



*The charter members were photographed last fall when they were pledges.*

## Epsilon Zeta Chartered at Mississippi



Ole Miss hung out the welcome sign for Theta the weekend of Feb. 23-25. Among flowers and more flowers which seemed to arrive from all directions, Southern hospitality lived up to its advance notice for the arrival of Kappa Alpha Theta, the newest sorority on campus.

Even in Oxford, Mississippi it snows occasionally as it did that weekend, perhaps to add another "at home" touch for those who came from "up North" to install the chapter: Grand President, Marie Fitz; Grand Vice-Presidents Marj Schnacke and Kahla Latta; Executive Secretary Nancy Weess and Beth Fluharty from Central Office. Also assisting were Edwinna Robbins, CDP in District XI who was installation chairman, Gay Brown, the other CDP and Betty Mainous, alumnae district president. Alumnae from Oxford and Jackson, MI as well as Memphis and Nashville Thetas were there to lend a hand.

The assisting college chapter was Delta Omicron at Alabama. Delta Pi at Tennessee also sent a delegation. With the new chapter house still on the drawing board at the time of installation various ceremonies were held in excellent facilities on the Ole Miss campus.

Construction of the new chapter house is scheduled

*Dr. Franklin Moak, Dean of Students greets new chapter members and friends at the banquet.*



Marie Fitz

to start late this fall, with occupancy projected for the fall of 1980. In the meantime the new Thetas are living in Brown Hall, a dormitory which looks out on the Theta property, affording a daily progress report on the new Theta home. The chapter is presently in the Old Y building which serves well as a social center and doubles as a meeting room.

The thirty-three initiates were honored at the installation banquet Saturday night attended by families, friends and representatives of the University. Chapter president Shannon Quiriconi spoke for the Epsilon Zeta members and Dr. Franklin Moak, Dean of Students at Ole Miss welcomed the group to the large and flourishing Greek community which is encouraged and supported by the administration.

Following the banquet, the charter presentation by Marie Fitz carried a personal touch. Somehow during the crowded weekend, she had slipped away to a frame shop and personally framed the parchment charter, officially signifying Kappa Alpha Theta's arrival at the University of Mississippi.

The final affair of the installation weekend was the reception on Sunday at the Oxford Country Club.



Upper left Bootsie Hooper, Oxford alumna and social advisor to the new chapter; upper right, Betty Mainous, alumnae district president speaking at the installation banquet; lower left, Kahla Latta, Grand Vice-President Alumnae; and Marj Schnacke, Grand Vice-President, Service who is in charge of extension and installations.

At the banquet initiates serenaded resident counselor Karen Maiers with the song she wrote for them.



## EPSILON ZETA CHARTER MEMBERS

Tyler Bargerson, Birmingham, AL; Jamie Becker, Gautier, MS; Alexandra Bennett, Lexington, KY; Paige Berry, Franklin, IN; Margaret Bounds, Nashville, TN; Liz Coats, St. Louis, MO; Ashley Cole, Jackson, MS; Michelle Deschka, Chester, IL; Gigi DeBond, Oxford, MS; Beverly Earnest, Southaven, MS; Tricia Edwards, Jackson, MS; Karen Eilertsen, Oxford, MS; Mary Margaret Fisk, Oxford, MS; Betsy Gilvary, Pensacola, FL; Meredith Gowan, Pickens, MS; Jane Locke, Mt. Pleasant, IN; Helen Loftin, Houston, TX; Gay Loyacano, Pensacola, FL; Debby Luncy, Winthrop Harbor, IL; Cindy McComas, Clinton, MS; Melody Marks, Meridian, MS; Nancy Markwell, Memphis, TN; Wynne Mitchell, Nashville, TN; Rhonda Murphy, Oxford, MS; Cindy Myers, Jacksonville, FL; Cathy Price, Vicksburg, MS; Shannon Quiriconi, Jackson, MS; Susan Waitkus, Chicago, IL; Penny Wallace, Nashville, TN; Wendy Woodward, London, England; Tena Yaeger, Hattisburg, MS; Lisa Yearwood, Nashville, TN; Robin Young, West Point, MS.

## Theta is Returning to Cornell

**Recommendations are needed now. If you know a girl now attending Cornell or planning to enter that University whom you would like to be a Theta, send your recommendation to Mrs. Balfour Brehman, 8 Browns Laue, Villanova, PA 19085.**

**Re-establishment of a Theta chapter at Cornell is scheduled for winter 1980. You can help rebuild a new Iota chapter. Send your recommendations now.**

Although Alpha Zeta chapter at Barnard College returned its charter in 1915, the influence of Kappa Alpha Theta remains. Due to the efforts of Jean Townley Leich, Alpha Zeta, '13, who calls herself "the last survivor," the existence of a Theta scholarship at Barnard has been confirmed. Jean Leich remembered that a scholarship fund had been established by Alpha Zeta alumnae in the New York area who met together for "delightful meetings for many years and raised money for a modest scholarship." The Alpha Zeta scholarship was never mentioned in the Barnard Alumnae Magazine, so Jean Leich took it upon herself to find out what had become of the money. The gift was \$2,000, added to from the proceeds of a yearly bridge party which yielded fifty to one hundred dollars. Jean Leich's husband, the late Chester Leich, famed painter and etcher, donated a framed etching which had received an award in a French exhibition, for a door prize raffle to benefit the fund.

And now comes the great news from Barnard College that the scholarship fund is now valued at \$21,038.11, yielding approximately \$1,200 annually for a scholarship award to a graduating senior who shows promise of distinction in her chosen work.

## Success Story

A high school graduation we wouldn't have missed for anything brought great pride to this one time advisory board chairman. Last June as the first graduates of University Preparatory Academy received their diplomas, a giant step in the career plan of Jane Campbell Seymour, Alpha Lambda had been reached. Jane Seymour was a founding teacher and prime mover of this new private school in Seattle. She is now president of the board of trustees and remains a dedicated science teacher. With a liberal arts emphasis, the school sets out to prepare students for college, which goal has been accomplished with the first class who were all accepted to the colleges of their choice, and which includes a national merit scholarship winner. It is one of the continuing privileges of having once been a chapter advisor that you never lose interest in "your girls."

## Cover Story

By the time you reach this page you will already know that several hundred Thetas got together in Denver this summer to learn about leadership and participate in a Kite Fly. Although there were no prizes we think the boldest, most imaginative Kite was the one constructed and flown by the president of Chi chapter Louise Nickolas who is shown on the cover with her "bird." The highest flying kite was the entry of the alumnae district presidents, made in the shape of a good old Theta pin. So high did it fly that it would have to have been photographed from a satellite so we can't show it to you in living color.

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