

Clemson University



First Chapter in South Carolina

Installed November 1972

L. to r., Clemson Thetas: Cheryl Harkey, Ann Smith, Janet Simpson, Patty Mayhorn, Sandy Ferguson (pledge), Jo Ann Edwards, Julie Johnson, Kathy Garrison, Debbie Hart (pledge), Shirley Canaday, Lynda Coleman (pledge), Becky McClelland, Debbie Croome, Arden Thomas, Wendy Bond, Virginia Tripod, Vann Beth Myers, Pam Lester. Not pictured: Sandra Doss.

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We Continue Our Growth

◆ Kappa Alpha Theta installed its first chapter in South Carolina, Delta Phi, at Clemson University on November 18, 1972.

The installation ceremonies began with a loyalty service held at Fort Hill Presbyterian Church on Friday evening November 17. Following the loyalty service Delta Phi pledges, alumnae, former Traveling Secretary Michelle Trahan and Counselor Judy Herendeen, met with Grand Council representatives and active members from Gamma Delta, Georgia, and Beta Lambda, William and Mary. Shirley Canaday, president, opened gifts from various chapters.

Initiation ceremonies were held Saturday morning at Fort Hill Presbyterian Church. Thetas from the University of Georgia served as marshals. Mrs. Taylor Locke and Mrs. Wilshire Walkup, Delta Phi Advisory Board, served as head marshals.

A formal banquet, followed by the charter presentation, was held at the Holiday Inn in Clemson on Saturday evening. Guest speaker

for the banquet was Miss Susan G. Delony, assistant dean of students and dean of women at Clemson University.

The schedule for Sunday started with a model chapter meeting held in the Delta Phi chapter room in Barnett Hall. Following the meeting, new initiates and Grand Council representatives attended worship services at Fort Hill Presbyterian Church.

A tea, honoring the installation of Delta Phi chapter and new initiates, was held in the lounge of Barnett Hall on Sunday afternoon. Guests included parents of the new initiates and representatives from campus sororities and fraternities.

Marty Smith White, grand president; Patricia Fowell Pratt, grand vice-president service; Rosemary Murnighan Nilson, executive secretary-treasurer; Lucile Moore Garrett, member-at-large; Gratia Clancy Wiley, college district president; and Betty Larimore Harlow, alumnae district president, installed the 96th chapter of Kappa Alpha Theta.

"The Theta team" at Clemson: Front, l. to r., Alumnae District President XVII, Betty Larimore Harlow; Grand Vice-President Service Pat Fowell Pratt; Council Member-at-Large Lucile Moore Garrett; Grand President Marty Smith White; Delta Phi Counselor Judy Herendeen. Back, Assistant Clemson Dean Miss Cathy Campbell; Installation Chairman Virginia Tipton Walkup; Clemson Dean of Women Miss Susan Delony; College District President XVII Gratia Clancy Wiley; Pledge President Shirley Canaday; and Executive Secretary-Treasurer, Rosemary Murnighan Nilson.



Local alumnae responsible for coordinating the weekend activities were Virginia Tipton Walkup, installation chairman; Mary Ann Hall Stewart, Elizabeth Sheldon Halpin and Nancy Craig Locke.

Sixteen initiates and four aluminae were inducted into Delta Phi. Members from the state of South Carolina are Shirley Canaday, *Walterboro*; Sandra Doss, *Simpsonville*; Debbie Croome, *Greenwood*; Jo Ann Edwards and Kathy Garrison, *Clemson*; Cheryl Harkey, *Rock Hill*; Pam Lester, *Clover*; Patty Mayhorn, *Hampton*; Becky McClelland, *Anderson*; Vann Beth Myers, *Bowman*; Janet Simpson, *Mauldin*; Ann Smith, *Greenville*; and Arden Thomas, *Iva*.

Also initiated were Wendy Bond, *Potomac* (MD); Julie Johnson, *Ft. Lauderdale* (FL); and Virginia Tripod, *Atlanta* (GA).

Alumnae initiates included Joyce Stewart Moore, Elizabeth Newman MacDonough, Barbara Hines Hill and Katherine Carr Ellison. Mrs. Ellison's daughter, Leigh Ellison Chapman, Gamma Delta, Georgia, former president of the Birmingham (GA) Theta Alumnae Club, witnessed the initiation of her mother.

Michelle Trahan, a former traveling secretary, participated in the colonizing of Delta Phi on March 1, 1972. This fall Judy Herendeen came to Clemson as the Delta Phi counselor. Kappa Alpha Theta's colonization of Delta Phi chapter on Clemson's campus established the fourth national sorority there. Kappa Kappa Gamma, Delta Delta Delta and Chi Omega (installed 1969 and 1970), are also to be found at Clemson along with 13 national fraternities. —JUDY HERENDEEN.

Clemson was founded in 1889 as a land grant institution by Thomas Clemson, son-in-law of renowned statesman, John C. Calhoun. Originally Clemson Agricultural College (for men only) the name was changed to Clemson University in 1964. The undergraduate academic units are the College of Agricultural Sciences, Architecture, Education, Engineering, Forest and Recreation Resources, Industrial Management and Textile Science, Liberal Arts, Physical, Mathematical and Biological Sciences and the School of Nursing.

The University is beautifully situated in the foothills of mountains and has a hilly, wooded campus. The classroom and administrative buildings and dormitories, many of which are new, surround the clock-towered first building.

Just What Is a Colony?

Michelle Trahan, traveling secretary, who was in her words "Pledge Mama," for Delta Phi when it became a colony on March 1, 1972, puts into words her feelings about what it all means.

And just what is a colony? It is many things: lots of hard work, lots of laughter, lots of growing. But beyond that it is working together building the spirit, the unity and the give-and-take that are essentials of fraternity life.

It is the officers: Gratia Wiley, CDP, acting as chauffeur (in the torrential downpour during the pledging reception); it is Lucile Garrett, Grand Council, sending the colony Alpha Theta, Texas, tapes and rush skit materials and many, many useful memos for fall rush; it is Dorothy Heard, grand vice-president, with her bank full of dimes for a coke party.

It is the local alumnae acting as "big sisters" to the pledges, offering homes, meals and moral support and working unbelievably hard as advisers to get Delta Phi on the move.

And the Clemson University Community: the public relations staff helping with state-wide publicity; the Clemson Panhellenic giving support; the Kappa's "Welcome Theta" sign; the Tri Delta's "Drop-in," song exchange and invitation to Delta Phi to join them in their rush workshop; the Chi O's cheering for our new pledges in their competition during Dixie Day.

It is District XVII: the North Carolina Thetas sending, via personal messenger, 24 crisp new Theta football jerseys (worn without interruption the first ten days!); the William and Mary Thetas rounding up car decals in time for each Clemson pledge to take one home for spring break; the District Day greetings sent by Maryland in April; the Georgia Thetas opening house and heart to an excited dozen Clemson pledges in order to teach them about rush.

It is a traveling secretary (alias Pledge Mama) walking across a snow covered field with 20 kites in tow (Kite Fly postponed!); lots of poor typing, a million meetings and idea sessions; being adopted and supported by great Clemson alumnae (even with my Yankee accent!).

It is all of this and so much more. It is seeing the gradual evolution from an assortment of individual personalities into the embryonic strength that resides in a fraternal group—pledges working together, making decisions, assuming commitments, developing group loyalty and sharing concerns. It is Theta—that's what it is; Theta spirit, alive and growing.

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