

the beginning of our Theta history. It seems very fitting and meaningful for this occasion.

"One candle is for memory
All steady as a star,
While one shines bright for days to be
And one for the days that are."

Our candle of memory is truly "as steady as a star" as we consider the rich heritage of Pi chapter with its distinguished and ever loyal members, members who for almost fifty years now have held to the hope that their chapter would be re-established. I only hope that each of you college members here will have interest equal to that of the women initiated here this

week end who were pledges at the time Pi chapter left the campus.

When we think of the "days that are" we see a fine college, an administration understanding the worth of the fraternity system, and an excellent group to start our re-established chapter.

It is for you, the new members of Pi chapter, to see that the candle for "the days to be" burns brightly. You have a firm foundation already laid for you. It is now yours to learn about our fraternity, its history, objectives and ideals, and by your deeds create a Pi chapter that will again be a strong link on our fraternity chain.

This Is Gamma Psi

• Margaret Marshall Stouffer

Fort Worth Alumnae Chapter

"I have seen the development of new leadership. Students who formerly had no outlets for their abilities have stepped out into positions of trust and responsibility." These wonderful words were music to our ears when spoken by Elizabeth Youngblood, Dean of Student's Activities at Texas Christian University in her greetings to Gamma Psi.

Our hats are off to Opal Marshall Mc Celvey, Betty Clare Carnrike Kenyon, Virginia Gentry Stuart, Virginia Berry Hollifield, Phyliss Tenny Nowlin, Jackie Sanders Thomas, and Mary Mc Donald Brown from Dallas, a former Grand Vice President, for they really followed through with plans to establish Theta at TCU. Months of meetings and hard work were rewarded on April 15th when 20 pledges, 14 alumnae pledges and two affiliates were initiated, and Gamma Psi chapter of Kappa Alpha Theta took her place among eight sororities admitted to the campus of TCU for the first time.

The social whirl began on Thursday, April 14th, with the arrival of our charming Grand President, Ellen Hofstead, and Mary Brandriff, Grand Alumnae Secretary. Betty Hogate, Grand

First Vice President planned to be here until a tragic death in her family prevented her joining us.

On Thursday afternoon one of Fort Worth's most beautiful homes was opened to us for a tea to honor our Grand Officers and TCU pledges. Many thanks to Mrs. Charles D. Reimers, a Theta mother, for her generosity. We are extremely fortunate to have her daughter, Linda Reimers Mixon as Gamma Psi's faculty advisor. Decorations were in charge of Elizabeth Se Hines Coffey and Kitty Edwards Durst. They arranged an exceptionally lovely centerpiece of live magnolia branches with handmade white satin blossoms. Receiving guests with the grand officers were Phyliss Tenny Nowlin and Le Benton Harvey, the founders of Fort Worth Alumnae in 1924.

That evening a dinner party was held at the Fort Worth Club. Tables were decorated with large reed baskets holding arrangements of wood roses, cymbidium orchids and other dried foliage. Opal Marshall McCelvey arranged the centerpiece and Doris Callaway Werst was in charge of the arrangements.



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These are the new active members of the Gamma Psi chapter at Texas Christian.

Friday was a busy but happy day for all. Following rehearsal for initiation, a luncheon was held in the Mandarin room at River Crest Country Club. Again decorations were outstanding. The Chinese motif was carried out with the receiving line dressed in Chinese costumes. Open Chinese fans decorated the U-shaped table with smilax greenery framing a centerpiece of Bird of Paradise. Decorations were planned by Dorothy Bonham Beyer.

Immediately following the luncheon, initiation took place in the spacious home of Margaret Ridgway Loffland. Each Theta chapter in District XII sent official representatives to serve as Marshals. Southern Methodist University and Texas University actives arrived in large

numbers to make the service a big success.

On Friday evening members of the new Gamma Psi chapter, Grand Officers, our District President, Dorothy Marks McNutt, and delegates from the faculty at Texas Christian University were honored with a formal banquet in the Terrace Room of the Hilton Hotel. Seated at the head table besides other honored guests were members of TCU's Administrative Committee on sororities and fraternities: Dr. Thomas Richardson, Dean of Students, Miss Elizabeth Youngblood, Dean of Student Activities, Dr. Karl Snyder, and Linda Reimers Mixon, Theta's faculty advisor. Professor Thomas Richardson and Elizabeth Youngblood extended greetings for TCU. Rue Cambell.



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president of the new chapter, gave the response.

Before the banquet the formal Charter service took place and as a climax to the evening a plaque was presented by Ellen Hofstead to our beloved Opal Marshall Mc Celvey from the Fort Worth Alumnae for her untiring efforts to establish Theta at TCU. We owe special thanks to "Dilly" Carter Bowden for the well-planned party and to Doris Callaway Werst, a charming mistress of ceremonies and installation chairman.

