



## Rhode Island

◆ On a crisp, sunny weekend in early November, 1965 a small but enthusiastic group of alumnae, national officers and colonizers gathered in Kingston, Rhode Island to install Kappa Alpha Theta's ninety-first chapter, Delta Mu.

Weekend activities began with the Loyalty Service and a coffee on Friday evening, November 5, at the Memorial Union on the University of Rhode Island campus. Participating were Virginia Speidel Edwards, grand president; Norma Anderson Jorgensen, grand vice-president (alumnae) and Council installation chairman; Janice Richardson Schmuck, Grand Council member-at-large, in charge of membership selection for Rhode Island. Also present were EST Dorothy Schulze Vaaler and associate executive secretary Jeanne Gullett from Central Office.

It was a special treat to have present likewise: Letty Henderson Munz, past grand president, and former Grand Council members

Doris Jenkins French, Peg Gere Flaherty, Mary Hamilton Ackerman, the latter serving as assistant installation chairman. The two officers for District IV in which the new Delta Mu chapter lies were also there: CDP Barbara Fleming Coskery and ADP Monie Eyler Buchter, assisted by Kathryn Olmstead, traveling secretary.

First members of Delta Mu were pledged in the spring of 1965 with the help of another traveling secretary, Diane Partridge. In the fall of 1965, with the able assistance of colonizer Theresa Ordonez, Gamma Omicron, New Mexico, the chapter was organized. Thetas in the area immediately stepped forward to serve on the Advisory Board under the presidency of Joyce Wilson Reiff, Alpha Gamma, Ohio State; Margaret Webber Adams, Iota, Cornell, vice-president (also v.-p. House Corp.); Jean Gordon Ladd, Beta, Indiana, pledge trainer; Martha Jones Johnston, Gamma deutron, Ohio Wesleyan, social adviser; Albertina Moeller Bazer, Beta Theta, Idaho, financial adviser.

UPPER LEFT: Ramses II seems to be giving approval to Theta as he beams (?) on Theta Marcia Rigel, but doesn't deign to look at Nancibelle Roberts, in front of R. I. Memorial Union. BELOW: Discussing the old (Pembroke 1897-1912) and new (Rhode Island 1965-forever) Rhode Island Theta chapters are left and 4th from left, Gamma Zeta, Mass. Thetas Carol Doroze, Kathleen Lynch; 2d and 3d from left, new Rhode Island Thetas, Alayne Barnicoat, Judy Tyler; 5th and 6th from left, Pembroke Thetas, Beatrice Kohlberg, Marjorie Burroughs. At far right, Nancy Doe, new House Corporation president.



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## Joins Theta

Also lending a hand were these Thetas holding office in the House Corporation: Nancy Clark Doe, Gamma Eta, Massachusetts, president; Isabel Neiswanger Hughes, Alpha Upsilon, Washburn, treasurer; and Dorothy Dolencic Jackson, Beta Sigma, Southern Methodist, secretary—who also served as the busy and efficient local installation chairman for Delta Mu.

Saturday afternoon at the picturesque white Kingston Congregational Church, the fifteen charter members of Delta Mu were initiated, following which an open house was held at Weldin Hall on the University campus. Twenty-one college Thetas from Gamma Zeta, Connecticut, arriving by bus, as well as other actives and alumnæ from Connecticut (eight from the Hartford Alumnæ Chapter), Massachusetts and Vermont greeted the new initiates



with the rousing "So Ring Out Three Cheers for Theta!" Honored guests at the open house were three 50-year-Thetas from Alpha Epsilon chapter of Theta (inactive since 1912) at Pembroke, Providence, R.I. Gifts from these three—Beatrice Kohlberg, Myra Alice Kimball, Marjorie Wood Burroughs—included a handmade program from Alpha Epsilon's 1897 initiation banquet and a file box hand-decorated by Alice Appleton, Alpha Epsilon.

