



Bulletin board groans with greetings. Elaine Knorr, Pat Rash read a telegram, Joanne Lowell scans a message.

Take two colonizers, mix with one traveling secretary. Add a layer of several members of Grand Council. For seasoning sprinkle in a number of local people, preferably college officials, department heads, local dignitaries. Place carefully on campus of fine school. Light fire of Theta enthusiasm throughout. What have you got? A new and wonderful Theta chapter!

Eighty-Sixth—KSU

It's Centennial time in Kansas—in Midway U.S.A.—where Kansans are celebrating the hundredth anniversary of the admission of Kansas as the 34th state of the Union. At Manhattan, it's Theta celebration time as well, for on May 13 and 14, 1961, Delta Eta chapter of Kappa Alpha Theta was officially installed at Kansas State University.

Theta's 86th chapter is located at America's first Land-Grant university, founded Feb. 16, 1863. Set in the fertile Blue Valley, surrounded by rolling hills, Kansas State's beautiful campus features ivy-covered native stone buildings. If you think of Kansas as flat, which much of it certainly is, you are due for a surprise when you see Manhattan, for this prosperous town of 25,000 has hills all around. With 8,000 students this fall, rapidly expanding KSU anticipates an enrollment of 12,000 by 1965.

The gracious wife of Kansas State's internationally known president, Dr. James A. McCain, is a Theta from Colorado State, the former Janet Henry. Helen Rae Wunderlich, wife of our Dean of Students, is a Theta from Idaho; Katherine Geyer, head of the Department of Physical Education for Women, is a Theta from Ohio State; Kay Laurie Davis, wife of the head of the English Department is a Theta from Washington University at St. Louis; and Gladys Fulton Martin, wife of the head of the Dairy Department, is a Theta from Pennsylvania State, so you can see we had a good head start. Two years ago Manhattan and Junction City Thetas joined in forming the Manhattan Area Alumnae Club, and there are presently 24 members.

Two Theta colonizers, Jerry Ann Lewis from Oklahoma State University, and Martha Hobson from Ohio Wesleyan, transferred to Kansas State in January 1961 to help organize the new group. Larrilyn Carr, Theta's traveling secretary, made an extended visit to the campus, and the following members of Grand Council were here in March to conduct personal interviews with girls interested in Theta, and about whom recommendations had been obtained: Virginia Ford Hood, Florence Benner Wylie, and Avis Green Tucker.

A concentrated rush weekend was held March 10-11 at the K-State Union, with actives from Kappa chapter at Kansas University, in charge of rush. On Sunday morning, March 12, pledging services were held for eight charter alumnae, all of whom are members of the University faculty or wives of faculty members, and 31 charter actives, at the home of Barbara King Wilson, Alpha Upsilon, Washburn. Following pledging, Manhattan Area Alumnae served coffee and sweet rolls to 117 Thetas.

Active chapter charter members, as shown in the picture (below) are:

Bottom row, l. to r.: Kathy Watterson, Scottsdale, Ariz.; Sonja Gigstad, Everest, Kan.; Judy Oberhelman, Independence, Mo.; Pat Rash, Thayer, Kan.; Anne Bowman, Patty Smith, Wichita, Kan.; Lois Evans, Gove, Kan.; Nancy Mall, Kingman, Kan.; Elaine Knorr, Manhattan, Kan.

Middle row, all Kansas: Joanne Lowell, Concordia; Genevieve Anderson, Kansas City; Jane Barlow, Humboldt; Zelma Rust, Smith Center; Kathy Frick, Scott

● Barbara King Wilson

Alpha Upsilon, Washburn

City; Rae Jean Opie, Great Bend; Joyce Banks, Effingham; Brenda Griffith, Manhattan; Sue Erway, Ellsworth.

Top row: Jerry Ann Lewis, Stillwater, Okla. (colonizer); Nancy Schletzbaum, Atchison, Kan.; Michael Hurt, Madison, N.J.; Jane Myers, Kansas City, Mo.; Peggy Jo Porter, Viola, Kan.; Sally Hays, Phillipsburg, Kan.; Sandra Funk, Kansas City, Mo.; Diane Jurenka, Holyrood, Kan.; Janice Knappenberger, Olathe, Kan.; Barbara Hobbs, Eureka, Kan.; Jackie Dewey, Belleville, Kan.; Barbara Lasley, Linda Grimshaw, Nancy Albritton, Kansas City, Kan.; Martha Hobson, Cincinnati, Ohio (colonizer).

