



*Old Centre Administration Building, completed in 1820 is registered as a national historic landmark*

## Centre College Opens to Sororities

*By Janelle Dishman*

"Look out, Centre, here come the Thetas!" proclaimed Sue Supple, Grand Vice-President, College, as Epsilon Eta, Centre College, Danville, Kentucky, became the 98th chapter of Kappa Alpha Theta, October 4, 1980.

Centre is a small liberal arts college, founded in 1819, whose primary purpose—to foster the broad intellectual growth of its students—is shared by the fraternity. One hundred twenty-five years after the chartering of a Woman's College on campus, Centre still had no support group for women. But in the spring of 1980, Centre recognized its readiness for establishing a women's fraternity system. Kappa Alpha Theta, Kappa Kappa Gamma and Delta Delta Delta were invited to colonize. A successful combined rush was conducted by the three NPC groups and Theta took 29 pledges.

At Grand Convention in Miami in June, Missy Wiedmer, president of the new colony was initiated, and the Theta kite at Centre was practically airborne.

The gala installation weekend of October 3-5 began with the Loyalty Service and reception at the home of local Theta alumna, Sara Jane Montgomery, Friday evening. After the 29 pledges were initiated Saturday a caravan of Thetas motored to Lexington to attend the Installation Banquet at the Hyatt Regency Hotel. Presentation of the charter was made by Grand Presi-

dent Lissa Bradford. Other officers attending were vice-presidents Sue Supple and Lynn Davis member-at-large Dana Wolfe, and Alumnae District President Betty Mainous; distinguished members of the faculty; scores of Theta alumnae from the central Kentucky area; members of installing chapter, Delta Upsilon at Eastern Kentucky University; members of Gamma Iota, University of Kentucky; Mary Overton, Traveling Consultant; Marcia Rappa, resident counselor and Beth Fluharty, fraternity installation coordinator and the 29 new initiates of Epsilon Eta at Centre College.

Sunday morning a model chapter meeting was held on campus, after which the new chapter members, Grand Council members, and local Theta alumnae attended the morning worship service together at the Danville Presbyterian Church. That afternoon, the newly-initiated Thetas joined their Panhellenic friends, the Kappas and Tri-Deltas, their families and college faculty members at a Panhellenic Tea in the Isaac Shelby Room of the impressive Regional Arts Center on Centre's campus.

Helen Davis Lair, charter member of Gamma Iota installed at Kentucky in 1945 served as local chairman for the Installation Weekend.

The cooperative efforts of Centre, National Panhellenic Conference, Kappa Alpha Theta Grand Council with the added support of the Central Kentucky Alumnae Club, have culminated in an exciting and memorable event—the birth of Epsilon Eta!

## EPSILON ETA INITIATES

Yong Hui Ann, Los Angeles, CA; Martha Alexander, Louisville, KY; Kelly Allen, Ft. Mitchell, KY; Carrie Cushman, Lake Forest, IL; Cathy Davis, Mill Spring, NC; Jane Dexter, Danville, KY; Jennifer Ely, Lexington KY; Janie Epling, Lexington, KY; Nancy Groot, St. Charles, IL; Amy Hynden, Louisville, KY; Jayne McClew, Hanover, IN; Polly Marcum, Lexington, KY; Missy Meadows, Tampa, FL; Jenny Mealin, Lewisport, KY; Nancie Holan, Cincinnati, OH; Tara Owen, Lexington, KY; Salli Playforth, Lexington, KY; Lisa Roberts, Franklin, TN; Marcia Reid, Ft. Lauderdale, FL; Julia Russell, Harrodsburg, KY; Michelle Rutledge, Louisville, KY; Jennifer Stanfield, Franklin, Ohio; Lee Anne Stigers, Lexington KY; Lea Stromire, Sharpes, FL; Marguerite Travis, Frankfort, KY; Suzanne Wells, Columbia, KY; Missy Wiedmer, Birmingham, AL; Shayna Wombles, Lexington, KY.



*Grand President Lissa Bradford, center visits with her counterparts, Sally Nitschke, left, president of Kappa Kappa Gamma; and Sara Gabbard, president of Delta Delta Delta at the Panhellenic tea in honor of the three women's fraternities which installed chapters the same weekend at Centre.*

## Epsilon Eta Installation Oct. 4, 1980



*Chapter president Missy Wiedmer left, introduces Marcia Rapport, resident counselor to Sara Marguerite Travis, Lea Stromire, and Julia Russell.*



*Epsilon Eta initiates arrive at the Hyatt Regency for the Installation Banquet.*



*Missy Wiedmer, Epsilon Eta President; Lissa Bradford, Grand President; Helen Lair, local Installation Chairman; and new Theta Julia Russell, at the Installlation Banquet.*

## Big Weekend at Centre College



*After Loyalty Service. Council members (at rear) share in the excitement of opening presents for the new chapter.*