That evening an installation banquet was held at the Memorial Union. High moment of the banquet was the presentation by Marjorie Burroughs, last initiate of Alpha Epsilon (1911), of her pin as an honor pin to the first Delta Mu chapter president, Judith Green. Delta Mu was also fortunate to receive as a permanent loan from Grand Council the pin of Agnes Denike Murray, Alpha Zeta, Barnard, to

UPPER RIGHT: New Thetas Jeanine Brunelle and Kathy Fitzpatrick admire the Theta kite. Sign is for church where Delta Mu initiation was held. (For another pic of Delta Mu Thetas and the church, see outside back cover.) BELOW: Charter members of Theta's Delta Mu chapter, l. to r., standing, Judy Hastings, Kathleen Fitzpatrick, Alayne Barnicoat, Judith Tyler, Judith Green, Jeanine Brunelle, Meredith Wakeman Wilson, Nancibelle Roberts. Seated, Barbara Wiley, Gail Smith, Sheila Sinclair, Marcia Rigel, Marjorie Craig, Christine Temple. Not shown in picture, Barbara Lannon.





Converging from near and far were these Thetas who participated in Delta Mu's installation. L. to r., Dorothy Schulze Vaaler, EST, who masterminded details; Janice Richardson Schmuck, who had charge of membership selection; Lefty Henderson Munz, past grand president, lending prestige; Norma Anderson Jorgensen, who was Grand Council installation chairman; Virginia Speidel Edwards, who is grand president; Peg Gere Flaherty, lending support as past Grand Council; Mary Hamilton Ackerman, who assisted Norma with installation; Doris Jenkins French, onetime Grand Council member.

be presented to the girl with the highest scholarship in her first three years of college. Marcia Rigel was the first proud recipient. The girls were also pleased to have greetings from the University of Rhode Island, given by the associate dean of students, Dean Evelyn B. Morris.

Sunday afternoon at the Memorial Union the alumnæ and new initiates were hostesses at a tea for parents, representatives from organizations on campus and friends of Theta.

Delta Mu's fifteen happy charter members are Alayne Barnicoat, Judy Hastings, Nancibelle Roberts, Gail Smith, Christine Temple, all of Warwick, R.I.; Jeanine Brunelle, Scotia, N.Y.; Marjorie Craig, Sheila Sinclair, East Greenwich, R.I.; Kathleen Fitzpatrick, Johnsonville, S.C.; Judith Green, Lutherville, Md.; Barbara Lannon, Central Falls, Mass.; Marcia Rigel, Shaker Heights, Ohio; Judith Tyler, Mystic, Conn.; Meredith Wakeman Wilson, Rumford, R.I.; Barbara Wiley, Arlington, Va.

Kathy Olmstead's poem sums it up:

*Sisterhood pictured in a smiling face,  
felt in a bandsbake, or a quick embrace.  
Devotion personified in beginning anew,  
as Thetas gather at Delta Mu.*



Staff and students at the University of Rhode Island welcomed the Theta chapter. Particularly interested in the chapter's future is Dean Evelyn B. Morris, who brought greetings from the University at the installation banquet, and is shown here (left) with Grand President Edwards.

**To Theta Parents:**

Your daughter's magazine is sent to her home address while she is in college and we hope that you enjoy seeing it. But if she is no longer in college and is not living at home, please send her new permanent address to Kappa Alpha Theta, Suite 342, 1580 Sherman Avenue, Evanston, Illinois, 60201.



With warmth in their hearts (because of their new Theta pins!) and warmth in the weather (R.I. is not always thus!), these Thetas posed in front of the picturesque Kingston Congregational Church where the initiation for the new Theta chapter at the University of Rhode Island took place, November 6, 1965. (See inside, pages 4-6.) Judi Green, chapter president, snaps the scene which shows, at left, visiting Thetas from Gamma Zeta, Connecticut, Carol Doroze, Kathleen Lynch and proud initiates of new Delta Mu, l. to r., Marjorie Craig, Kathy Fitzpatrick, Alayne Barnicoat, Jeanine Brunelle.