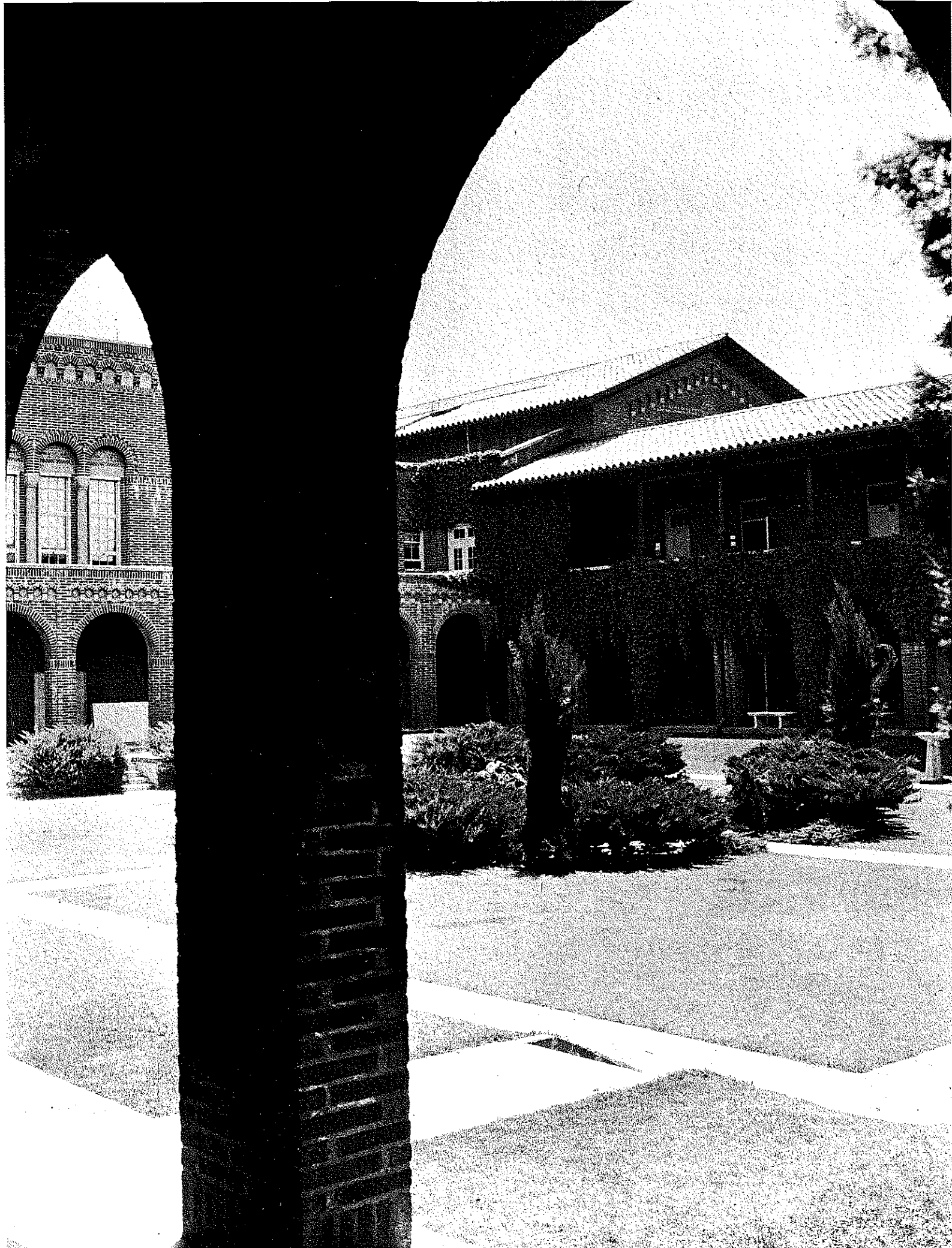




*A
Petition to
Kappa Alpha Theta*

*Alpha Theta
Fresno, California*



The New Modern Campus

For

Fresno State College



An architect's sketch of one of the twenty major buildings being constructed on the new Fresno State College site.

