



The Old Song Rings . . . Again

College of the Pacific Becomes Phi Once More 86th Chapter for Theta

"The old song rings in a glad refrain, as we circle again in Phi. . . ." The last time any members of Phi chapter of Stanford University sang this chorus was with choking voices at the 1946 Grand Convention in Pasadena. Two years earlier all Panhellenic charters had been revoked on that campus.

Now, in 1960, we can teach words and music to new members once more—not at Stanford, but at the college of Phi chapter's origin. Over 70 years ago—at what was then the University of the Pacific in San Jose—the second chapter of Theta west of the Mississippi was chartered as Phi. But Phi remained on the San Jose campus only two years. The fabulously-endowed Leland Stanford Junior University opened its doors to "the children of California," including, "no more than 500 women," in October, 1891.

Most of the members of Phi transferred to the new campus. They petitioned Grand Council to let them take their charter with them. Hestitating until they could be sure what kind of women would go to Stanford, Council decreed that the wife of the head of the Civil Engineering Department, Charles D. ("Daddy") Marx, would hold the precious document in safe keeping. Harriet Grotecloss Marx, Cornell (Iota), was wise and persuasive. Very shortly she was presiding at the pledging of a class of Stanford Thetas—the first Greek letter women on that campus.

Dr. David Starr Jordan, the first president of Stanford, was a Delta Upsilon from Cornell.

His daughter, Edith, became a Theta in 1893 as some years later did Elsie Branner, daughter of John Casper Branner, second president of Stanford.

Phi chapter became the first Panhellenic group in the United States to build its own chapter house; and for 52 years the chapter functioned as a constructive, integral part of the Stanford family, giving leaders to the campus and fraternity. Among them, Elizabeth Hogue Moore, '01, became Professor of Nursing and head of the nursing school of Stanford Medical college, designed the Stanford Nurses' Home, and served as head nurse of the Stanford Base Hospital overseas in World War I, was president of the San Francisco Women's City Club, and later Grand President of Kappa Alpha Theta.

Minna Stillman and Bernice Tompkins each served terms as national archivist; Ada Edwards Laughlin, Helen Green Cross, Carol Green Wilson were district presidents at various times. Carol Green Wilson wrote *We Who Wear Kites*. Ruth Jordan Wilbur was state chairman, first for Minnesota and now, for the past 14 years, for northern California.

As the years wore on, during the depression Stanford made provision to enroll more than the formerly stipulated 500 women. But the Administration would not allow more Panhellenic groups to come onto campus. Because of this arbitrary action, the percentage of women students who could be taken into Greek letter groups became disproportionately small, with

- **Carol Green Wilson** *Phi*
- **Ruth Jordan Wilbur** *Phi*

the result that a considerable antifraternity feeling built up.

In 1944 fraternity alumnæ first heard over public radio that women's Panhellenic groups were to be abolished at Stanford over a period of time. In the light of such official hostility (among other things President Ray Lyman Wilbur had broken his pact with Panhellenic groups that he would not act further against them without consulting alumnæ) the national Grand Councils withdrew all Stanford charters.

In the intervening years the University of the Pacific was re-established as the College of the Pacific and moved from San Jose to Stockton, Calif. Here, under the able leadership of its long-time president, Tully Knoles, it attained high scholastic and collegiate reputation. As a part of a well-executed campus building program, Fraternity Circle and Sorority Circle were developed, with substantial and attractive brick houses.

One of these locals, Alpha Theta Tau, had a history dating back to 1881. As Sophlechia, a literary society on the San Jose campus, it had been the group which petitioned and became Kappa Alpha Theta. The few members remaining at San Jose after Phi was transferred to Stanford carried on under the name of Alpha Theta Tau. Patiently, through the long years, this group was welded into a strong local, al-



◦ Who was who and what was what at College of Pacific installation. Picture, opposite page, portion of head table at Dec. 12 banquet. L. to r., Local Installation Chrm. Doris Bath Layson; Pres. College of Pacific Dr. Robert E. Burns; Theta Grand Pres. Letty Munz; Natl. Installation Chrm. Virginia Schmid; Grand VP Alice Gonser, Mrs. Robert E. Burns.

◦ Above, right, from top to bottom: Signing guest book at Dec. 13 tea is Mrs. Ethel McCoy, Manor Hall house-mother at College of Pacific, assisted by Sarah Nelson (standing) and Barbara Butterbaugh.

◦ A trio with smiles (and reason to smile) on way to banquet, l. to r., Virginia Schmid, Letty Munz, EST Helen Sackett.

◦ Tea table and invited local fraternity men guests. Pouring, Mrs. Ivan Rowland, College of Pacific faculty member; assisting, Brenda Black.

