

# This is Gamma Omega

• Diane Quenelle  
*Gamma Omega Chapter*

For months it had been the dream of many Thetas to see a new chapter of Kappa Alpha Theta established. Now, through the interest and tireless energy of countless Thetas throughout the state and nation, this dream has become a reality on the Alabama Polytechnic Institute campus.

How did it happen? It "happened" because the president of API believed in fraternities and was enthusiastic over Theta's coming to the API campus—because the Dean of Women and the Assistant Dean of Women took such a personal interest in the advancement of Kappa Alpha Theta, and extended a willing hand to help whenever needed. More than any of these, however, loyal actives, alumnæ, and Grand Council members of Theta were willing to work for a goal worth achieving.

On September 10, Kappa Alpha Theta's first rush on the API campus began. Ellen Holstead and Jane Delony spearheaded *Operation Gamma Omega* with the help of twenty actives from Alpha Eta chapter at Vanderbilt. On September 25, Theta pledged the largest class on the campus, thirty-four in all.

After three months as a colony, Gamma Omega chapter was installed and twenty-six pledges became actives during the week-end of January 25, 26, and 27. Present for the initiation and installation services were: Letty Munz, Grand President; Evelyn Tunnicliffe, Grand 2nd Vice-President; Mary Brandriff, Grand 3rd Vice-President; Ellen Hofstead, Past-Grand President; Jane Delony, Alumnæ District President; and Betty Graham, College District President. Members of the chapter Advisory Board and representatives of four Theta chapters were there also. Those chapters represented were Alpha Eta at Vanderbilt, Beta Nu at Florida State University, Gamma Gamma at Rollins, and Gamma Delta at the University of Georgia.



## *The President Says:*

It is a distinct pleasure to welcome the nation's 81st chapter of Kappa Alpha Theta to this campus. We believe that this sorority will reflect credit on your national organization, and that it will be outstanding in its place on the Auburn campus.

Many of your national officers were here during the recent granting of the charter, and it was a pleasure for Mrs. Draughon and me to meet and talk with them.

We wish continued success not only to our local Gamma Omega chapter but to Kappa Alpha Theta chapters everywhere.

• Ralph B. Draughon  
*President  
Alabama Polytechnic Institute*



Attending the granting of the charter to Gamma Omega chapter at Alabama Polytechnic Institute were these six Montgomerians. Seated at the coffee table is Dean of Women Katharine Cater of API. Standing, left to right, Alis Parker, active member; Mrs. Robert L. Snider, Mrs. John Stevens, Mrs. James A. Geesey, Mrs. Marion C. Snider and Mrs. W. Q. Denson of Montgomery.

Ellen Hofstead, past Grand President, served as toastmistress for the installation banquet. Left to right: Dean Katharine Cater, Grand President Letty Munz, President Ralph B. Draughon of API and Ellen.



There's always a reception line to greet well-wishers. Here (left to right), Sarah Hamilton, president of the new chapter, Letty Munz, Grand President, and Evelyn Tunnicliffe, Grand Second Vice President, have fun in the process.

### *The Dean of Women Says:*

It is a pleasure for me to welcome the Gamma Omega chapter of Kappa Alpha Theta to the campus of the Alabama Polytechnic Institute. We at API have long been aware of the prominent position which Kappa Alpha Theta holds in the fraternity world.

When it was decided last year that we needed to embark on a program of sorority expansion, we were interested in having come to our campus a sorority with prestige and status, and with a program that would add strength and vitality to our Panhellenic situation. We were greatly pleased, therefore, when Kappa Alpha Theta decided to accept our invitation to come to Auburn. The enthusiastic and effective way in which the colonization program was begun last fall and all of our associations since that

time have convinced us of the wisdom of our choice, and we hope this is a feeling shared by Kappa Alpha Theta.

We were delighted with the successful rush program conducted by the colony. We were pleased, too, with the impressive and beautiful banquet and the lovely tea given for the installation of the chapter. We felt honored, indeed, that so many of the national officers of Kappa Alpha Theta came to Auburn to install the chapter, for we felt that augured well for the success of the new group.

It is our hope that the Gamma Omega chapter will continue to grow and to flourish and that both Kappa Alpha Theta and the Alabama Polytechnic Institute will benefit greatly as a result of this chapter's coming to our campus.

• Katharine Cater  
*Dean of Women*



Newly initiated and ready for work, these charter members of Kappa Alpha Theta are planning their first formal dance.

First row, left to right: Noel Egge, Gulfport, Miss.; Glory Yarbrough and Marjorie Trawick, both of Pensacola, Fla.; Patricia Wood and Carol Ann Hart, both of Columbus, Ga., and Jo Ann Brown, Opelika.

