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THE COVER

Another door is ready to open as Kappa Alpha Theta's eighty-second chapter (Delta Delta) comes into being at Whitman College, Walla Walla, Washington. This is the entry to Theta's section of Prentiss Hall. Ready to enter their new quarters are, left to right: Gretta Greninger; Hazel Baird Beil, Grand First Vice President; Mary Lee Bailey; Joan McGillivray and Sylvia Smith.

Meaning

So now I belong.
I am one.
I have many imperfections—
I hope to be judged
not by today,
but in the time of four years.

Theta today
means pride
(but pride is a negative word)
so pride is not adequate.

Perhaps
if I am allowed to define it
I will be understood.

This pride approaches love—
it is not haughtily contemptuous
nor does it boast.

Its results may define—I can not.
It is composed of a
feeling, an emotion,
a sense, a need of belonging.

Belonging to something
(I do not yet know,
but vaguely comprehend)
that is meaningful, ordered.

—It seems appropriate to say—
“Now we see through a glass
darkly, but then face to face—
Now I know in part but then
shall I know, even as I also
am known.”

• Terry Carpenter
Alpha Nu Chapter

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Theta comes to Whitman



This picturesque scene shows the Memorial Building on the Whitman College campus in the background. Whitman is a private, endowed liberal arts college with a limited enrollment of about a hundred. It was chartered by the Territorial Legislature of Washington in 1859, founded by Cushing Eells in honor of a fellow missionary, Dr. Marcus Whitman.



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This is Delta Delta

● **Penny Pelan**
Delta Delta Chapter

Theta founded a new sister, the Delta Delta chapter at Whitman College, Walla Walla, Washington starting last September and culminating with the installation of the chapter last March. In the early fall Mary Lee Bailey, Walla Walla; Gretta Greninger, Richland; Sylvia Smith, Kennewick; Joan McGillivray, Spokane; Ann Parsons, Leavenworth; Carolyn Beucler, Wenatchee; Donna Lemcke and Pat Moore, Tieton; Emilie Duwe, Seattle; Nancy Rudy, Bellevue; Barbara Elliott, Puyallup; Barbara Wallace, Bellingham; Carolyn Dobler and Connie Wagner, Portland; Penny Pelan, Grand Junction, Colo.; Starr Bill, San Pedro; and Nancy Van Artsdale, Menlo Park, Calif., were pledged into Theta's everwidening link of friendship. These 17 pledges, after being whisked into the newly decorated chapter room, sat sort of bleary-eyed wondering how it all happened when it seemed as if the whole room were being choked with people; practically every girl on the campus had come to wish the

Delta Delta chapter a heart-felt welcome.

Within a week the pledges knew by memory how it all had come about. Theta, after being invited to the Whitman campus by the college president, Dr. Chester C. Maxey, began immediately to make plans for rush and to set up committees to expedite plans for colonization of the new chapter. Plans progressed as five trustees constituting an alumnae advisory board were appointed by district president, Helen Krelinger of Pullman. Acting as president, Helen Bragg was assisted by Mary Bailey, vice president, Virginia Sherwood, secretary and treasurer, Maudie Hopkins, and Marguerite Williams, of Pomeroy. Assisting board member, Dorothy Hockett (rush advisor), were Shirley Olin Allen, Carmen Ray Ahlquist, Sheila Bateman, and Peggy Reser Colkitt of Pasco. Volunteers when help was needed were Jean Jamison and Helen Dusenberry. Young personable Professor David Stevens, Dean of Administration, became faculty advisor with this

