

At Iowa State

Gamma Pi Is Installed

Nineteen American Beauties might describe the charter members of Gamma Pi chapter. May 8, the day of their installation, Phi Gamma Delta sent them a congratulatory message of nineteen roses.

Installing officers were Mrs Grimm, Grand president, Mrs Moore, Grand treasurer, Miss Sackett, Executive secretary, Mrs Heath, District president, assisted by delegates from college and alumnæ chapters and clubs.

Initiation was in a private room at the College's Memorial union, followed by an informal, all Theta, reception for the new Thetas.

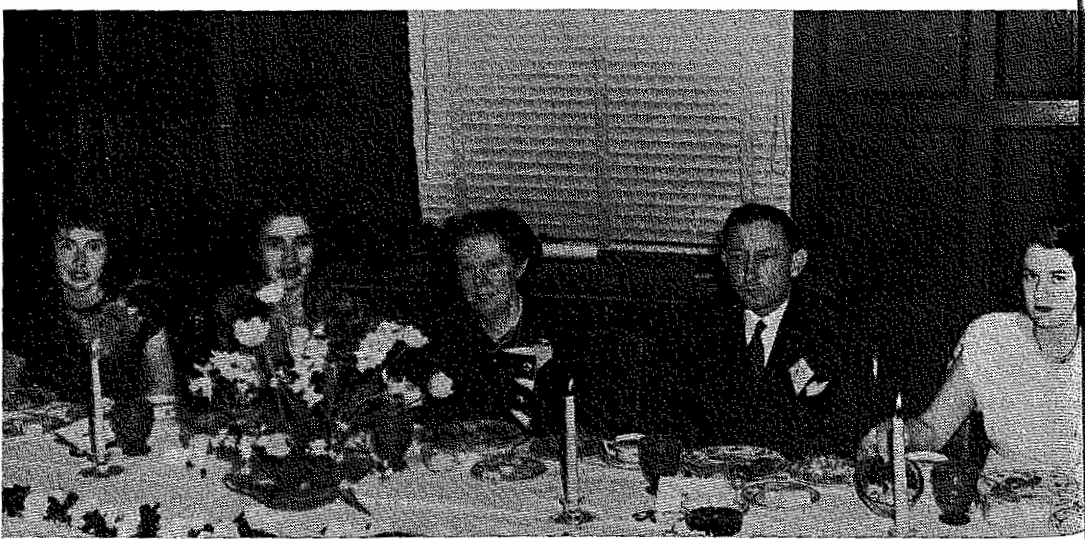
At the Installation luncheon, Mrs Pownall, Alpha Psi, was toastmistress. She credited the college and alumnæ co-organizers with a pioneer spirit and commended them for their old fashioned courage. Principal speaker at the luncheon, was Dr Gaskell the college's Dean of science.

The charter members of Gamma Pi were: from Illinois, Gladys Barlett, Evanston, Joyce Brunkow, Oak Park, Janet Welch, Riverside; from Missouri, Betty Elliott, Kansas city, Jean Tibbett, Webster Grove; from South Dakota, Margaret Piaggi, Sioux Falls; and from Iowa, Jean and Norma Barkley, Grinnell; Jean Bleu,

Bettendorf; Bonnie Buerkens, Pella; Barbara Call, Sioux City; Nancy Dinges, Bedford; Gwendolyn Henderson, West Branch; Astrid Knutson and Nancy Wilson, Ames; Joan Pletch, Algona; Mary Harvey, Joan Wenaas, and Marilyn Wyant, Des Moines. Jane Moffet, Des Moines, spring term pledge, will be initiated in the early fall.

Wires and letters poured in from Theta chapters. Flowers came from fraternities on Ames campus. The interfraternity president, Coville Woodburn, and the Panhellenic president, Joyce Edgar, made a special call on the luncheon to Welcome Theta in behalf of the 1600 fraternity men and women at Iowa State, and to present their joint gift of silver coffee and tea service. Chi Omega sent congratulations with a silver and glass serving tray. Sigma Chi at Iowa state, and the Theta chapters at the two other Iowa colleges and Des Moines alumnæ chapter and Ames Alumnæ club, also presented the new chapter with gifts.

Mrs Grimm awarded a Theta badge for high scholarship attainment to Joan Pletch. She also congratulated Dorothy Kelleher and Molly Miller for the fine work they did in helping the colony prepare for Thetahood, Dorothy as co-organizer, and Molly, as her able co-worker.



