation for members of college fraternities, for aside from the specific elements of the meaning, it embraces feelings of friendship and comradeship. Life within a fraternity truly teaches the fundamentals of a nobler life, a life freed of pettiness and inconsequentialities, a life enveloping the principles of a more highly developed social and moral code—a life wherein there is found understanding and generosity, recognition of a neighbor—his personality and privileges—his right to free expression—his inalienable distinction as an individual, striving for ideals, seeking satisfaction in the realization of those ideals."

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And now let us hear from those who have been out of college "around 25 years," as one writer identifies herself.

"Critics of fraternities seem to overlook one point. The herd instinct presses individuals into groups anyway, and of these the Smart sets, Intellectual sets, and Athletic sets are generally the most snobbish, ruthless and lopsided. Theta organized us into a well rounded whirl of campus activities. Its ideals were a temporing influence. At that time I thought intersorority friendships were sadly neglected. Much of such narrowness is now gone. With the American

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