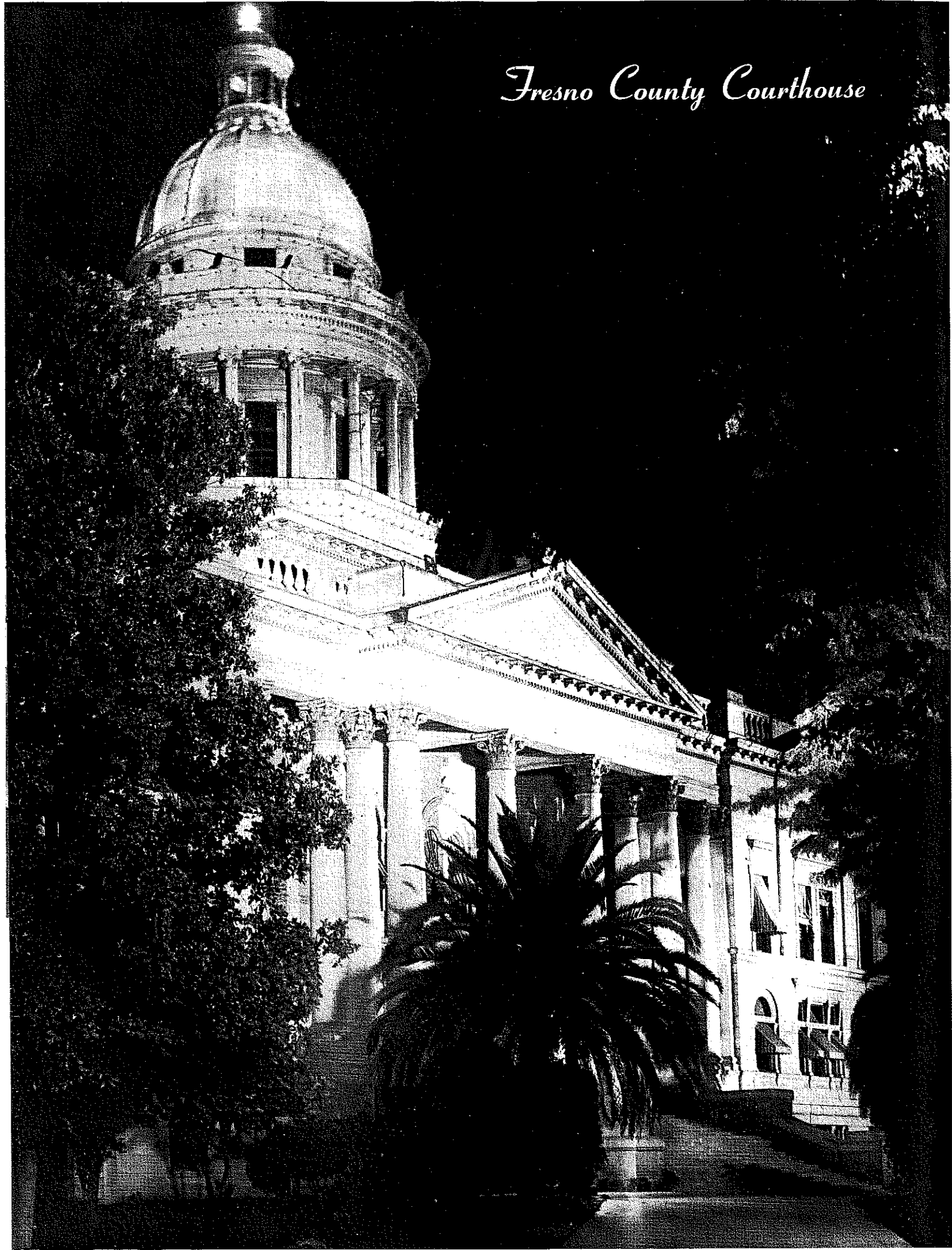
Petition

We, the undersigned members of Alpha Theta Sorority at Fresno, California, respectfully petition for the establishment of a chapter of Kappa Alpha Theta at Fresno State College and for the granting of a charter for such active chapter to the undersigned petitioners.

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Sally Jergenson
Beverly Hand
Patricia Hagman
Barbara Dahlberg
Alice Richardson
Marilyn Carter
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Janet McStrew
Imogene Pruitt
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Fresno County Courthouse



As A Great Valley Has Grown . . .

FRESNO State College is located in the geographical center of California's vast San Joaquin Valley. This area has come to be recognized as the richest agricultural area in the nation, with the attendant growth in population, industry, and educational opportunity which accompany such a position. The college draws the bulk of its student population from the area immediately surrounding Fresno, a city of some one-hundred thousand persons. The majority of the people are engaged in business or industry related to the production of the great crops of the valley . . . the grapes, the cotton, the beef, the vegetables and all the other products which represent an annual billion dollars in gross farm income.

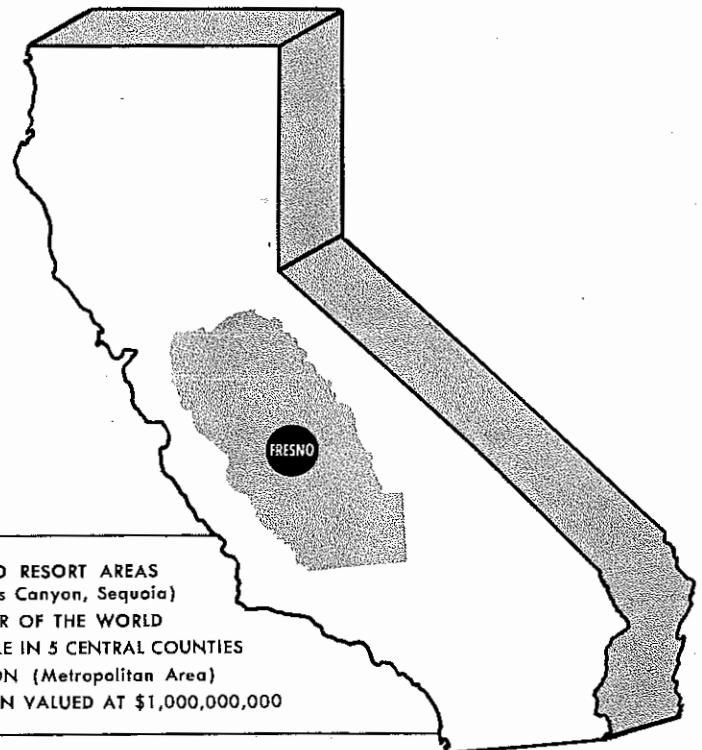
Farming in the San Joaquin Valley is not the simple rural occupation of a generation ago; it is a dramatic thriving industry, capable of sustaining the economic and cultural life of many communities, most particularly the one in which Fresno State College makes its educational contribution.