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The latter will return to lend a helping hand during the chapter's first year. Each of them became a Gamma Pi affiliate, at the new chapter's first chapter meeting.

A formal tea, May 9, at the Phi Kappa Psi house, introduced Gamma Pi to the students and faculty of Iowa State. Mothers'-day also brought many guests and proud parents to visit the chapter.

Leaving after the week-end festivities, all were impressed by the unity and sincere friendship among Thetas, and with confidence that Gamma Pi chapter is headed for success.

In Retrospect—Alumnæ Activity

For some years Thetas living in Iowa had desired to have the fraternity establish a chapter at Iowa state college. Some four years ago, Mrs Higbie, then Grand president, while visiting with Beta Kappa, made an exploratory trip to Ames with Mrs Hanna, chairman of Beta Kappa's Advisory board, and Bonnie Marshall, Iowa State chairman. Result: if Iowa states unitedly wanted a chapter at Iowa State college, they probably could attain that goal. In 1947, when Mrs Grimm, Grand president, was a guest at Des Moines celebration of Founders'-day, she encouraged further investigation of the State college as a possible Theta Field, as also did Mrs Moore, Grand treasurer at a later visit.

A unique situation exists at Iowa State college. While welcoming new fraternities, the administration requires among other things, that a fraternity must possess a house in the town of Ames before it charters a group there. Mrs Moore, Grand treasurer, went to Ames, and

with the skilful help of Thetas living in that town, located a possible, in many ways desirable, property that was for sale. The fraternity bought this, as Mrs Moore realized that it would be a good investment, could be rented advantageously, and sold if no chapter materialized from colonization efforts. The house was deeded to Kappa Alpha Theta in July 1947. After the colonization had progressed to a point where a chapter was assured, a local Theta house corporation was formed, which should take title to the chapter house, while the fraternity carries the mortgage on the property until, after a period of years, it is cleared by the chapter rent income.

In the fall of 1938 the chapter is living in this remodeled, and tastefully furnished chapter house, after strenuous and clever work all summer by the able Corporation board headed by Mrs Lois Brown Harris. The house will provide a home away from home for 32 Thetas. All bed rooms have completely new furniture, and excellent mattresses. Three living-rooms and a dining room on the first floor assure spacious social rooms. The house is ideally located too, three blocks from campus, and with other fraternities as neighbors.

A most striking feature of this colonization's progress was the cordiality and the friendliness of all groups at Iowa State in welcoming Theta to the campus. When girls from neighboring Theta chapters came to Ames for the rush, Delta Delta Delta, Pi Beta Phi, Chi Omega, and Gamma Phi Beta, graciously invited them to stay in their chapter houses, as did not only Theta resident alumnæ, but also resident alum-



GAMMA PI LINE-UP AT THE INSTALLATION TEA

næ of other fraternities. Visiting Thetas of rush week, and those there for the Installation weekend greatly admire the Iowa State Panhellenic spirit. They will never forget the cordial hospitality and friendly welcome accorded Theta's newest chapter.

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In Retrospect—Gamma Pi Speaks

A charter member of Gamma Pi chapter of Kappa Alpha Theta at Iowa State college! And it's going to happen to me in just a few more minutes!

That was the single thought that ran through the minds of nineteen of us that Saturday morning as we eagerly awaited initiation. Of all the girls going to college, we were still amazed to think that WE were the ones to be honored by becoming members of Kappa Alpha Theta—and charter members at that!

The excitement and anticipation of that day began many weeks before when we were pledged by our charming District president, Mrs Heath. Many alumnae worked closely with us those first months and we received not only the benefits of their advice but also their warm

friendship. Dorothy Kelleher, colonizer, assisted by Molly Miller, gave us an insight into the ideals of Theta.

And then that morning of May 8, the full meaning and value of Theta was revealed to us. It overwhelmed and inspired us.

As we greeted each other proudly wearing our shining new badges, our hearts were too full to speak. But soon the chatter started flowing and then it couldn't be stopped.

The installation luncheon was a beautiful and memorable occasion. The room overflowed with Thetas from everywhere and songs were many. It was difficult to believe that we finally belonged to that group of friendly people and could at last share with them Theta love and Theta thoughts.

We still seem to be somewhere up in a cloud. The generosity and friendliness of other fraternities on campus made us feel at home even before we were installed officially. For the time and effort which Theta alumnae and friends gave we are especially grateful. We discovered that "alums" weren't just names but quite wonderful people!

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