Second row: Melanie Terrell, Birmingham; Alis Parker, Montgomery; Marilyn Dodge, Millville, N.J.; Mary Ann Hill, Trussville; Dale Murray, Birmingham; Jarilyn Busey, Frisco City, and Betty Lou Shelton, Charlotte, N.C.

Third row: Nancy Hargett, Trussville; Befke DeRring, Tampa, Fla.; Dannie Sue Mackin, Decatur, Ga.; Jane Fennell, Tarrant; Diane Quenelle, Talladega, and Sarah Hamilton (president), Buffalo, N.Y.

Fourth row: Marcia Sugg, Kalamazoo, Mich.; Harriet Hollifield, Anne Morgan and Patsy Dupuy, all of Birmingham; Annette Nall, Georgiano, and Robbie Ann Gibbons, Birmingham. (Not present: Barbara Bowie of Columbia, Tenn.)



Every chance an officer gets, she talks a little business. Mary Brandriff, Grand Third Vice President, listens to Flivver Little, Grand Treasurer, illustrate a point between courses at Auburn's Founders' Day luncheon. They are watched with tolerant amusement by Mrs. W. Q. Denson.

Initiation and installation will always hold a special place in the hearts of these new Thetas: Jo Ann Brown, Opelika, Ala.; Sarah Hamilton, Buffalo, N.Y.; Dannie Sue Mackin, Decatur, Ga.; Dale Murray, Birmingham, Ala.; Alis Parker, Montgomery, Ala.; Melanie Terrell, Birmingham, Ala.; Barbara Bowie, Columbia, Tenn.; Jarilyn Busey, Frisco City, Ala.; Marilyn Dodge, Millville, N.J.; Patsy Dupuy, Birmingham, Ala.; Noel Egge, Gulfport, Miss.; Jane Fennell, Tarrant, Ala.; Robbie Ann Gibbons, Birmingham, Ala.; Nancy Hargett, Trussville, Ala.; Carol Ann Hart, Columbus, Ala.; Mary Ann Hill, Trussville, Ala.; Harriet Hollifield, Birmingham, Ala.; Annette Nall, Georgiana, Ala.; Diane Quenelle, Talladega, Ala.; Betty Lou Shelton, Charlotte, N.C.; Marcia Sugg, Kalamazoo, Mich.; Marjorie Trawick, Pensacola, Fla.; Pat Wood, Columbus, Ala.; Glory Yarbrough, Pensacola, Fla.

After formal initiation, the new actives and their visiting sisters adjourned to the Union Banquet Room to be joined by more sisters from far and near. Ellen Hofstead was our gracious Mistress of Ceremonies. We were proud to have as our speakers, the Grand Officers, Dr. Ralph Draughon, President of API; Miss Katharine Cater, Dean of Women and Miss Ruth Wilson, Assistant Dean of Women. Sarah Hamilton, president of the new Gamma Omega chapter, responded graciously to the greetings extended by Theta sisters and college officials, thanking all for their unselfish service,

their loyalty, and affirming for each new Theta sister, her faith in Theta's sisterhood. This was followed by a message from Mary Brandriff and the reading of "Thetagrams" by Evelyn Tunncliffe. Immediately following the banquet was the impressive and inspiring installation service. Here, at long last, was a new link on the ever growing chain of Theta chapters.

The next morning Gamma Omega held its first chapter meeting. During this meeting all the fraternity officers were installed by the Grand Officers. The major officers are: president, Sarah Hamilton; first vice-president, Melanie Terrell; second vice-president, Jo Ann Brown; recording secretary, Marilyn Dodge; corresponding secretary, Marcia Sugg and treasurer, Anne Morgan.

After a Founders' Day luncheon, Kappa Alpha Theta had the honor of presenting its new members and pledges to the friends, faculty, and students of Auburn. Members of the Grand Council, officers of the new chapter, and members of the Advisory Board received the many guests at a beautifully appointed tea.

In parting, all the worry and work of the past few months was forgotten. The joy of seeing old friends and meeting new ones was worth every minute of anticipation and a few disappointments. We feel sure that Gamma Omega chapter will live up to the high standards of Kappa Alpha Theta, verifying the high hopes and trust of Thetas everywhere.



Marge Stallings, president of the Atlanta alumnae chapter, presents a gift to the new Gamma Omega chapter, received by Eugenia Sparrow of Atlanta, a college member.

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GRAND PRESIDENT LETTY MUNZ of Glen Rock, New Jersey, presents the charter to Sarah Hamilton of Buffalo, New York, president of the new Gamma Omega chapter. Established as a colony on the campus of Alabama Polytechnic Institute (Auburn), Gamma Omega became the 81st full-fledged chapter of Kappa Alpha Theta in January of this year.