

run along systematic lines of finance, and regulated after the plans of self-government adopted by Bryn Mawr, it affords greater opportunities in the fraternity life for the development of executive ability. This year Kappa furnished a new house at 1035 J street, which was opened last week in preparation for the return of the girls and the beginning of the school year, with all its preliminary activity.

**Kappa Alpha Theta.**

Kappa Alpha Theta, the first Greek letter fraternity among women was founded at De Pauw university, Indiana, in the spring of 1870. But it was not until 1895 that Phi chapter was chartered at the University of Nebraska with six active members and became one of the thirty-two other chapters then existing in the United States. Since then about thirty-five new members have been initiated, making a large active chapter at present and a very considerable alumnae.

In 1899 the first attempt at a girls' fraternity house was made. The men's fraternities had had them for some years but the girls had not as yet undertaken anything of the kind.

Kappa Alpha Theta found small but very comfortable quarters on Sixteenth and M streets where some half-a-dozen girls lived during the school year. The house was such a success in every way and it was such a comfort to the out-of-town girls not to have to go outside for their meals, that the next year the same plan was carried out on a somewhat larger scale.

The house of General Cobb on Fourteenth and R streets was leased for the purpose and was found to be most satisfactory. Its nearness to the university was not the least among its attractions but the large lawn commonly known as the "Theta farm," was just what was wanted.

This year the chapter has the same house and expects to keep it for some years to come. To start the year, there are seven girls there under the chaperonage of Mrs. R. P. R. Millar, with prospects of more to come. The last week has been spent in setting the house in order for the new year, and as the old girls come back and the new ones make their appearance, the excitement and fun of "rushing season" begins.

Wednesday morning Miss Rose Carson opened her new house at Eighteenth and C streets to the active and alumnae chapters and their friends.

Thursday evening the dancing party planned was given up on account of the national mourning, and a small gathering of the girls at Miss Tuttle's was held instead.

Friday afternoon after a drive in the country the girls entertained a few of their friends among the men's fraternities at five o'clock tea at the chapter house.

**Delta Delta Delta.**

Kappa chapter of Delta Delta Delta was brought to Nebraska university in November, 1894.

For so young a chapter we are proud of the record we have of representation on the national official board, having members three times from our chapter in official position.

The active membership of last year has decreased quite appreciably, many of our girls being in other schools. One is in the library school at Champagne, Illinois, one in Leland Stanford university, one taking language study in Germany, while others hold responsible positions in school work. One of our recent active members, however, who was in Wellesley last year, is with us and will graduate. In proportion to the number of our graduates we hold our full quota of Phi Beta Kappas. Four of

our older members are teaching in different departments of the university.

Until recently Kappa was the farthest west Delta Delta Delta had ever come. Now, however, a chapter has been established in California.

Kappa chapter is anticipating her usual banquet and dance and numberless small parties which in the past have been so conducive to pleasure and informality and have so much assisted the girls to do good work in their studies.

We look forward to the national convention which this year is to be held in the historic city of Boston, the place of Tri Delta's birth, and anticipate the pleasure of bearing the traditions of the fraternity in the home of her nativity.

The young ladies had a reunion party at the home of Miss Josephine Poynter on Wednesday evening. Nearly all of last year's active chapter was present. They entertained a number of guests and spent a most delightful evening.

Yesterday afternoon the girls with several of their friends spent the afternoon with Miss Eola Auld.

Monday evening Delta Delta Delta will entertain at an informal dance at the home of Mrs. James Manahan, 1632 F street.

The girls are planning to give several smaller parties next week.

**Pi Beta Phi.**

Pi Beta Phi was founded at Monmouth College, Monmouth, Illinois, April 28th, 1867, and is the oldest collegiate fraternity for women.

The name was originally I. C. Sorosis and Pi Beta Phi was the motto, but finding itself at a disadvantage by not having a Greek name, the motto was taken for the name and the name for the motto. The organization is the same, Pi Beta Phi being merely the development of I. C.

The emblem is the golden arrow, the colors wine and blue, and the flower, the carnation.

In the early years of the fraternity, when denominational colleges were of foremost importance, many charters were granted to groups of girls in those colleges; but with the rise and growth of State Universities the policy of Pi Beta Phi has been to confine its membership more and more to the state institutions and only the larger denominational colleges, such as Northwestern and Swarthmore.

Pi Beta Phi now numbers thirty active chapters, divided according to geographical position, into four provinces. Each province has a president whose duty it is to have charge of chapters in her province and to pay each a personal visit between conventions. The management of the fraternity as a whole is vested in a Grand Council composed of five members. This council is court of final appeal at all times save during the week of the convention which is held every two years.

Cor relative with the active organization is the Alumnae Association which has its own council and circle secretaries, each circle being composed of two or three adjacent states. Besides the Alumnae circles there are Alumnae clubs in many of the larger cities, such as Washington, D. C., Philadelphia, Boston, Chicago, Columbus, Kansas City, Denver, Topeka, Syracuse and Los Angeles. The fraternity supports a quarterly, known as The Arrow, which presents to the fraternity world the aims and policy of the organization it represents. The Arrow is now published by the chapter at the University of Wisconsin.

Of the thirty chapters, eight occupy houses, three lodges and the others either have chapter rooms in some college building or, in a few cases, meet at the homes of the members. The total membership as presented by the recent-

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