Fresno lies between two imposing mountain ranges, the snow capped Sierra Nevadas towering fourteen thousand feet on the east, and the Coast Range bordering the fertile west side of the valley. An hour's drive from the college campus brings Fresnans within reach of hunting and fishing in mountain streams and lakes, sailing and waterskiing. An hour or more away are the superb ski slopes of Yosemite National Park, or the trails beneath giant Sequoia redwoods, or to the white sands of Pacific beaches.

Just as water has transformed once arid acres into rich and productive farm lands, so has it made Fresno a tree shaded city of gardens, many of them noteworthy examples of modern trends in landscape architecture. Relatively mild winters permit the year round cultivation of many tropical blooms as well as the camellias, azaleas, flowering trees and shrubs and brilliant summer annuals which make up the planting around every type of residence.

The college is closely integrated with the cultural life of the city. Its symphony orchestra counts Fresno musicians and music lovers among its membership and its audiences. A well established concert series, now nearing its fiftieth year of performances brings artists of note before capacity audiences each winter. An active Art League hopes to realize the dream of a Fine Arts Center to house its showings of local artists as well as those of international repute.

Fresno, California, is the center of the nation's fastest growing state and richest valley with a boundless future.



... A College Has Grown

FRESNO State College has been serving as an educational center for the San Joaquin Valley since 1910, when the first junior college in California was established in Fresno. The following year, a state normal school was established in Fresno. These two institutions, one providing general and vocational training, the other preparing for teaching, were directed by a single administration. As they grew, they were temporarily separated, but in 1921, with the expansion of the courses for teachers to four years with authority to grant the AB degree, the two kinds of college service were again united at Fresno State Teacher's College. In 1935 the official name was changed to Fresno State College, with authority to carry on various lines of college work leading to the AB degree. The Master of Arts degree and General Secondary teaching credential have been given since 1949. A Bachelor of Science Degree is also given in Agriculture, Agricultural Engineering, Engineering, Chemistry, Physics, and Biology.

Fresno State College was accredited in 1940 by the Association of American Universities, and is in full standing with the American Association of University Women. Students who transfer to other institutions receive full credit for courses satisfactorily completed.

The present college campus is located about two miles from the central business district of Fresno, in an area too congested to allow the expansion necessary to meet the needs of a student enrollment that this year reached the 3,000 mark. Completion of buildings on the new 880 acre college site, seven miles north of the city, will enable Fresno State College to provide for an expected enrollment of 5,000, and to keep pace with growth of the entire region it serves.

In addition to maintaining courses for the preparation of teachers for public schools of California, the State College at Fresno is in a position to meet the needs of the young people of the San Joaquin Valley for higher education. With a population of more than half a million, centering around Fresno, and located nearly two hundred miles from any other institution of higher learning, the college has had most favorable conditions for its development. Fresno State College is the sixth largest college in enrollment in California.

There are on campus fifteen honor societies representing various fields of special interest; thirty-five clubs based upon educational, recreational, or religious interests, and seventeen social organizations. Membership and active participation in a reasonable number of appropriate organizations is strongly encouraged by the college as an excellent means of developing leadership, cooperation, personality, and social judgment on the part of the students.



The new campus for the Fresno State College is partially completed with the construction of the Men's Gymnasium, Thomas Administration Building, Demonstration School and Industrial Arts Building. Now under construction is the Fire House, Power Plant and Water System, Agricultural Mechanics Shops, Agricultural Department Classroom Building, thirteen Farm Buildings for housing the prize animals of the Agricultural College and the Science Building to be constructed this spring. Approximately twenty-five major academic buildings of modern design will be grouped around the college library, which will be the focal point of the main campus. The estimated cost of the entire project is between fifteen and twenty million dollars. A complete transfer to the new site is expected by 1955. Long range architectural planning will make it possible to develop the entire new campus and its surroundings into a beautiful as well as functional educational institution.

Arnold E. Joyal, president

*Alpha
Theta
Members*



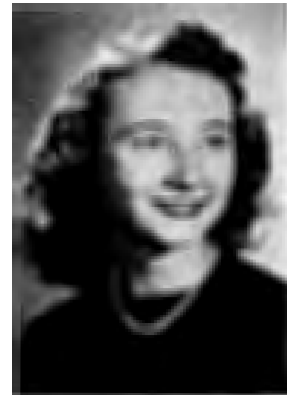
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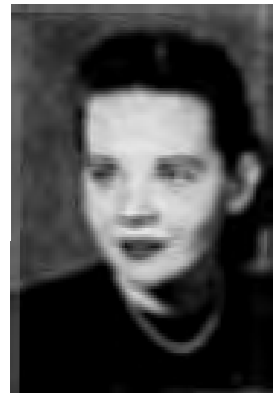
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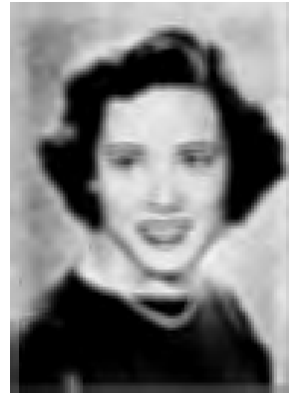
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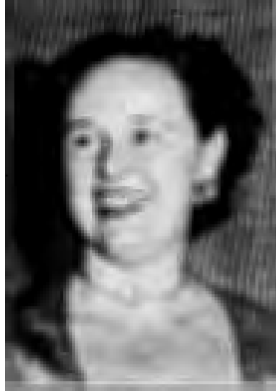
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The Social Hour



