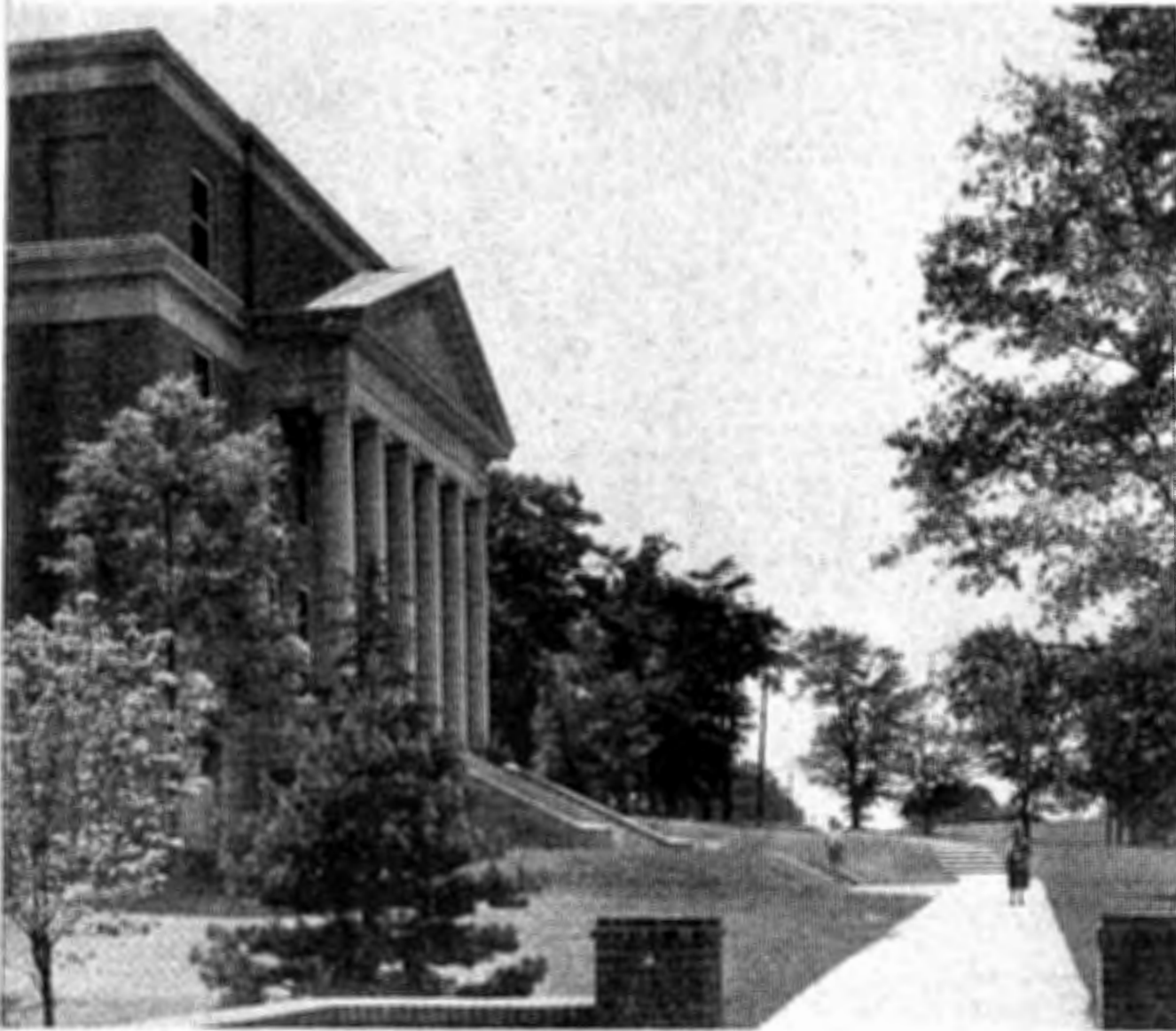


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Colonization Progress

Four seasons (in this issue, pages 191-198) will complete the story of the firm establishment of Gamma Kappa chapter at George Washington university.

At the University of Maryland, Beta Mu chapter will become a fact. Then two weeks later, Beta Lambda chapter will be installed at Beloit college, March 1. News to date of each follows, while the full story will appear in the May issue, for the magazine's schedule couldn't hold this issue for those complete stories.

Gamma Mu Chapter

For several years the University of Maryland had been suggesting that a chapter of Kappa Alpha Theta be organized on campus. The fall semester of 1946 saw Jean Ford, graduate from Beta Phi chapter, Penn State, come to Maryland to colonize Gamma Mu. Among Jean's helpers were Mary Dow, transfer from Alpha Chi and Sally Reed, transfer from Beta Beta.

Fall rushing was done by the few Thetas on campus, aided by Theta alumnae of College Park and Washington, D.C. Those rushers did a wonderful job of entertaining and choosing. Theta pledges.

On February 15 Gamma Mu chapter will become a reality when thirteen charter members will be initiated: Betty Bell, Caryl Fessler, Eleanor Morris, and Joan Morrison, Baltimore; Pat Furman and Bettye Smith, Washington, D.C.; Mary Louise Herrman, York, Pennsylvania; Barbara Husdon, Delaware; Lue Lambson, Chandler, Arizona; Virginia Morse, Swarthmore, Pennsylvania; Jean Perdue, Ridge-wood, New Jersey; Martha Jean Crawford and Martha Sanders, College Park.

Pledges to be initiated next fall are Marilyn Alden, Pasadena, California; Mary Ellen Stanley, Salisbury; Jane Zinch, Baltimore and Ellen Yanda, North Carolina. Ellen's mother is a Theta, alumna of Delta chapter, and her sister Dot is now Beta Eta's chapter president.

The University of Maryland

Maryland fried chicken, oysters, and beautiful coeds are among the University of Maryland traditions. Colonial buildings, rolling lawns and

shrubbed paths make up the lovely campus located at College Park.

In 1856 the Maryland Agricultural college was chartered, this being the second agriculture school in the western hemisphere. In 1920 the Maryland Legislature passed a bill for the Agricultural college to become the University of Maryland.

Today Maryland has colleges of arts and sciences, education, home economics, agriculture, business administration, engineering, law, dentistry, pharmacy, nursing and a faculty of distinction headed by President H. C. Byrd. Dr. Rachel Benton, Theta alumnae heads the Women's Physical education department; Miss Adele Stamp, Dean of women, has helped greatly in the colonizing of Gamma Mu.

Maryland's Panhellenic Council is composed of two delegates from each of the thirteen fraternities. This council creates friendly interfraternity relation, maintains high social standards, and governs rushing, pledging and initiation.

Not only are there fifteen men's and thirteen women's fraternities represented on campus, but student organizations hold a spotlight. The Rossborough club has charge of formal dances with "name" bands. Cosmopolitan sees that university students enjoy cultural activities. The Riding club sponsors an annual spring horse show. Many outstanding plays are produced by the Footlight club; there's a men's and women's Chorus; the dance club studies dance technique and gives recitals. Religious life plays an important part in student activity. All publications are handled by students and includes *The Terrapin*, yearbook, and *The Diamondback*, weekly newspaper.

Honor societies rank high on the Old Line campus with chapters of Phi Kappa Phi, Mortarboard, Omicron Nu, Pi Delta Epsilon, Tau Beta Pi and Phi Delta Kappa, as well as many professional societies.

Athletics always have played an important part at Maryland. The university is a member of the Southern Conference division. During the past years Maryland teams have won championships in basketball, football, boxing, wrestling and rifle shooting.



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BETA MU MEMBERS AND PLEDGES

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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