

## Welcome To Delta Omega Colony

On Thursday, September 4, 1975, 35 charter pledges of Delta Omega Colony at Texas A&M University at College Station, Texas, received their pledge pins and launched their Theta careers as the newest Kappa Alpha Theta colony. From the formal announcement of Grand Council's decision to colonize at Texas A&M, which was made at our District Convention in Lubbock on April 4, to that day in September, there was much hard work by national, district, and local officers, and support from District XII alumnae rush personnel, alumnae chapters and clubs, and college chapters. Local alumnae were found to serve on an advisory board and a house corporation board; Rush recommendation boards and authorized rush representatives were notified to send information on qualified girls planning to attend A&M; and Connie Mullins, Gamma Psi, (TCU) was selected to serve as Resident Counselor for the new colony.

Then came the exciting process of interviewing, rushing, and pledging. The interview team was headed by Grand Council Director of Membership Selection, Mrs. Frank R. Cordon, and included Grand Council Member-at-Large, Mrs. Calvin Simpson; College District President XII, Mrs. Robert A. Wooldridge, and Alumnae District President XII, Mrs. William D. Arnold. It began its work on Sunday, August 31, using

the Aggieland Inn as headquarters. The scheduling was coordinated with representatives of Kappa Kappa Gamma who were colonizing at the same time, and was held prior to the formal rush of the seven groups already on campus.

Mrs. Oren Beal, Jr. (Pat Renschler, Beta Zeta Oklahoma State U.), Installation Chairman, was ably and enthusiastically assisted by Mrs. Lewis David, President of the local alumnae club, Mrs. Bookman Peters, Social Chairman, and other members of the alumnae group; by Connie Mullins, Resident Counselor; and by several Thetas who are graduate students at A&M. College members from Beta Sigma (SMU) and Alpha Theta (University of Texas) provided entertainment for the two rush parties on Monday and Wednesday.

The climax came on Thursday, when bids were issued, and 35 young women accepted the Theta invitation to become pledges. That evening the formal pledging was held in the lovely family home of Mrs. W. Wilder (Ann Porter, Gamma Psi). In that magnificent 19th century white colonial style home, Theta alumnae, including two mothers of new pledges, gathered to participate in the beautiful pledge service, in a sense renewing again their own vows, and joining with the new charter pledges promising to be faithful and enthusiastic workers for Kappa Alpha Theta.



Left to Right Delta Omega Colony—Texas A&M University: *Last Row Standing*—Alden O'Brien; Katey Coronado; Jan Hopkins; Cindy Glenn, Mary Ford; Jeri Laster; Susan Warrington; Ann Collier; Helen Schugart; Elizabeth Winfield; Clare Kelly; Karen Miller; Nancy Harvey. *3 girls seated - third row*—Becky Meyer; Ginny St. John; Laura James. *Seated - second row*—Deborah Hampton; Kate Fitzpatrick; Julie Reynolds; Patsy Shannon; Jane Wells; Rhonda Cupit; Lisa Liles; Linda Morris; Becky Dwight; Susan Turner. *Seated - first row*—Barbara Klatt; Jane Garland; Beth Sanders; Nancy McGuire; Edie Abbett; Connie Mullins (ARC) Margot Fischer; Candy Selman; Sharon Weatherford. Not pictured is Katherine Singletary.