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row on steps: Barbara Elliott, Puyallup; Elree Ferguson Eagleson, Walla Walla; Ann Parsons, Leavenworth. Extreme to right: Mary Lee Bailey, Walla Walla; Carolyn Beuler, Wenatchee; Starr Bill, San Pedro, Calif.; Nancy Van Arts, Woodside, Calif.; Sylvia Smith, Kennewick; Gretta Greninger, Richland; Patricia Moore, Tieton; Donna Lemcke, Tieton; Barbara Wallace, Bellingham; Penny Pelan, Grand Junction, Colo.; Joan McGillivray, Spokane; Nancy Rudy, Bellevue; Florence Wagner, Portland; Carolyn Dabler, Portland. (Emilie Duwe, Seattle, was not present when the picture was taken.)

ment, "I've liked Thetas wherever I've met them." Another member of the Whitman family, Miss Miriam Wagenschein, Dean of Women, thinking it would be extraordinarily pleasant to have some Kites floating around the campus, joined Theta in spirit and time. Plans unfolded as three transfers were chosen to colonize Delta Delta. Hailing from the University of Washington, Mary Moe took over the responsibility of chapter president, while Thetas Marion Moore, Colorado University, and Deana Land, Washington State College assumed the duties of vice president and social chairman, plus the duties of every other Theta office. Through their efforts and tireless hours given by these three, Theta formed a strong nucleus on campus. Washington State Thetas added the extra touch that did the trick as they worked in the capacity of rushers during the Whitman rush week. Now the stage was set; the rest was up to time, cooperation, and that rugged Theta spirit.

Fall and winter, 21 Thetas worked and played hard, all the while reminding themselves of the goal ahead, initiation-installation. As a group the girls had risen and as a group they would be initiated! Consequently, many hours were spent pursuing studies; and the golden reward followed as soon as grades were out. All 17 pledges were informed that they would be initiated. Boosters all the way, Miss Wagenschein and Dean Stevens celebrated the (special) occasion with an ice cream and cake social for Theta. Yes, the 17 pledges had enjoyed their first year, and the weekend of March 15-17, 1957, they raised the white flag of conquerors on Theta's mountain of good will.

March 17 dawned bright, early, and cool, initiating the pledges into Theta membership. The months had seemed to pass quickly in preparation for this moment, the special moment when college women find themselves in a close circle of friendship united under one goal, that of sister womanhood. Elery Eagleson of Walla Walla was also initiated and installed into the Delta Delta chapter as an alumna member.

Having been honored by an informal reception given by the Dean of Administration and



The President Says:

Having had the honor of extending an official welcome to Delta Delta of Kappa Alpha Theta at the time of the installation of the chapter, I would like to reiterate the sentiments I expressed at that time.

Delta Delta was welcomed at Whitman because we are a fraternity college and we believe that the coming of Kappa Alpha Theta will help us become a stronger and better fraternity college. We believe Theta has much to offer Whitman, and we hope we have equally much to offer you.

We have had the fine experience of working with the national officers and local alumnae of Kappa Alpha Theta in the many steps leading to the establishment of Delta Delta. This experience we now cherish as a treasured memory and also as a promise of many future years of mutually pleasant and beneficial collaboration.

• Chester C. Maxey
President of Whitman College



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The Dean of Women Says:



For several years the College Panhellenic Council and the administrative offices of the College felt that another strong national sorority was needed on our campus. As a small liberal arts college with national sororities, it is necessary to provide the opportunity to belong to these

social groups since much of our program is planned around sorority programs. More than three-fourths of all women students on campus belong to such groups.

In seeking to find another fraternity that would meet the high standards of those already on campus, Kappa Alpha Theta met all the criteria established by our Office of Student Affairs. Since Kappa Alpha Theta was our first choice, both the college administration and Panhellenic were exceedingly pleased when the invitation was accepted to establish a chapter on campus. The trust we placed in the national organization and the local alumnae has been fulfilled. The local chapter set a fine record in scholarship, when all members of the pledge class made their grades. Whitman has benefited by the ideas and innovations of the chapter brought to the campus by the colonizers. Our congratulations to Delta Delta!

