

Epsilon Chi installs at Guelph

The Canadian air was chill the weekend of Feb. 6, 1987, but spirits were warm at the University of Guelph as Theta's 112th chapter, Epsilon Chi, was installed with 21 members.

A special sisterhood was kindled when the new Theta members shared the events with Theta collegians and alumnae from across the United States and Canada, plus family and friends.

The University of Guelph is located in the southern part of Guelph, a city of about 78,000, which is 80 miles west of Toronto in Ontario. The University is attended by about 12,000 undergraduate students who appreciate its well-known combination of quality education and friendly atmosphere.

Epsilon Chi Chapter began at the University last year with a group of young women known as the Guelph Girls Group who petitioned to become a Theta chapter. The fledgling group was supported in their efforts by Gamma Epsilon Chapter at the University of Western Ontario in nearby London (celebrating their 50th anniversary this year) as well as many Toronto and area alumnae.

Early in their pledgship, the young women gathered for a retreat at which they had an opportunity to get to know one another better, and to learn more about Theta from Chapter Consultant Elizabeth Elsner.

Other highlights of the chapter's pledgship included a Halloween visit to the children's ward of a Guelph hospital; attending the installation dinner and dance for Beta Theta Pi, the only men's fraternity at Guelph; and an officer training workshop with local alumnae.

Epsilon Chi's installation weekend began with a loyalty service held at the Cutten Club, near the



Epsilon Chi charter members and Sigma Chapter alumnae share a special moment.

campus. At the reception which followed, the pledges, visiting alumnae and advisers introduced themselves and gifts were presented to the chapter. A very special gift was given to the new chapter by the Toronto Alumnae Chapter and the alumnae of Sigma Chapter: a historic wooden chest which belonged to Sigma Chapter, installed 100 years ago.

Epsilon Chi Charter President Anita Buckley at the chapter's installation banquet.



The installation of Epsilon Chi was held Feb. 7 at the Cutten Club. The installation team included: Grand President Sue Supple; Grand Vice President Janet Peters; Joyce Anne Vitelli, song chairman; Betty Britton, alumnae district president; Sandy Ebling, college district president; Elizabeth Elsner and Sara Bodensteiner, chapter consultants; Executive Director Marcia Bond; and Betsy Sierk, central office chapter services manager.

Epsilon Chi's new members met with alumnae for the charter service at which Grand President Sue Supple presided. Then, Saturday evening, collegians and alumnae were joined by family and friends for a festive installation banquet and dance. Final events on Sunday were a church service, model chapter meeting and luncheon-reception.

Although they are Theta's newest members, the women of Epsilon Chi already have a good idea of what Theta means to them: special



Epsilon Chi pledges proudly wear Theta kite T-shirts.

friendships; meeting new and wonderful women; learning responsibility; and developing confidence and interpersonal skills. Epsilon Chi's Cheryl Witten perfectly expressed the feelings of her new sisters, "It simply feels good to be a Theta."

Epsilon Chi Charter Members

Mariam Ameli
Willowdale, Ontario
Anita Buckley
St. John, N.B.
Tracy Cockburn
Paris, Ontario
Cathy Downard
Orangeville, Ontario
Maryanne Durant
Toronto, Ontario
Lynn Dwyer
Mississauga, Ontario
Kyra Hanson
Toronto, Ontario
Nancy Helig
Willowdale, Ontario
Cindy Lake
Oakville, Ontario
Wendy Lieb
Hamilton, Ontario
Karen MacDonald
Sudbury, Ontario

Alex Wilson
Montreal, Quebec
Paula Ebenstreit
Port Elgin, Ontario
Michelle Kirk
Peterborough, Ontario
Debbie Bennett
Port Elgin, Ontario
Jacqueline Fakli
Burlington, Ontario
Arvi Gosmo
Scarborough,
Ontario
Cheryl Witten
Oakille, Ontario
Shelly Timoffee
Hamilton, Ontario
Clara Burke
Mississauga, Ontario
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Toronto, Ontario

THETA TALK

A new, member-at-large group for Thetas without alumnae chapters or clubs

The alumnae committee is pleased to announce the formation of THETA TALK, a new, member-at-large group designed especially for Theta alumnae who do not have access to Fraternity meetings.

THETA TALK extends a welcome to all Theta alumnae who are geographically removed from participation in alumnae chapters or clubs, but who want to be actively linked with Theta.

The THETA TALK program will keep Theta news, projects, activities and experiences within your reach via a special THETA TALK newsletter. The newsletter will present a shar-

ing of your interests, ideas, memories and current events.

There are many wonderful and caring Theta alumnae, both nationally and internationally, who do not have the opportunity to be involved in an alumnae chapter or club. If you are one of those Thetas, and are interested in becoming involved with THETA TALK, I hope you will take a moment to complete the form, below, and mail it to me. I trust that as THETA TALK grows, you will be a special and enthusiastic part of the Fraternity.

*Wilma Arbuckle, Alpha Xi
THETA TALK chairman*

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If you would like to participate in THETA TALK, or if you know of a Theta who is interested, complete the form below and mail in an envelope addressed to: Wilma Arbuckle (Mrs. Bryan R.), 21467 Waterford Place, West Linn, OR 97068.

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