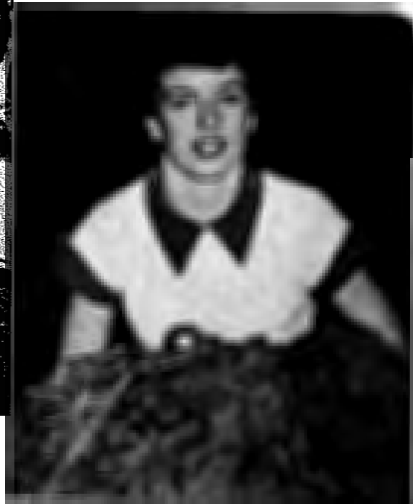
The Stardust Formal is our annual dance to which we invite other sorority members and prospective rushees.



Three of last Spring's pledges show you animals they made for the Valley Children's Hospital. This was their pledge project.



A Whiskerino Contest is a main event of Sadie Hawkin's Day and sorority presidents do the honors of selecting a winner. Faye Turnbaugh is about to decide.



Jan McGrew is the spark of our pep team.



The line of AO's that won the gold trophy in last fall's Second Annual Greek Sing.



Exchanges are always fun.



Queen Marilyn leads the procession in the grand march just after she received the coveted title.

Presenting Our Queens



Lois Lusk

SAE Sweetheart 1950
Attendant to the 1952 and
the 1953 Campus Queen
Alpha Theta
President



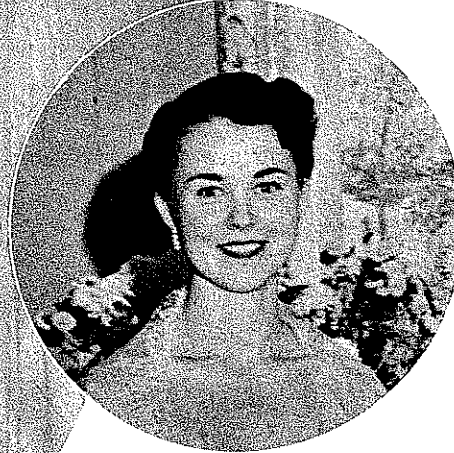
Vanda Scavarda

Military Ball Queen 1952
Candidate for
Maid of Cotton (California)
Attendant to Kappa Sigma
Snow Queen 1952



Sally Macias

Duchess of the Mosque Ball
Active in University Street Playhouse
Productions



Verta Ruble

Attendant to
the 1953 Campus Queen
Student Body Secretary

Marilyn Packer

1952 Campus Queen
Armistice Day Queen 1952
Theta Chi Dream Girl 1950
Queen of the West Coast Relays 1952

THE Queen's Ball is the social event of the season, sponsored by the AWS. Sororities and campus organizations select candidates from their organizations and five finalists are elected by popular vote of the student body. A group of impartial judges selects the queen after which a formal ball is staged for the queen and her attendants early in December. In 1935, the first woman to be chosen for outstanding poise, personality and beauty was an Alpha Theta, Nona Kenneaster Mattei. Of the seventeen sorority women in eighteen years holding this position of esteem, we are proud that six have been Alpha Theta women and that eighteen of our group have been attendants to the Queen.

Organizations On Campus

Associated Students . . .

The first and only woman Student Body President elected at Fresno State College was Virginia Sager Jansen, an Alpha Theta. She directed the student body during 1943-44, with capable hands and since that time, the men have again assumed this honored position.

Alpha Theta has had twenty Student Body Secretaries in thirty-one years of student government at FSC. The secretary is elected by popular vote at the regular election held each spring.

Of the twenty-odd class offices held throughout the year, Alpha Thetas have averaged four appointments each year. These offices range from Senior Class President to Freshman Class Treasurer.

Associated Women Students . . .

AWS has been serving FSC for thirty-one years. The President now leads over one-thousand women students at weekly meetings. Voting members include one representative from each campus organization with women students in its membership. Other AWS activities throughout the year are: the Queen's Tea, Queen's Ball, Spring Formal, and a dinner honoring the newly elected AWS president. AWS also sponsors a Foreign Exchange Student.