◦ Reflecting on work well done and making plans for future of new chapter are l. to r., Banquet Chrm. Georgia Driver Harrison; Virginia Schmid; Active Pres. Dyan Brown; Active VP Beth Akers; Daris Bath Layson.

◦ Only mother-daughter combination of the installation, Marlee Stark and Mothers' Club president, Frances Russell Stark.



A table full of new pledges of Phi chapter at banquet. L., front-back, Sharon Daraskavich, Judy Wilson, Ann Rossi, Linda Kelly, Sally Storm, Patricia Bridewater. R., front-back, Gwen Hefner, Diana Shadwell, Edith Barker, Kay Borch, Sally Copp, Elizabeth Armell.

ways dreaming of the time when national fraternities would be welcomed to College of the Pacific.

That time finally came. On October 2, 1959 members of Alpha Theta Tau were pledged to Kappa Alpha Theta to re-establish Phi chapter. Grand Vice President Alice Gonser represented Grand Council. And the rest of the officiating group symbolized the complete history of Phi. Bernice Tompkins, whose mother had been in the original chapter, came from San Jose, with some of the members of San Jose (Gamma Xi), for whom she has long been faculty advisor. Katherine Traphagen Davis, Stanford, '04, came from Fresno with Joan Law Moore, a member of the last class pledged at Stanford and now alumnae District IX president. And I, who had initiated Bernice as our first Phi daughter in 1913, had the privilege of speaking in truth "with care and loving thought, we, the members of Phi chapter, have chosen you. . . ." as

the other three took turns in pinning on the black and gold pledge pins.—CAROL GREEN WILSON.

A brand new Kappa Alpha Theta name plate shining on the door served to give the red brick house a special glow of welcome for the returning alumnae, Saturday, December 12, 1959, for their day of initiation into Kappa Alpha Theta. The college members of Phi, who had been initiated the evening before with the assistance of college members from Omega, Beta Mu, Gamma Xi, and Gamma Chi, the other chapters in District IX, welcomed the alumnae members.

In the morning, 56 alumnae were pledged by Joan Law Moore, Stanford (Phi) assisted by Dyan Brown, college chapter president and Ruth Jordan Wilbur, Stanford (Phi), northern California state chairman. Loyalty pledge service was conducted by Virginia Schmid, installation chairman from Grand Council, assisted by Kathryn Cassin, San Jose (Gamma Xi), and college members from Gamma Xi.

Initiation was held for 80 alumnae members during the day, with Letty Munz, grand president, Helen Sackett, executive secretary-treasurer, Alice Gonser, grand vice president, Dorothy Paterson, college District IX president, and Bernice Tompkins, having leading roles.

The installation banquet was held in the Women's Residence Hall Saturday night with Virginia Schmid as toastmistress.

The weekend closed with Sunday services at Morris Chapel, a model meeting, and a tea at the chapter house. Delta Gamma and Delta Delta Delta, who also established chapters at College of the Pacific, were among the guests.

Active members initiated were (listed accord-



Newly initiated actives of Phi chapter. For names, see accompanying article.

ing to placing in picture): *Front row, l. to r.,*

Judith Berry, Modesto; Emmy Rose, Manhattan Beach; Sarah Nelson, Dhahran, Saudi Arabia; Norma Frost, Napa; Susan McCaughey, Berkeley; Barbara Madden, Pasadena. *Middle row,* Gertrude Lammers, Sierra Madre; Brenda Black, Corona Del Mar; Marlene Monese, Hayward; Jeanette Smith, Los Angeles; Ruth Bateman, Palo Alto; Dyan Brown, Palo Alto; Elizabeth Akers, Boulder City, Nev.; Patricia Schwartz, San Leandro; Janet Barron, Sonora; Marlee Stark, San Jose. *Back row,* Janice O'Donnell, Napa; Judy Hanshue, Los Gatos; Marilyn Holappa, Stockton; Kathleen Townsend, Los Angeles; Leda Adams, Fresno; Marlene Sutherland, Escalon; Barbara Butterbaugh, Ventura; Sandra Young, Fullerton; Gwen Johnson, San Mateo; Sharon Kenney, Pleasanton; Florence Heakin, San Francisco; Dian Midkiff, Hillsborough; Sonia Johanson, San Francisco; Joan Bender, Sacramento; Jean Watkins, San Luis Obispo; Sally Anaclerio, Lafayette. Not in picture: Geraldine Henderson, Stockton; Janice Simpson, Auburn; Pamela Derby, Los Gatos; Barbara Fridell, Orinda; Elizabeth Imrie, Diablo.

