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Established 1885



Stetson University Welcomes Thetas

Stetson University at DeLand, FL is the most recent stop for the Theta extension team. In February a colony of 29 pledges was established at the 98 year old private liberal arts college. The new Epsilon Zeta chapter was installed the first weekend in May. Full details will be in the autumn Theta Magazine.

Stetson is the oldest private institution of higher education in Florida, founded in 1883 as DeLand Academy and renamed Stetson University in 1889 in honor of John B. Stetson, the well-known hat manufacturer. Stetson University is a church-related school with ties to the Florida Baptist Convention.

About 35 percent of the 1900 students who attend Stetson are fraternity members. Kappa Alpha Theta is the seventh NPC group to establish a chapter there.

The Stetson campus at DeLand (near Daytona Beach) has 34 modern buildings set among oak and palm trees on 100 acres. The Stetson University College of Law, established in 1900 is Florida's oldest law school. It is located on the St. Petersburg campus.

The new chapter is part of Theta's District XVIII which includes the chapters at the University of Florida, Florida State, Rollins College, and the University of Georgia and Emory University.



College District President Sue Blair-Sheets welcomes new initiates to the Panhellenic reception.

Theta Adds Another Chapter

Epsilon Theta Chartered May 2, 1981 at Stetson University

The kites soared higher than the palms and shone brighter than the sun, as Stetson University in DeLand, Florida welcomed Epsilon Theta, the 99th chapter of Kappa Alpha Theta.

It seemed only fitting that Stetson, the oldest chartered university in the state of Florida, would select the first Greek letter fraternity for women to join the six other NPC fraternities on the campus. Since Theta is the first sorority installed at Stetson in twenty-seven years, it was truly a special occasion not only for Thetas, but for the entire Greek community as they joined in the celebration.

The installation weekend began with the Loyalty Service and a dessert at a local restaurant following the ceremony. After the twenty-nine pledges were initiated Saturday, the installation banquet was held at the DeLand Country Club where families, friends, and guests of the university joined the Thetas in the festivities. Dr. Pope A. Duncan, President of the University, gave an official welcome.

The highlight of the banquet was the presentation of the charter by Grand President Lissa Bradford. Other officers attending were vice presidents Sue Supple and Lynn Davis; council member-at-large, Joyce Toombs; College District President, Sue Blair-Sheets; Alumnae District President, Julie Champion; Resident Counselor, Kathleen Ganey; Traveling Consultant Mary Overton; and Beth Fluharty from Central Office.

Carol Cotton Anderson, Alpha Rho, served as local chairman for the Installation Week-end and the members of Gamma Gamma chapter at Rollins College assisted in the initiation and served as hostesses at the banquet.

The activities continued on Sunday morning when a model chapter meeting was held at the home of Jane Paryzek Messersmith. The weekend drew to a close with a Panhellenic tea to honor the Thetas in the Carlton Union Building.

Everyone who had made a valuable contribution to the young chapter knew that it was just the beginning of a bond of Theta love and loyalty that will surely last a lifetime.

EPSILON THETA CHARTER MEMBERS

Diana Acosta, Miami Beach, FL; Ruth Bocard, Huntington Station, NY; Jamie Bonura, Ft. Lauderdale, FL; Karen Carlton, Georgetown, KY; Corrine Carroll, Lighthouse Pt., FL; Frances Chandler, Orlando, FL; Donna Clifton, DeLand, FL; Michele Dascanio, Ormond Beach, FL; Denisse Dorribo, Palm Beach, FL; Brenda Edwards, DeLand, FL; Melinda Fagelson, Plantation, FL; Brenda Fewox, Holly Hill, FL; Karen Gatje, Bartow, FL; Kathy Gillis, Jacksonville, FL; Tracy Granata, Bradenton, FL; Kathy Hurley, DeLand, FL; Miane Johnson, Vero Beach, FL; Diana Luka, Garfield, NJ; Katherine Lyon, Jacksonville, FL; Patricia Messersmith, DeLand, FL; S. Lynne Miracle, Clearwater, FL; Nancy Pfeiffer, North Palm Beach, FL; Joan Page, Greenwich, RI; Joanne Rood, Seminole, FL; Regina Sargent, Rome, GA; Elayne Shields, Sanford, FL; Vasti Torres, W. Palm Beach, FL; Dulce Weigel, Rhineback, NY; Mari Messersmith, DeLand, FL.



Council members Joyce Toombs and Sue Supple; Carol Cotton Anderson, Alpha Rho, installation chairman; Betty Kellerman Skeels, Beta Nu, DeLand alumna; Lynn Davis, GVP-Service, director of extension.

Installation Weekend



Mary Paryzek Loehr, Γ^{Δ} , adviser; Mari and Patti Messersmith, new initiates and their mother Jane Paryzek Messersmith, Γ^{Δ} , corporation president.



Kathleen Ganey, resident counselor, admiring a quilt made for her by the colony pledges. Each member made her own square.



Charter members of Epsilon Theta