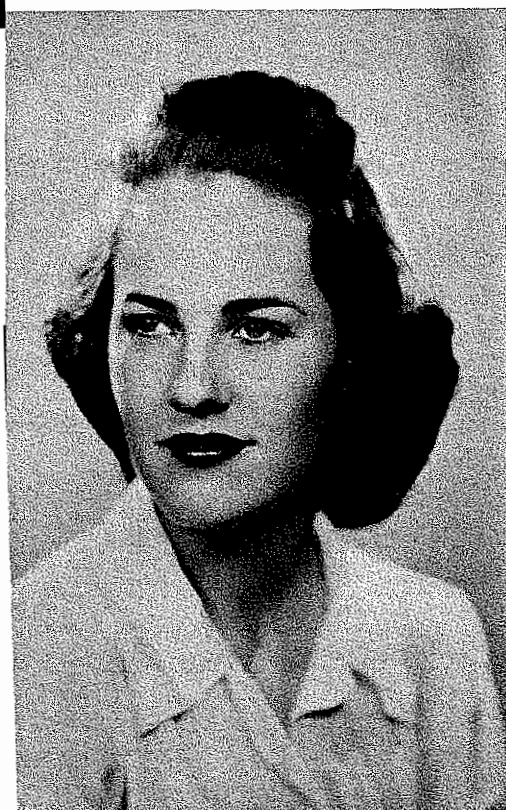
Elected by popular vote of the women students, Alpha Theta has had nineteen AWS presidents and thirteen vice-presidents.

Sports . . .

Leaders in the sports field have been Lehla Slocum Beatty and Nadine L. Nichols, Fresno County and San Joaquin Valley Women's Tennis Champions.

Our One

And Only



Virginia Sager Jansen, the only woman student body president, 1943 to 1944.

Honor Organizations . . . Tokalon

In 1926, Tokalon, an upper division women's honorary fraternity was organized. The aim of Tokalon is to foster the highest ideals of womanhood, scholarship, loyalty and service to the school. Three Alpha Theta's were among the first sixteen chosen for Tokalon membership and have had an average of two members in the group each year since it was established. During two consecutive years, seven of the sixteen were from our group.

The Key . . .

The Key is an honorary upper-division scholastic fraternity sponsored by Phi Beta Kappa and has a limit of twenty members. Alpha Theta has had twenty members in The Key throughout the years. Members must achieve a 2.2 grade average before being elected to membership. (Grade points at FSC are figured on a 3.0 basis.)

In February 1952, the grade point average of the seven Greek letter sororities on the FSC campus for the fall semester was released by Evelyn H. Wright, FSC Dean of Women. Alpha Theta led the group with a 1.83 average, well above the 1.61 recorded for all sororities combined and the 1.60 average which represented all women students.



Sophomore Service Society . . .

Sophomore Service Society is a luncheon club composed of twenty-five members of outstanding Sophomore girls chosen for their service to the college during their Freshman year. Alpha Theta has had an average of five girls elected each year to this group established in 1939.

Who's Who . . .

"Who's Who in American Universities and Colleges" first listed Fresno State College in 1943. Since that time, from an average of eleven women selected from the entire upper division student body, three have been Alpha Thetas each year.

Alpha Theta has also had an outstanding number of women belonging to the Freshman Women's Luncheon Club, Freshmen Women's Social Activities Group, Alpha Phi Gamma, a Journalism Fraternity, and Omicron Sigma Pi, a Home Economics Honorary Group. Verta Ruble, a senior student is now the National Vice President of Omicron Sigma Pi.



Carolyn Palmer and Betty Ann Williams
convention bound.

Publications . . .

The college has four major student publications. "The Collegian," published twice weekly is the official news publication. A handbook and directory appears soon after the fall semester opens and contains general information about the college and an address list of faculty and students. The college annual is known as the "Campus" and appears during the final month of the college year. Members of Alpha Theta have been active in various campus publications throughout the years. Lois Lusk, senior student this year, edited the "Handbook," writes for the "Collegian" and a special column for the local newspaper.

In The Arts . . .

Alpha Thetas have been well represented behind the footlights of the University Street Playhouse, Fresno State College drama department's Little Theatre. Outstanding among the leading ladies of the past several years have been Eleanor Johnson Faust, June Johansen Benck, Loramae Hockett McGee, Rosemary Johnson and Nona Vaughn.

Prominent in the field of music are Genevieve Stewart Greelis a vocalist, Dene Ann Parker a gifted cellist; and Joanne Bayrich, violinist now studying at Purdue University. Jane Venn headed the Charm Chorus and Betty Lou Knapp George was one of FSC's better known Majorettes, appearing with the college band.

Particularly talented in the field of Art in recent years are Eleanor Miller Young who became Art Supervisor for the Stockton City Schools, Janice Poulsen Bell, Ann Cochran McFarland, and Rosemary Johnson, an instructor at Fresno State College 1951-52.

Social Fraternities

Delta Sigma Phi	Sigma Chi
Kappa Sigma	Sigma Nu
Kappa Delta Rho	Sigma Pi
Lambda Chi Alpha	Phi Sigma Kappa
Sigma Alpha Epsilon	Theta Chi

Sororities

Alpha Theta
Alpha Xi Delta
Delta Gamma
Delta Kappa
Delta Sigma Epsilon
Phi Mu
Sigma Sigma Sigma

The Early Years

THE Alpha Theta Sorority was organized on the Fresno State College campus in 1921, the first sorority to use the Greek letter name after official college permission was granted. Alpha Theta is an outgrowth of the Atolanta Club which claims the distinction of being the first women's social club in the Fresno Junior College, the oldest Junior College in California and thought to be the oldest in the nation. This club organized in 1917 and reorganized at Fresno State College in 1921 when the Junior College merged with the Normal School to become Fresno State Teachers College.