• **Miriam Wagenschein**
Dean of Women's Affairs

the Office of Student Affairs in Prentiss Hall the preceding evening, Theta reversed the honors by inviting alums, collegiate sisters, students, and faculty to the gala open-house held in the chapter room. Laden with multi-colored flowers, and brightened still further with gifts and a lovely stack of telegrams from well-wishers, the room assumed the fragrance of the sweet smell of success.

Full to the brim with surprises, the weekend offered Delta Delta another gift from Washington State. The Pullman Thetas had become the godmothers who transformed the chapter door into the glowing reality of belonging. They had sent a kite to sail over Theta's entrance. It was indeed a surprise well worth the excitement and song.

Celebration continued as the formal banquet got underway in the Student Union Building. As connoisseurs of fine food, more than a hundred guests joined the new initiates in song, and effervescence. Among those honored at Theta's head table during the banquet were

Dr. Chester Maxey, Whitman College President, and Theta's avid helpers, Dean Stevens and Miriam Wagenschein.

Extending Whitman's official welcome to Theta, Dr. Maxey spoke amiably, expressing his great admiration for the hard work and never-say-die spirit of the newly formed chapter. He also expressed his personal welcome to the sorority saying, "Whitman is happy to have this distinguished sorority come to its campus and as for me, I know Theta will enjoy a permanent and enjoyable position in the Whitman Family." Giving a few points to Delta Delta, Dean Stevens was very enthusiastic about the new Theta arrival on campus; as a matter of fact the Dean has sort of established himself as father of 21 on-the-go Thetas. And Miriam Wagenschein made a few twinkling comments concerning hard work, grades, and special incidents dear to the hearts of the girls such as the night the three actives sneaked; 21 listeners in the audience understood all too well. Other very special guests were Letty Munz (Grand

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Colonizers at Whitman College were, left to right: Deana Land, sophomore from the State College of Washington; Marion Moore, sophomore from University of Colorado, and Mary Moe, junior from the University of Washington.

Two members of Grand Council and a District President helped with rushing at the new chapter, Delta Delta, Whitman College. Left to right: Hazel Baird Beil, Grand First Vice President; Helen Kreizinger, President of District XV, and Alice Lease Gonser, Grand Alumnae Secretary.



David Stevens, Dean of Administration, is the faculty advisor to the new chapter at Whitman. He says, "I've liked Thetas wherever I've met 'em!"



Waiting for tea to be served are, left to right: Elree Ferguson Eagleson, graduate of San Jose State College as an alumna initiate; Helen Sackett, Executive Secretary; Letty Henderson Munz, Grand President; Virginia Kelly Sherwood and Donald Sherwood.

President), Helen Sackett (Executive Secretary), and Alice Gonser (Grand Alumnae Secretary), who contributed much to the success of weekend events through their spirit and the Theta ideal they so ably and graciously represented.

Sunday morning Theta's newly elected officers were installed and the first formal meeting was held. And with the ringing of the church carillon, 21 active Thetas could be seen escorting national officers to church; a perfect end to a perfect weekend, and a perfect beginning to an active chapter. Without a doubt Theta had found another young and growing sister.

It takes all kinds of talent to get a chapter started. In this case, some kitchen skill was provided by three of the fifteen resident Thetas who assisted at the afternoon and evening parties during rush week. Left to right: Shirley Olin Allen, Dorothy Bradford Hockett (chapter advisor) and Caryl Delzell Mangan.



**For monnie-
with love**



The Appleton Alumnae chapter presented Alpha Psi (Lawrence) chapter with a president's pin in honor of Margaret Killen Banta, Alpha Psi, past Grand President of Kappa Alpha Theta. The pin was given in recognition of Monnie's many years of faithful and loving service to the fraternity. She, to us, typifies "true Thetahood," and we hope this pin, to be known as the Margaret Killen Banta president's pin, will carry to each of its future wearers some of Monnie's loyalty and love for Theta.

Left to right: Katy Benton, Alumnae president, Margaret Killen Banta, and Carol Adams, Alpha Psi president.

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