Zelma Rust was elected first president of Delta Eta, which met temporarily at the Student Union, and Judy Oberhelman is serving as president during 1961-1962. The chapter Advisory Board consists of the following: Katherine Geyer, Alpha Gamma, Ohio State; Eloise Schermerhorn Hostinsky, Kappa, Kansas; Helen Keithley Lamb, Beta Kappa, Drake; Betty Schwartz Carroll, Kappa; Nancy Marsh Sangster and Joan Vinaroff Fletcher, Alpha Upsilon, Washburn.

Installation weekend was May 12-14, with actives from Washburn University assisting members of Grand Council. Loyalty Service was held Friday evening, May 12, at the home of President and Mrs. McCain. Initiation took place Saturday at the First Presbyterian Church, and after each group was initiated, the new Thetas were taken to an open house at the home of Janet

Lucky number of new Kansas State Theta chapter is 31. Thirty-one actives were initiated on May 13, (31 turned backward!) 1961, and Theta's Delta Eta chapter was launched.





Left, the hard-working installation gals. Committee chairmen were, l. to r., Jan Corsen Krc, Barbara Barber Weir, Nancy Marsh Sangster, Janet Henry McCain, Alice Campbell Armentrout, Katherine Geyer, chairman; Barbara King Wilson, Emily Lord Sandell, Betty Schwartz Carroll, Joan Vinaroff Fletcher. Not shown, Eloise Schermerhorn Hostinsky and Janet Edelblute Pfuetze.



Installation banquet, l. to r.: Mrs. Mary Frances White, Panhellenic adviser; Florence Wylie, Grand Council; Dean of Students Herbert J. Wunderlich; Avis Tucker, Grand Council; Miss Margaret Lahey, dean of women; Hazel Lease, grand president; President James A. McCain, KSU; Virginia Schmid, Grand Council installing officer; Miss Katherine Geyer, installation chairman; Miss Zelma Rust, first president, Delta Eta chapter.



Caroline Peine, charter alum, gives Theto grip (??) to President Zelma Rust. Others are, l. to r., Mrs. Arthur F. Peine, mother of Caroline; Hazel Lease; Helen Sackett, Theto's EST; Barbara Lasley, new active.



Charter alumnae members, Delta Eta. L. to r., Mrs. B. B. Brainerd, Mrs. Leonard Schruben, Miss Eva Lymon, Miss Joye Ansdell, Mrs. John Shupe, Mrs. Paul Young, Mrs. George Halazon, Miss Caroline Peine. All eight are members of KSU's faculty or are wives of university faculty members.

Edelblute Pfuetze, Alpha Upsilon, where Manhattan Area Alumnæ were hostesses.

Presentation of the charter to Delta Eta chapter by Hazel Baird Lease, grand president, highlighted the installation banquet held Saturday night in the K-State Union dining room with 140 in attendance. Sunday morning the chapter attended services at First Presbyterian Church and then participated in a model meeting conducted by Ruth Hill Wilber, District V college president. Sunday afternoon Delta Eta and Grand Council members greeted some 300 guests at a tea in the Student Union ballroom.

Installing officer from Grand Council was Virginia Chain Schmid, and others present from Council were Hazel Lease, Florence Benner Wylie, Avis Green Tucker, Virginia Ford Hood. District V College and Alumnæ Presidents Ruth Hill Wilber and Mary Reese Mantz; Helen Sackett, Theta's executive secretary-treasurer; and Betty Carswell Stephens, Kansas state chairman, were also present.

The chapter's problem is housing. For the school year 1961-1962 Delta Eta has rented a former fraternity house accommodating 34 girls. By the time you read this Delta Eta hopes to have plans completed for a new house to be built and occupied in the fall of 1962 on a lot two blocks from campus. House Corporation members are Janet Henry McCain, Beta Gamma, Colorado State; Barbara Barber Weir, Emily Lord Sandell, Kappa, Kansas; Barbara King Wilson, Mary Elizabeth Kennedy Montgomery, Janet Edelblute Pfuetze, Alpha Upsilon, Washburn.