Charter members included: Jeness Hudson, Helen Decker, Frances Erskine, Georgia Holcomb, Laura Curran, Edith Frame, Ruth Nelson, Elsie Tanner, Dorothy Stricklin and Agnes Lehr.

Setting the pace that Alpha Theta was to follow throughout the college's years of growth, early members soon became active scholastically, in student government and social life. Jeness Hudson became the student body's first vice-president in 1921, and Beryl Bollinger was elected the first president of the Associated Women Students.

The Alpha Theta alumnae assumed definite form in 1927 with Frances Erskine as its first president. Monthly meetings have been conducted through the years. The active alumnae membership averages fifty women each year.

A scholarship is awarded each year to an entering Freshman girl by the Alpha Theta alumnae. A token scholarship award is made to the active Alpha Theta who has attained the highest academic grade average during the year.

During the war years, Red Cross, USO, and volunteer hospital work claimed the full attention of the alumnae organization. A number of fund-raising projects have led to the establishment of welfare programs benefiting handicapped children of Fresno.

A series of children's fashion shows was responsible for establishing a dental care fund. Sales of used articles collected by members and the sale of a child's playhouse, constructed, decorated and furnished by members, made it possible to contribute a sum of \$1,300 to the Sunshine School for Cerebral Palsied children.

Fresno Pan-Hellenic meetings have had an Alpha Theta representative taking an active part in affairs. Nona Mattei was model coordinator for a recent Pan-Hellenic sponsored fashion show and Alpha Theta Alumnae shared in furnishing supplies for the children's ward at the Fresno County General Hospital.



Interesting Alumnae

Many alumnae members have found time to supplement their responsibilities to homes and families by filling important positions in professional and civic life.

MRS. DORIS DELACY STILMAN, Former instructor Utah State College, Travel Representative in Europe for the Lundy Travel Company.

MRS. IDA DEVLIN BLACKBURN, former instructor Arizona State Teachers College.

MRS. NONA KENNEASTER MATTEI, Owner "The Little Folks Shop."

MRS. HELEN COWAN WOOD, State Consultant in Elementary Education, Fresno County Schools.

MRS. ZONA ALDRICH HUMPHREYS, Nursing Service Chairman, American Red Cross, President of Los Ninos Guild of Valley Children's Hospital.

MRS. GENEVIEVE WICKSTROM SMITH, Chairman Fresno County Chapter American Red Cross, 1950-51. Member Pacific Area Advisory Board for Red Cross, Member FSC Advisory Board, Permanent Chairman Ina Gregg Thomas Memorial Scholarship Board of Trustees, Member Board of Trustees of the Fresno Chapter United Givers.

MRS. MARIAN McKEIGHAN GERARD, Instructor of Education, Fresno State College.

MRS. RUTHELAINÉ FARLEY RAMBO, Owner "Ramberlane Kennels."

MRS. MARY JOHNSON BARTLETT, Chairman Women's Division 1950 Red Cross Fund Drive, Member of Service League.

MRS. MARJORIE BOTTS, Society Editor, San Jose Tribune.

MRS. DOROTHY REES MOORISH, Vice President, Fresno Chapter Dental Auxiliary.

MISS DESANKA CUCUK, Assistant Director of San Francisco Committee for CARE.



Genevieve Smith sends flood message over teletype.

FRESNO STATE COLLEGE

FRESNO 4, CALIFORNIA

May 1, 1952

Mrs. Paul K. French, Grand President
Kappa Alpha Theta
Hinesburg Road, R. R. I.
Burlington, Vermont

Miss Barbara Matthew, president of our local Alpha Theta sorority, has informed me that the group plans to petition Kappa Alpha Theta for a chapter charter. She has further asked me to favor the local sorority with a letter of recommendation to the Grand Council and chapters of Kappa Alpha Theta. I am happy to comply with this request.

Fresno State College is an outgrowth of the first junior college in California, established in Fresno in 1910, and a state normal school established the following year. These two institutions - one providing general and vocational training; the other preparation for teaching - were directed by a single administration. As they grew, they were temporarily separated but in 1921, with the expansion of the courses for teachers to four years with authority to grant the A.B. degree, the two kinds of college services were again united. In 1935, the official name was changed to Fresno State College, with authority to carry on various lines of liberal arts college work leading to the bachelor's degree either with or without including the courses required for a teaching credential.

In its rapid growth and development during recent years, the B.S. degree has been added, and since 1950 the master's degree has been granted in eleven areas of study.

The Fresno State College campus is soon to be moved to a new and larger site northeast of its present location. Several buildings are complete and under construction on the new campus. When the building program is completed there will be approximately 25 entirely new buildings on a 900 acre site. On the present college site there are nine buildings, and in addition there is a 454 acre farm school located four miles east of the main campus.

The present enrollment at Fresno State College is approximately 2700. Of this number there are approximately 950 women students, one-third of whom live away from home. There are seven sororities and ten fraternities on the campus. Approximately 290 women students are sorority members.