Many lovely gifts were presented to Gamma Psi from other alumnae clubs in this district as well as from friends. Two huge silver trays were presented by Amanda Amsler and Catherine Amsler Priddy in remembrance of Betty Jo Amsler, and from the Houston Alumnae chapter. Silver trays were also sent from the Austin Alumnae and from Gamma Phi chapter. A lovely silver punch bowl was a gift from Laura Eleanor Marks Fischer; a pair of three-branch candelabra from the Houston Alumnae chapter; two pairs of brass candlesticks from the Dallas Alumnae; four sterling candlesticks from the Lubbock Alumnae club; a lovely sandwich plate from Rilda Smith, a local photographer; and a sterling salad server from Mr. and Mrs. D. S. Campbell, parents of Rue, Gamma

Psi's president.

Events scheduled for Saturday included a tour of the TCU campus for the national officers, and a tea given by the Dallas Alumnae, honoring the Grand Officers at the SMU chapter house. On Sunday, convocation was held for all sororities at Ed Landreth Auditorium, followed by a reception at the Brown-Lupton student center.

Since sororities and fraternities have never been admitted at TCU, there were many who were skeptical about their influence on the campus. One of the highlights of the week was Elizabeth Youngblood's welcoming speech. An independent herself, and one of the most skeptical, she admitted she had been opposed to the idea, then after carefully listening to both sides agreed to give it a try. She is especially pleased at the good beginning, has seen new leadership develop, and to quote:

"There is an entirely new relationship between town and dorm students. When I first came to TCU I was told that it would be impossible to draw the two groups together, but sororities and fraternities are doing it.

"I have seen a new awareness of scholarship as groups and individuals have worked to improve their academic standards. And perhaps most important to me, I have seen a growing



Doris Callaway Werst, mistress of ceremonies, speaks at the formal banquet. Seated, left to right, are: Mary Brandriff, Grand Alumnae Secretary; Elizabeth Youngblood, Dean of Student Activities at TCU; Ellen Hofstead, Grand President, and Prof. Thomas Richardson, Dean of Students.

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concern for all of TCU. Though you have been busy with the routine of getting your own groups organized, many of you have come to me with plans to do something for the entire school, not just yourselves."

Activities for rush are already underway for fall and a busy, happy time is ahead for all of us to help Gamma Psi become a most successful chapter.

Ellen speaks to Gamma Psi . . .

As we come to the end of one phase of your introduction to the fraternity, I do want each of you new members to realize that this is, in reality, just the beginning of your fraternity experience.

If we compared the establishment of a chapter to the construction of a house, I would say that now the foundation is laid. In mentioning that I want to put the credit where it belongs—with the Texas Thetas. First, the strength of the local alumnae was considered by T.C.U., along with the reputation of the national fraternity, in deciding which groups would be invited to the campus. They were certainly correct in thinking that we had a wonderful group in Fort Worth. To them and to each member of Kappa Alpha Theta in Texas who has given of her time and talent to make this endeavor a success may I say a very sincere thank you on behalf of the fraternity.

Now, to you, the new members of Gamma Psi chapter—it is yours to build your chapter and to make it a strong link in our fraternity chain.

You must be ever aware that we exist on any campus because the administration on that particular campus feels we have something to contribute. I was even more aware of the similarity of administration and fraternity objectives as I heard Lucile Allen's opening address at the recent meeting of the National Association of Deans of Women. As she spoke from a Dean's point of view on "Measures of our Maturity" and the need to develop maturity in students I could visualize how great a part we can have in that if we will but follow our objectives.

Keep the objectives of our fraternity ever before you and make the ritual a part of your everyday life. Then your roots will be buried deep in the soil of service: service to your own

fraternity and service to your college community. You will then be living up to the words of our Panhellenic Creed which say: "We, the fraternity women of America, stand for preparation for service through character building inspired in the close contact and deep friendship of fraternity life. To us fraternity membership is not the enjoyment of special privileges but an opportunity to prepare for wide and wise human service."

You have now become a part of a great international organization and we pledge to you our love and loyalty as you today pledged yourselves to the ideals of Kappa Alpha Theta.



The Dean of Women says:

It is a genuine pleasure to extend greetings to Kappa Alpha Theta from Texas Christian University. September 11, 1954, the day that our Board of Trustees decided to invite national sororities and fraternities to our campus, was a most significant one in T.C.U. history. We are delighted that Kappa Alpha Theta has honored us by accepting their invitation. Since then we have enjoyed pleasant and rewarding associations with your national officers and local alumnae. We are eagerly looking forward to our first fall "Rush Week," happy and proud that Gamma Psi chapter of Kappa Alpha Theta is now a part of Texas Christian University.

• Elizabeth Shelburne
Dean of Women, T.C.U.

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