

# Delta-Beta Chartered At Monmouth College

"... I will strive to make real the Fraternity's ideals in my own daily life"—with these, the last words in the Creed of Sigma Pi, final ceremonies were closed for the induction of Delta-Beta Chapter at Monmouth College in West Long Branch, N.J., on March 22, 1969.

The events that led to this day were initiated as far back as 1956, when a group of 12 men who had much the same interests joined together for meals and social activities. This group, in 1958, after much organizing and planning, became Alpha Theta Chi Fraternity of Monmouth College.

On April 6, 1959, Alpha Theta Chi was formally accepted by the Board of Trustees, making it the second oldest fraternity on campus.

Through the years Alpha Theta Chi grew into a strong, closely-knit group, but with growth must come expansion and higher levels of achievement. In order to achieve the most and the best fraternally, the brotherhood elected in 1966 to affiliate with Sigma

Pi as a colony.

The Colony prospered and left the Sigma Pi mark on every facet of campus life—sports, student government, academics, and community service. We knew that as a Colony we had to excel in our achievements as a local. We had one goal, to become a fraternity ready and able to receive and keep a charter from the national. This we did with our school and community activities through fine leadership from within the Colony and from national headquarters. All this led to our becoming Delta-Beta Chapter, 99th chapter of Sigma Pi.

Grand Sage Kenneth C. Hughes led the induction of the members at installation ceremonies. He was assisted by Grand First Counselor Robert R. Wieland, acting as Second Counselor; Grand Herald Howard H. Beyer, acting as Third Counselor; Province Archon Joseph P. Strano, acting as Fourth Counselor; Province Archon Dr. Charles A. McComb, acting as First Counselor; and Executive Secretary James L. Hills, acting as



Participating in the induction ceremonies for Delta-Beta at Monmouth College were: (left to right) Province Archon Dr. Charles A. McComb, Chapter Advisor Ray McCullam, Executive Secretary James L. Hills, Grand First Counselor Robert R. Wieland, Monmouth College Dean of Men Dean Smith, Grand Sage Kenneth C. Hughes, Grand Herald Howard H. Beyer, Province Archon Joseph P. Strano, and Past Grand Sage Frank C. Fryburg.

Herald. Assisting all officers was Senior Field Representative John W. Standridge. Past Grand Sage Frank C. Fryburg represented the Grand Sage in the presentation of the formal instructions.

Officers and members of Gamma-Eta Chapter, Rutgers University, participated in the Second Degree of the Golden Quest.

Chapter officers installed were Sage Terry L. Baughan, Second Counselor James Wells, Third Counselor David Eilenberg, Fourth Counselor Thomas Wujciski, First Counselor John W. Chandler, and Herald Kevin J. O'Donnell.

The men who became charter members of Delta-Beta were: Brother Baughan, Brother Wells, Brother Eilenberg, Brother Wujciski, Brother Chandler, Brother O'Donnell, James Brignola, Robert Boreman, Donald Muniz, William Miners, Richard Pote, Raymond McNabb, Robert L. Chaney, Paul C. Petrica, Gary A. Solitro, John Giunta, John Sivertson, Joel Bendar, James Laird, Francis Schmidt, James E. Kirchner, Anthony J. Graziano, Robert Mussacchia, David Ziey, Barry Reich, Robert Fescoc, Ralph Sprignoli, William Stack, William Cea, Michael W. Gallo, Christopher T. Kimmins, David H. Weiner, and Chapter Advisor Ray McCullum.

The installation banquet was held in the West End Manor with Sage Baughan presiding. Sage Baughan spoke for the chapter and Dean Smith, Monmouth College dean of men, spoke for the school. Grand Sage

Speaking on behalf of Monmouth College at the Delta-Beta banquet is Dean Smith.



Leading the new Delta-Beta Chapter will be (left to right) First Counselor John W. Chandler, Herald Kevin J. O'Donnell, Third Counselor David Eilenberg, Sage Terry L. Baughan, Second Counselor James Wells, and Fourth Counselor Thomas Wujciski.

Hughes expressed the thoughts of the Grand Chapter, reminding the newly-installed group that their real responsibilities had just begun.

### Colony History

After its recognition in 1959, Alpha Theta Chi Fraternity progressed rapidly and was recognized in 1962 by the State of New Jersey as an incorporated, non-profit corporation and became Alpha Theta Chi Fraternity, Inc.

After colonization with Sigma Pi in 1966, the group continued to be Monmouth's most well-rounded organization. In 1967, Stanley A. Sharaga was Student Government Association president, and Robert Goldstein was senior class (1968) president.

The 9th annual Monmouth Homecoming was dominated by colony members, with Robert Goldstein as homecoming chairman. The colony won 6 of 14 awards. Rush produced 17 pledges, all of whom were inducted.

Spring, 1968, was also a productive time. A Sigma Pi Little Sister program was initiated, and rush gained seven more pledges.

In intramural sports, a swimming championship was followed by a fourth-place finish in basketball. Social events included spring week-end and induction dinner. Stanley A. Sharaga and Joel Bendar were named to *Who's Who*.

Members returned in fall, 1968, to a luxurious new house, which provides 14 members with private rooms and offers a meal plan. A policy of inviting faculty and administrators to dinner was begun successfully.



Winter on the campus of Monmouth College, where Delta-Beta was chartered, presents a scene of beauty and grace.