Alpha Theta is one of the oldest sororities on the campus, its founding date being 1921. I believe that Alpha Theta has compiled a detailed outline of its history which will be available to you. Scholastically, Alpha Theta has maintained a high standing among the seven sororities on our campus. During the spring and fall semesters of 1951, it held top ranking position.

The members of Alpha Theta generally possess qualities of leadership and academic achievement. Many have held positions of leadership in campus organizations and have assumed their responsibilities with efficiency and grace. During the past four years the presidency of the Associated Women Students has been held by a member of Alpha Theta.

In the event that Kappa Alpha Theta finds Alpha Theta worthy of being granted a charter, the administration of Fresno State College would welcome such a decision and feel honored to have a chapter of Kappa Alpha Theta on its campus.



Cordially yours,

Evelyn H. Wright

Evelyn H. Wright
Dean of Women

FRESNO STATE COLLEGE

FRESNO 4, CALIFORNIA

April 30, 1952

To The Grand Council And Chapters Of Kappa Alpha Theta,
Greetings:

To recommend that a local group be granted a chapter of Kappa Alpha Theta is a responsibility that no member of Kappa Alpha Theta can take lightly.

We must needs ask ourselves questions. Is this an educational institution of recognized standing? Will the administration welcome a chapter of Kappa Alpha Theta? What about the calibre of the petitioning group-its scholarship, its calibre of student, its appreciation of the ideals and standards of Kappa Alpha Theta? Will the area continue to furnish students worthy of Kappa Alpha Theta?

All of these questions, I consider are answered in a strong affirmative. Alpha Theta has compiled information which shows the academic standing of Fresno State College, the welcome the administration will accord our fraternity, the fine type of student represented by the Alpha Theta petitioning group and the growth of the vast San Joaquin Valley which will mean the continued influx of a fine student population to Fresno State College.

In matters of scholarship, student body officers and honors, Alpha Theta has maintained a definite priority during the five years I have been on the campus. The group has had a fine sense of responsibility and social sensitivity. During the past four years the presidency of the Associated Women Students has been held by Alpha Theta's and I have known each of them well.

I believe that thoughtful perusal of the submitted material will convince the reader that this is a strong group worthy of becoming a chapter of Kappa Alpha Theta. I recommend Alpha Theta unreservedly.

Loyally in Theta,

Ellen B. Herndon

Ellen Boulton Herndon
Beta Delta Chapter
Former Chairman, Advisory Board
of Beta Delta Chapter
Former State Chairman-Arizona
Assistant Dean of Women-Fresno



FRESNO STATE COLLEGE
FRESNO 4, CALIFORNIA

January 16, 1953

To The Grand Council And Chapters Of Kappa Alpha Theta,
Greetings:

I wish to recommend your careful consideration of the Petition of the Alpha Theta Fraternity of Fresno State College for membership as a campus chapter of Kappa Alpha Theta Fraternity.

I have been acquainted with the activities of the Alpha Theta Fraternity for twenty-four years and find they have been consistently the best, or one of the best, fraternal groups on the campus. The Alpha Thetas have always ranked high in scholarship, and in addition have led the other fraternities in college activities. Because so many of the Alpha Thetas have been elected to high student body offices, I have had the privilege of working with them on many student government committees. I find that these girls are exceptional leaders and exemplify the type of girl who is a member of the fraternity.

Speaking from a "man's point of view" the Alpha Thetas have been exceedingly popular with the men fraternal organizations on the campus. The fraternities always appreciate and enjoy the social exchanges that are held with the Alpha Thetas because of the friendly and hospitable attitude of the girls.

May I assure the Kappa Alpha Theta Fraternity that the Administration of the Fresno State College would welcome the establishment of a chapter of your fraternity on the Fresno State College campus. It is with a high sense of responsibility and honor that I recommend to you the Petition of the Alpha Theta Fraternity.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Harold J. Beatty".

Harold J. Beatty
Dean Of Men

FRESNO STATE COLLEGE

FRESNO 4, CALIFORNIA

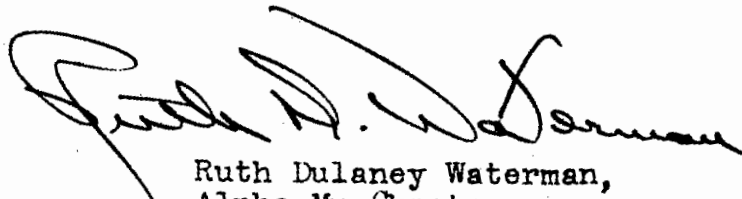
May 5, 1952

To Grand Council And The Chapters Of Kappa Alpha Theta,
Greetings!

As Chairman of the Women's Physical Education Department of the Fresno State College from 1924 to 1928, and again from 1939 to the present time, and as Dean of Women of six of the college's High Sierra Summer Sessions, I have known and worked closely with the Alpha Theta group. During these years, the group has consistently shown outstanding leadership in the campus activities and in worthy community projects. Their record is an enviable one.

I should be very happy to see a Theta Chapter at Fresno State College, and I consider the Alpha Theta active and alumnae groups well deserving of your consideration in this role.

