

Installation at San Diego State Marks Founders' Day

The eighty-first anniversary of the founding of Kappa Alpha Theta brought the fraternity new evidence of its continuing strength and fruitful growth. The weekend of Founders' Day, Jan. 25-27, saw the installation of Gamma Sigma chapter at San Diego State college. The new chapter brought Theta's college chapter roll to 75.

Grand Council's installing chairman was Ellen Hofstead, Grand Treasurer, and she was assisted by Irene Miller, Grand Alumnae Secretary. Also taking official parts in the ceremonies were Pauline Lively, president of District VII, and Rosa Parsons, president of the San Diego Alumnae chapter.

Theta alumnae in the San Diego area who served as chairmen of various installation committees included Mrs. Richard M. Taube, general chairman, and Mrs. Bailie Van Fleet, Mrs. Ray C. Dickson, Mrs. Arthur C. Wells, Mrs. Lloyd E. Russell, Mrs. Paul W. Lamoreaux and Mrs. C. V. Roff, jr.

Pledging and initiation of alumnae members was held on Jan. 25, with an informal supper following the service. College chapter members were initiated the following day, and the installation banquet and the presentation of the chapter's charter were held that evening at the El Cortez Hotel. A tea on Jan. 27 completed the weekend's festivities.

Introducing

Gamma Sigma Chapter

Gamma Sigma chapter has a "pre-Theta" history of more than two decades as a local sorority on the campus of San Diego State college. Founded in 1929 as Theta Chi sorority, the group was officially recognized as a State college sorority in 1932.

When national fraternities came to the campus in 1946, the organization's name was changed to Chi Theta in order to avoid confusion with the men's national fraternity, Theta Chi. Continuity and traditions of the sorority were not lost in the change, however.

Among these traditions are many campus activities and a variety of social services. One of the most outstanding of these social services is the Christmas party given annually for underprivileged children. This affair is given jointly with Kappa Sigma fraternity. Also, at each Christmas season every chapter member wraps and donates gifts to the Child Welfare Bureau.

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Gamma Sigma's home, San Diego State college, is built on a high mesa where its Spanish-Moorish buildings, with their white walls and red tile roofs, blend with the rugged hills.

Founded by legislative enactment in 1897, the college now has a student population of 4,500 students and a campus of 225 acres. It is the only school of the four-year liberal arts type in a large area. To the north, Los Angeles has the first school of comparable type. Phoenix, Ariz., is the location of the nearest four-year liberal arts school to the east. This area covers about 200,000 square miles, an area comparable to the whole northeastern section of the United States, including New York, Pennsylvania and New Jersey.

Bachelor of arts and bachelor of science degrees are awarded in 20 different fields: art, chemistry, commerce, economics, education, general engineering, English, French, geog-

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An annual spring-time activity is work for the Cancer drive in San Diego. Sorority members help in preparing literature for mailing and do clerical work in behalf of the drive. This is in line with the group's tradition of working for at least one charity each semester.

Campus life has benefited from the efforts of Gamma Sigma's members, too. Proceeds of a fashion show, put on by the group, were donated to the faculty and board of Associated Women Students and were used in the re-decorating of Scripps cottage women's meeting room and lounge.

A trophy in which real pride can be taken is the one received for support of the Chrysanthemum drive, proceeds of which helped defray the expenses of sending the college band to away-from-home football games.

Another tradition of the sorority is the giving of awards for excellence in scholarship to the individual girls of the group. A sorority pin is given each semester to the pledge with the

More Chapters On the Way!

Gamma Tau chapter, Theta's 76th, will be installed at the University of Tulsa, Feb. 23-25. Officers who will be present for the installation include Grand Council members Helen French, president, and Louise Crawford, first vice president, and District XII's president, Wanda Buchanan.

Later in the year, Gamma Upsilon chapter will be installed at Miami university in Oxford, Ohio.

highest grade average. And to the member with the highest grades, or the greatest improvement in scholarship, a \$50.00 scholarship is awarded at the scholarship dinner given by the chapter's alumnae.

Extra-curricular campus activities have felt the guiding hands of chapter members, too. The group is the only one on campus which has achieved the distinction of winning for three consecutive years the annual skit contest which

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raphy, history, life science, mathematics, music, physics, political science, psychology, sociology, Spanish, speech arts and zoology. Nineteen credentials are offered by the education department, as is a Master's degree.

San Diego State college is a charter member of the Western College association, the accrediting agency for institutions of higher education on the Pacific coast. It is also accredited by the Northwestern Association of Colleges and Secondary Schools and by the American Association of Colleges for Teacher Training. Women graduates are eligible for membership in the American Association of University Women.

Since the advent of national sororities on the campus in 1949, the following groups have established chapters: Alpha Chi Omega, Alpha Gamma Delta, Alpha Phi, Alpha Xi Delta, Chi Omega, Delta Zeta, Gamma Phi Beta, Kappa Delta, Pi Beta Phi and Sigma Kappa.

is presented by all the women's organizations, both social and professional.

Individual members are winners of the American Association of University Women's award of honorary membership; are representatives on the Associated Student Body council, officers of Associated Women Students and members of many professional organizations. Members and officers of Cetza, campus honorary, are included among the chapter members. Queens abound, too; the 1949 Homecoming Queen, "Miss Fashion Plate of 1950," Blue Book Ball beauties and fraternity "dream girls" are among their ranks.

Walter R. Hepner, president of San Diego State college, has this to say of the chapter which is now Theta's newest: "The group is one of the oldest and best established sororities on the San Diego State college campus. Over a period of many years this group has maintained consistent high standards of selection, and has contained among its members many of the outstanding young women on the campus. It has been my observation that members of this group frequently have been leaders in student government, as well as in the social activities of the campus."

Kappa Alpha Theta is proud to add Gamma Sigma to its roll of chapters.