

# UTAH JOINS THETA

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◆ Undaunted by grim weather in Utah's Salt Lake Valley, a determined group of alumnae, national officers and colonizers installed Kappa Alpha Theta's 90th chapter, Delta Lambda, on Jan. 23, 1965.

Founded at the University of Utah, the new chapter seemed doomed to a beginning plagued by fog, snow and a blizzard. Planes hadn't



Above: most thrilling moment—Pledge President Suzanne Nichols receives charter from Grand President Edwards. Below: Parents share in installation joy. Mary June Vincent, center, introduces her mother and dad, who live in Salt Lake City, to Grand Vice-President Josephine Stansfield (left) of Denver, Grand Council's installing officer.





Congratulations, congratulations! The messages pour in. There is hardly time to read them all, but Utah's new president, Wendy Hanes, points out some of them to (l. to r.) new members Marcia Merritt, Tracy Brown, and Mary Maughan.

landed in the valley for a week prior to the installation, but Mrs. Virginia Edwards, Columbus, Ohio, grand president, landed in one of the first planes when the fog broke on Friday, Jan. 22.

The twenty-three active Thetas from Colorado followed on a chartered railroad car as did the other out-of-town guests: Mrs. Dorothy Vaaler, Evanston, Ill., executive secretary-treasurer; Mrs. Josephine Stansfield, Denver,

and Mrs. Jo Anne Thompson, Moscow, Idaho, the latter two of Theta's Grand Council.

Also attending were Mrs. Carolyn Hiester, Denver, college district president; Miss Gladys Bell, Denver, alumnae district president; Suzanne Savitz, national traveling secretary; the 13 actives from Colorado State University and 10 actives from Colorado College.

First members of the new Theta chapter were pledged in the spring of 1964. Then the

Theta's Delta Lambda chapter is the first new sorority on the University of Utah campus since 1949. With a new house to live in (occupied September 1965) and installation completed, these happily initiates see a very bright future.



colony participated in fall rushing and the chapter was organized fall quarter 1964 with the help of two colonizers, Angela Peckham, Hanover College, and Karen Felte, Colorado State University.

Guided by the careful hands of Salt Lake City alumna, Mrs. Barbara Love Knowles, Alpha Omicron, Oklahoma, the future Theta chapter began taking shape.

Barbara's able assistants in the local work were Mrs. Betty McGuigan Young, Omicron, Southern California; Mrs. Carolyn Tyler Gill, Alpha Xi, Oregon, rush chairman; Mrs. Marjorie Penney Losse, Alpha Iota, Washington-St. Louis, building chairman.

Also lending aid were Mrs. Widney Watson Peltzer, Delta, Illinois, banquet chairman; Mrs. Mary Ann Munz Woolley, Chi, Syracuse, chairman of the Advisory Board; Mrs. Cynthia Body Smith, Alpha Nu, University of Montana, chairman installation tea; and Mrs. Dorothy Evans Townsend, Beta Gamma, Colorado State, finance chairman.

Installation weekend activities began on Friday, Jan. 22, with a buffet dinner and Loyalty Service at the newly-remodeled Theta house, 75 University St.

Saturday, the 37 charter members of Delta Lambda were initiated.

That evening, an installation banquet was held at Hotel Utah.

Sunday afternoon at the chapter house, the Salt Lake City Theta Alumnae Club and the new initiates were hostesses at a tea.

The 37 charter members of Delta Lambda are Judith Bollinger, Judith Brockbank, Tracy Brown, Kay Campbell, Catherine Jo Cook, Cristine Daynes, Susan Evans, Susan Foss, Jo Anne Frantz, Barbara Henderson, Judy Lane, Jann Lund, Mary Maughan, Karen McLeese, Suzanne Nichols, Mary Lyn Ossmen, Rosanne Romney, Linda Seddon, Aileen Strike, Darlene Taylor, Sandra Thomas, Mary June Vincent, Mary Ann Walton, Elizabeth Ward, Marilyn West and Lynda Wilton, all of Salt Lake City.

Others are Lynda Bertelson, Billings, Mont.; Connie Furniss, Ogden, Utah; Wendy Hanes, Des Moines, Iowa; Lani Hefstel, Phoenix, Ariz.; Linda Keller, Marjorie Ann Kyle, both Idaho Falls, Idaho; Wendy McGarry, Manti, Utah; Marcia Merritt, Long Beach, Calif.; Karen Olsen, Santa Rosa, Calif.; Jill Richards, Wyoming, Ohio; Susan Stucky, Ames, Iowa.



"Tea for Two!" Angela Peckham, Hanover, one of Utah's two colonizers, pours a cup for new Theta Marcia Merritt.



Above: Utah joins Theta Dist. XVII. CDP Carolyn Hiester talks about this to traveling secretary Suzanne Savitz (r.).

Below: Still looking fresh and rested despite hard work are local installation chrm., Barbara Knowles, rush adviser, Carolyn Gill; Advisory Board pres., Mary Ann Woolley.