Loyally yours in Theta



Ruth Dulaney Waterman,
Alpha Mu Chapter



Sigma Alpha Epsilon
California Iota Chapter
1030 North Van Ness Avenue
Fresno, California

Kappa Alpha Theta Fraternity:

It has come to our attention that Alpha Theta, a local sorority here at Fresno State, is petitioning for membership in your organization.

We feel that in Fresno State you have chosen an ideal site for a new chapter and an outstanding sorority you will be proud to have represent you here.

The Alpha Thetas are a well rounded, closely knit group constantly active in campus activities and ranking high in popularity among the students. In addition to an outstanding collegiate chapter, they have a very active alumnae.

They have consistently been one of the top sororities since their founding and should continue to be so if the present quality of their membership is maintained.

It is with much pleasure that we, of California Iota chapter of Sigma Alpha Epsilon, recommend the Alpha Thetas for membership in Kappa Alpha Theta.

Sincerely,

Ronald DuBois

Ronald DuBois
Eminent Correspondant

FRESNO STATE COLLEGE
FRESNO 4, CALIFORNIA

May 2, 1952

Office of the President

Mrs. Paul French
Hinesburg Road, R. R. 1
Burlington, Vermont

Dear Mrs. French:

Miss Barbara Matthew of Alpha Theta Sorority at Fresno State College, has asked me to write to you in regard to their petition for a chapter of Kappa Alpha Theta.

I am very glad to indicate that Alpha Theta is a fine organization and merits your full confidence. The college would be honored if your organization concurs in Alpha Theta's request for a chapter.

Very truly yours
A. E. Joyal
A. E. Joyal
President

FRESNO STATE COLLEGE
FRESNO 4, CALIFORNIA

April 29, 1952

To: Grand Council, Kappa Alpha Theta Fraternity
From: Hubert Phillips, Professor of History
Re: The Alpha Theta Sorority, Fresno State College

For a period of fifteen years, prior to 1951, I served as Panhellenic Lawyer at Fresno State.

This meant that the name of every girl bid to a sorority went through my hands. Consequently, I came to know a great deal about the ideas and ideals of each sorority, and the "type" of girl sought by the various sororities.

Without playing favorites in anyway but due to a variety of circumstances, I came to know two sororities, and their officers, much better than the others. One of these was the Alpha Theta group.

The Alpha Theta's were always careful of the girls given bids and as a result always received a picked group. They have consistently maintained a good scholarship standing and so far as I can recall have never been in any, even minor, difficulty with the college authorities. I unreservedly recommend them for your consideration.

Sincerely,
Hubert Phillips
Hubert Phillips,
Professor of History

KAPPA SIGMA FRATERNITY
375 NORTH FULTON
FRESNO, CALIFORNIA



EPSILON TAU CHAPTER
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To The Chapters Of The Kappa Alpha Theta Fraternity,

When writing of the Alpha Theta Sorority only the highest words of praise may be said. The young ladies of this group represent the American ideal of womanhood, which accounts for their popularity.

Their activity in school affairs should be brought to your attention. Their members hold numerous class and student body offices, including secretary of the student body. Their active support may always be depended upon for such activities as rallies, assemblies, and campus charity drives.

By far their most important attribute, however, is their high reputation. This asset should readily combine with your well established high standards. We feel that such an amalgamation as is proposed would be highly beneficial to you as well as to the Alpha Theta Sorority.



Sincerely yours,

Dick Bloomer

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President

The Kappa Sigma Snow Queen for
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Kappa Alpha Theta Fraternity:

It has been called to my attention that one of the most prominent sororities on this campus, Alpha Theta, is desirous of joining a national sorority at this time; they have thus asked that I make a few remarks concerning their local group to you.

While my connection with Fresno State is not formal (as I am on leave from Columbia University), I have had the opportunity over the past two years of observing the students and student groups on this campus. In addition I have had numerous opportunities to discuss campus fraternities and social groups with faculty members and thus learn their opinions.

With this background I can succinctly state that the Alpha Theta group has always been acclaimed as among the first three sororities here, and by most it is considered the best. From the time that it was founded some thirty years ago (as the first organized group of its kind) it has been a leader in campus activities, having had more student body officers and leaders than any rival. This has been achieved in addition to maintaining a consistently high scholastic record; among such social groups (and living groups as well) it has almost always stood either first or second.

Furthermore I have been informed by numerous men students that they look upon the Alpha Theta group as "tops" on the campus, and alumni have told me many times that when they attended the college this group had the same rating in their judgment. Perhaps one of the best judges is the faculty Panhellenic lawyer who formerly handled all such matters, Professor Hubert Phillips, who rated the Alpha Thetas as superior throughout the many years that he worked with the groups.

It is encouraging to see that the larger and better-known national sorority and fraternity groups are now "invading" the "smaller" colleges; while these institutions are no longer small, it is of interest to note that they are no longer "normal" schools either. Over half the students at Fresno are liberal-arts, non-teaching students (as is no doubt true of the other State colleges). Thus they have become, gradually, proper places for the growth of the national fraternity groups. It seems to me that this school would benefit greatly from a chapter of Kappa Alpha Theta on campus. And I can honestly say that from my observation the national group could ask for no better qualifications than Alpha Theta can sincerely present.

Very truly yours



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