Alumnæ members initiated were: Patricia Roberts Miller, *Stayton, Ore.*; and from California, Virginia

Rexroth Taijen, *Oakland*; Patricia Thomas Lane, *Pleasanton*; Nancy Hane, *Pacific Grove*; Margaret Baird Stevens, Aletha Canning Epperson, Thalia Allen Mast, *Woodland*; Grace Conner Lusk, Karine Snyder Lyon, Nancy Maloney Johnson, Ardys Mar Sibale Heilman, Marilyn McFarland Carson, Marilyn Meister Hanson, *Sacramento*; Frances Russell Stark, Elna Miller Leicester, Helen Rowe Sebben, Faith Crummey Davies, *San Jose*; Verda Lease Honerlah, *Santa Clara*; Marilyn Dinubilo Hobgood, Evelyn Cary Hassbaum, *Menlo Park*; Gladys Mayhew Miesse, *Pacific Palisades*; Florence Fisher Barnard, Oru Jones Johnson, *Saratoga*; Florence Miller Winning, Betty Lou Cooper, Betty Jean Ashley Weiss, Frances Emery, Marjorie Stanley Cullen, Katherine Weaver, Ruth Moberly Hershmann, *San Francisco*; Caroline Sullivan Mathews, *Marysville*; Patricia Whipple Bertilacchi, *Alameda*; Ioline Dee Hoburg, *Merced*; Sharon Crowe, *Al Tahoe*; Janet Gaston Stockstill, *Martinez*; Shirley Johnston Nunn, *Bentwood*; Elizabeth Mathews Lundy, *San Marino*; Margaret Mell, *Piedmont*; Marge Crummey Rebholtz, *Burlingame*; Pauline Kyte Homer, *San Bruno*; Dorothy Knoles McAllister, Jean Crawford Feldmiller, *San Mateo*; Barbara Merrell Graessle, *Monterey*; Betty Carter Irwin, *Orinda*; Ruth Simonson, *San Leandro*; Barbara Lawrence Wilbur, *Walnut Creek*; Dorothy Bernard Crais, *Los Angeles*; Jane Foster Carter, *Colusa*; Mary Clark Johnson, *Fresno*; and all from *Stockton*, Vanadeane Carroll, Sylvia Ishkanian Connelly, Beverly Brown, Patricia Jordan Logan, Jane Wall Auld, Bernita Salmon Hobin, Margaret Reyburn Collis, Sharon Robinson Landeck, Betty Behney Genuit, Dorothy Steiny Schuler, Joan DeMartini Fay, Shirley Brothers Meyer, Inge Hoekendijk Wilcox, Erlene Peirano Rasp, Phyllis Pyle Berdnt, Jean Goodwin Holt, Barbara Jordan Cook, Nancy Abbott Swift, Virginia Weston Blewett, Margaret Lee Kemp, Dorothy Deering Steiner, Eloise Ames Reid, Nyla Bricchetto Fornaciari, Helen Wilcox Klein, Marion Starkey Webster, Mary Roberts Norman, Nancy Robinson Farnum, Marilyn Curnow Alfein, Janis Robinson Jacobs, Marilyn Thomas Flock, Virginia Wirth Roberts.

San Jose Thetas added a special touch by surprising Phi with the gift of the silver pieces which had belonged to Phi chapter at Stanford and which had been passed on to Gamma Xi on their activation in 1948.

Another link with the past occurred Sunday at the model meeting when Bernice Tompkins, Stanford (Phi), presented the chapter with a badge made from the old dies (Kappa Alpha Theta founders' pin) in memory of her mother, Nellie Jones Tompkins, the University of the Pacific (Phi), to be used as a rotating scholarship award.

Phi, Stanford, was represented by five members on Saturday—Bernice Tompkins, Ruth Wilbur, and Joan Moore plus Antonia Hyatt and Phyllis Hyatt Gardiner from Sacramento.

Local committee members who worked on in-



Patricia Bridgewater and Betty Imrie look over reserved section held for Theta in College of Pacific Morris Chapel for 9 a.m. Sunday services after installation.

numerable details of installation weekend were: Doris Bath Layson, chrm., Raylyn Kinney Hoover, Nevada (Beta Mu); Beth Lou Lundy Doe, Lois Garibaldi Wentzel, San Jose (Gamma Xi); Georgia Driver Harrison, Oregon State (Beta Epsilon); Mary Sue Simmons La Rue, Randolph-Macon (Beta Beta); Susan F. Catts, Calif.-Berkeley (Omega), Bonnie Von Wald Bowman, San Jose (Gamma Xi); Alice Yordi Seemann, Nevada (Beta Mu).

Thus Phi is reactivated with a strong and thriving chapter, already established in a gracious and substantial home. Efficient alumnæ, both locally and throughout California, have already shown interest and enthusiasm. It augurs a good future.—RUTH JORDAN WILBUR.



Installation is over; back to the books! Conferring about books taken out at Irving Martin Memorial Library (background) are l., Marilyn Holappa, Marlee Stark.