

Epsilon Sigma makes California debut



Southern California boasts a new star attraction! Kappa Alpha Theta chartered its 108th chapter, Epsilon Sigma, at the University of California at Irvine May 18, 1985.

The event-filled installation weekend began Friday with the Loyalty Service. Initiation was conducted all day Saturday in order to accommodate the 66 charter members. The celebration banquet and charter service were held at the El Niguel Country Club in Laguna Niguel Saturday evening. The events concluded Sunday with a model chapter meeting, church service and a reception at the Deerfield Community Center.

Headed by Grand President Sue Supple the installation team included: Grand Vice-President Development Marian Paoletti; Grand Vice-President Alumnae Janet Peters; College District President Kay Benedict; Alumnae District President Sue Strohson; Central Office Executive Secretary-Treasurer Marcia Bond; and Chapter Consultants, Emily Elliott and Stephanie Chandler. Kris Hoffman was the local installation chairman, and active members of San Diego State University loyally devoted their time and energy to assist with initiation.

The charter group came together March 1 when the 66 women were formally pledged. Throughout the following quarter the new pledges worked hard to learn the meaning of Theta and become a cohesive unit. Emily Elliott was the chapter consultant based in Irvine to assist the new group. And of course everything was made much easier by the terrific support of the many local alumnae in the Santa Ana and Orange Coast Alumnae Chapters. The charter group has also greatly

appreciated the support of neighboring chapter, Beta Xi at UCLA.

One of the highlights of the group's activities was the Big Sister Program which provided every new pledge with a local alumna as a big sister. It was refreshing to see the alumnae share their enthusiasm for Theta with the pledges. Everyone enjoyed the big/little sister kite fly and picnic, Sunday brunch and individual get-togethers.

Service to the Fraternity and the community was a priority with the group. They successfully organized a "make your own ice cream sundae" booth for UCI's Wayzgoose Festival and contributed all the proceeds to the Foundation. They also had a bake sale, participated in a walkathon on Balboa Island and plan to adopt grandparents at a local nursing home.

Finally, the new members have spent many hours together socially. Their first date function, with a safari theme, was a grand success. And they have held picnic lunches, serenades, officer retreats, as well as bonfires on the beach. Even with all this extracurricular activity, the charter group was still number one scholastically among all the Greeks on campus.

From 66 women who did not know each other, they have come a long way and now know the bonds of sisterhood. It has been a short quarter packed with many fond memories. And as they would say in California . . . "It was like a totally awesome experience!"

Emily Elliott, chapter consultant
Lois Munemitsu, Epsilon Sigma editor

what kappa alpha theta means to me

a group of strangers brought together
without a distinct shape or size,
sixty-six assorted girls
each with magic in her eyes.
they wanted something different
than all the other ones,
they wanted a fraternity
full of friendship and full of fun.
and on the first of march
in nineteen eighty-five,
these women pledged their loyalty
that would last throughout their lives.
one by one they learned their names
and a bit about each other
but most of them couldn't tell
one girl from another.
and as they found each other,
they met along the way,
the kappa sigs and betas
who sang in such fun ways.
meetings every monday
at exactly half past six,
kept them very busy
and in need of a caffeine fix.
melissa led the meetings,
they were happy and content,
they sat and listened for hours
to the madame president.
as a group they did a lot,
from wayzgoose to derby daze,
these ladies were promoting
the kappa alpha theta craze!
the epsilon sigma chapter
is the new kid on the street,
they'll accomplish so much more,
they know they can't be beat!
guiding us along the way
has been the magic in our eyes,
but a lot has been miss emily
who has made our kites fly high!
there is no way we'll go wrong,
sisterhood has been born,
today and tomorrow we'll be strong,
our bonds just can't be torn.
and so to all my sisters
you should be very proud,
for the thetas have made an impact
on the uc irvine crowd!!!

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inspiration week

Cindy Chikahisa



Epsilon Sigma charter members Cindy Chikahisa, left, and Cindy Litzie enjoy a picnic lunch on the University of California at Irvine campus.

Epsilon Sigma charter members

Lisa Avallone	Jennifer James
Cheryl Bailey	Stacey King
Mary Barber	Dinna Laure
Lori Barnes	Dale Lazerson
Pamela Beran	Cindy Litzie
Lizabeth Berge	Melisse Lusin
Ruth Black	San Lutes
Michelle Bollard	Laura Macdonald
Sandi Boyd	Linda Marsden
Lori Jo Brandon	Debbie Martin
Amy Buckner	Maria Mastropaolo
Stephanie Camacho	Amy Moore
Deanna Campos	Lois Munemitsu
Cathy Carlson	Lisa Noack
Cindy Chikahisa	Karole Nylander
Maggie Chun	Karen O'Keefe
Janice Cimbalo	Meredith Pauley
Melissa Cohen	Minika Payne
Colleen Courtney	Claire Pierce
Heather Ann Dion	Carroll Qualls
Darby Ellison	Carolyn Rutter
Kathleen Garvey	Lisa Sequeira
Allison Gates	Jane Skraba
Milly Gore	Jodi Shea
Diane Gosney	Pam Shelley
Ari Han	Katie Sipprell
Kathy Hatley	Barbara Smith
Sandy Highfill	Liz Sowell
Jenny Hohne	Laurie Tennison
Ann Holbrow	Stephanie Vandiver
Mary Holman	Suzanne Veaudry
Dawn Hooper	Liz Wallace
Amie Hopkins	Dyanna Williams